



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF NEOGA  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL  
MARCH 23, 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, and Mayor Helm. Others present were City Clerk Brenda Evans, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Superintendent Durbin, Engineer Lee Beckman, Steve Ballinger, Scott Shumard, News Editor Billie Chamber, and Chad Walk.

## **MINUTES**

After reviewing the regular session minutes from March 9, 2026, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Williams, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

After reviewing the executive session minutes from February 23, 2026, Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Williams, Schabbing, Edwards, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments were made.

## **PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR HELM**

### **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MUNICIPAL HOUSING AUTHORITY**

The council reviewed the proposed resolution regarding the municipal housing authority. City Administrator / Clerk Evans explained that this resolution was to support letting municipalities make their own zoning decisions. This will be voted on at the next meeting.

### **SALE OF LOT 2 WALK SUBDIVISION FIRST ADDITION**

City Administrator/Clerk Evans informed the council that she has received an offer to purchase Lot 2 of Walk Subdivision First Addition. Evans explained that it would be a stick-built house as per the covenants. Commissioner Edwards made a motion to sell the lot for \$2,500. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Williams, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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### **SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE FOR NEOGA DAYS**

City Administrator/Clerk Evans told the council the Neoga Days Committee has requested a special event liquor license for the Neoga Days beer tent that will be held on May 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at the Jennings Park tennis courts. Commissioner Edwards made the motion to approve the special event liquor license. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Williams, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

### **CIVIC PLUS INVOICE #364435**

After reviewing the invoice, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve paying invoice #364435 for \$4,617.27 for social media archiving. Commissioner Schabbing seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Williams, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

### **CIVIC PLUS INVOICE #364401**

After reviewing the invoice, Commissioner Schabbing made a motion to approve paying invoice #364401 for \$1,550.64 for codification. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Schabbing, Edwards, Williams, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

## **FINANCE, COMMISSIONER SCHABHING**

### **MONTHLY BILLS**

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Schabbing made a motion to pay the monthly bills as presented in the amount of \$71,569.90. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Schabbing, Edwards, Williams, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

## **PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER LETIZIA**

### **UPDATES FROM MILANO & GRUNLOH**

Engineer Lee Beckman updated the council on the projects for the month. Beckman also reminded the council of the history on the blowers at the wastewater treatment plant and why the council decided to increase the size of the blowers, which was paid for by Rural Development money that was left over. This is why the building needed additional airflow.

### **CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR WALNUT AVENUE AND ALLEY RECONSTRUCTION**

After Engineer Beckman explained the change order, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the change order increase in the amount of \$21,408. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Williams, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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### **NOTICE OF AWARD FOR AERATION BUILDING VENTILATION MODIFICATION**

After hearing Engineer Beckman explain the modifications, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to award the modification project to Akra for \$28,890. Commissioner Schabbing seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Williams, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

### **M & G INVOICE #32652**

After reviewing the invoice, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the \$3,498.75 invoice for miscellaneous services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Williams, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

### **PURCHASE OF VAC TRAILER**

Superintendent Durbin gave information to the Council regarding vac trailers. Durbin explained the benefits of having a vac trailer and different projects the public works department would use the vac trailer for. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to purchase the vac trailer for \$108,194 from Coe Equipment, Inc., and instructed Superintendent Durbin not to loan the machine out to anyone. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Williams, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nay, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

### **CHANGE ORDER #1 IDOT WATER RELOCATION PROJECT**

Engineer Beckman explained to the council that the IDOT water line project is going smoothly, but there was a change to delete 1,213 linear feet of 6" PVC water main that will increase the cost of the project by \$25,076.34. Beckman explained the reason for the change was to shorten the water main on the IDOT right of way, and the cost will be reimbursed by IDOT. Commissioner Schabbing made a motion to approve the change order as presented. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Schabbing, Edwards, Williams, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

## **STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS**

No report was given.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS**

Commissioner Williams reminded everyone that the city-wide cleanup will be held on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, from 8-11 am. Residents can bring items to the parking lot across from the city hall for placement in the dumpsters. Unfortunately, the cost of having a shredding service onsite was too expensive this year.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Williams, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.