



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
MARCH 9, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Helm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were Commissioners Williams, Schabbing, Edwards, Letizia, and Mayor Helm. Others present were City Administrator /Clerk Evans, Treasurer Diana Foor, Superintendent Durbin, Billie Chambers, Brad Foor, Tom Strohl, Joanna Kingery, and Chad Walk.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from February 23, 2026, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioners Williams, Schabbing, Edwards, Letizia, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tom Strohl addressed the Council with the following concerns:

1. Drainage problems at the corner of 6th and Shaffer Avenue. Mr. Strohl believes the tin horns need jetting, and that parking should be addressed on the side of the street. Also, there are three drainage pipes that should be installed where the new sidewalk is.
2. The new sidewalk on Oak Avenue by Casey's General Store has been damaged due to how the city's bucket truck stabilizer was placed.
3. On East 9th Street, there is rock from the road that needs to be removed.
4. East 6th Street railroad crossing has corn on the ground that needs to be cleaned up.
5. Wilson and 6th Street pipes need additional rock from the road to the sidewalk.
6. The culverts on 7th Street from Oak Avenue to Walnut Avenue need to be cleaned for drainage.
7. Water is ponding on East 5th Street by the overpass.
8. Rock on the side of the road at 536 E. 6th Street is causing water to pond on the road.
9. The water valve at 6th Street and Shaffer Avenue needs to be filled in.
10. The sidewalk on 7th Street between Burrows and Shaffer needs a drainage pipe under it because water and mud get on the sidewalk, which makes people walk in the road. Also, portions of the sidewalk are broken.

Joanna Kingery also asked for additional rock where the new water line was put in. She also reiterated concerns about the drainage across the street where kids have to walk.

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR HELM

ORDINANCE # 1136-03-2026

An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of an Easement for Utility Purposes (C & A Hunter, LLC)

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Commissioner Schabbing seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Letizia, Williams, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

DONATION TO MODERN WOODMAN EASTER EGG HUNT

Commissioner Williams made a motion to donate \$200 to the local Modern Woodman club for the annual Community Easter Egg Hunt. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Williams, Schabbing, Edwards, and Letizia. Mayor Helm abstained. Motion carried. 4-0.

ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL TREASURER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

City Treasurer Foor explained to the council that the annual conference will be held June 7 – 9 in East Peoria. After a little discussion, Commissioner Letizia made a motion to have City Treasurer Foor attend the conference in East Peoria. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Letizia, Williams, Schabbing, Edwards, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried.

PURCHASE OF DELL SERVER

Brad Foor, the city's IT person, explained to the council that the server is 7 years old, and is now undersized for what the city needs. Foor explained that he received a quote for a new server in the amount of \$19,312.67, and it is good for just a few days. Commissioner Edwards made a motion to purchase the server for \$19,312.67. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Letizia, Williams, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER SCHABHING

TREASURERS REPORT

After reviewing the treasurer's report, Mayor Helm ordered that the treasurer's report be filed in the City Clerk's records.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER LETIZIA

CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR WALNUT AVENUE AND ALLEY RECONSTRUCTION

The change order was an increase of \$21,408. It was the consensus of the council to table this until Engineer Beckman is in attendance to answer some additional questions.

PAY REQUEST #1 FROM F & C CONCRETE, LLC.

After reviewing the pay request, it was the consensus of the council to table this pay request until Engineer Beckman is in attendance to answer additional questions.

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NOTICE OF AWARD FOR AERATION BUILDING VENTILATION MODIFICATION

This was tabled for additional information from Engineer Beckman.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS

Commissioner Edwards said that he rode with Superintendent Durbin to review the streets. Edwards said that they both feel the city streets are in good condition and shouldn't need any work this year.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS

Commissioner Williams said he would like to set this year's city-wide cleanup for April 25th and would like to offer shredding and an electronics pickup as well. City Administrator / Clerk said she would contact everyone to verify that date.

Tom Strohl commented that he hopes the city continues to stand their ground on solar farms. Chad Walk agreed with Mr. Strohl.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47. Commissioner Schabbing seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Williams, Schabbing, Edwards, Letizia, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Brenda Evans, City Clerk