



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
JULY 13, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Those present were Commissioners Williams, Schabbing, Edwards, Letizia, and Mayor Helm. Others present were City Administrators/Clerk Evans, Treasurer Foor, Superintendent Durbin, Billie Chambers, Ryan Magnoni, US Solar, Edmond Fitzgerald, US Solar, Taylor Canny, US Solar, Jon Icenogle, Joe Meinhart TGM, Janice Monroe, Jacquelynn Wernsing, and Audrina Vilchez.

MINUTES

After reviewing the minutes, Commissioner Letizia made a motion to approve the minutes from June 22, 2026, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Ayes: Commissioner Letizia, Williams, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Commissioner Edwards abstained. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joe Meinhart, TGM, told the council that he was there to discuss the agreement with the city regarding the TIF request and the conditional use request for the rail spur that TGM built at the Neoga facility. Meinhart said that this has been ongoing for almost two years, and the attorneys are taking too long to complete it. Meinhart also said that the stop work order fines should not have been assessed since the project was already completed. The council thanked him for coming to the meeting.

Ryan Magnoni, US Solar, explained to the council the proposed solar project located south of Neoga and within the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction. Magnoni said that they will be at the public hearing scheduled for Thursday, but he wanted to explain the project to the council as well. He proceeded to explain the project and where it would be located. The council thanked him for the information and for coming to the meeting.

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR HELM

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FAIR QUEENS

Audrina Vilchez and Jacquelynn Wernsing, Cumberland County Fair Queens, requested a donation from the city for this year's pageant. Commissioner Williams made a motion to donate \$100 to be used for the pageant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Williams, Schabbing, Edwards, Letizia, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

ORDINANCE #1143-07-2026

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

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

REVIEW OF FOOD PANTRY LEASE

City Administrator / Clerk Evans informed the council that the Neoga Food Pantry lease is up for renewal and asked if the council wanted to change any of the terms. Commissioner Schabbing said she would like to see the monthly rental increase by \$50 per month due to the base rental fee being \$250 with a 3% increase every year. Mayor Helm said that he did not want to see the increase due to the service that they give to the community, and Commissioners Edwards and Williams agreed. It was the consensus of the council to have a contract written to leave the contract as is with a 3% increase each year.

NEOGA BOOSTER GOLF SPONSORSHIP

Commissioner Williams made a motion to donate \$100 for one hole just as the city did last year. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Williams, Schabbing, Edwards, Letizia, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

TRICK OR TREAT

The council discussed when to hold Trick or Treat, and since it is on a Saturday, Commissioner Williams made a motion to hold Trick or Treat on Saturday, October 31st from 6-8 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schabbing. Ayes, Commissioner Williams, Schabbing, Edwards, and Mayor Helm. Nays, Commissioner Letizia. Motion carried. 4-1.

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FINANCE, COMMISSIONER SCHABBING

TREASURER'S REPORT

After the council reviewed the treasurer's report and without any questions asked, Mayor Helm ordered the report to be filed.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER LETIZIA

MOWING BIDS

Superintendent Durbin explained that due to the fact that the public works department hasn't found a tractor to rent or purchase, he would like to hire the extra mowing to be done by an outside source. The following three bids were:

Kevin Hamilton	\$ 7,850.00
Jarod McKay	\$ 6,800.00
Dead End Farms	\$7,200.00

Commissioner Letizia made a motion to give the mowing bid to Jarod McKay in the amount of \$6,800. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schabbing. Ayes, Commissioner Letizia, Williams, Schabbing, Edwards, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. 5-0.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS

Commissioner Edwards said that he would be working with Superintendent Durbin to define any safety issues before the new school year begins.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS

Commissioner Williams asked if the city has received any updates on the building on West 7th Street that has some structural issues. City Administrator / Clerk Evans said she has spoken with the property owner, who will be back in Neoga next week and will be getting an update from her. Evans said the owner will be removing items in the building before she sells the property, repairs it, or demolishes the building.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Letizia made a motion to move into executive session at 7:34 for Personnel - Section 2 (c) (1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, and performance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Ayes, Commissioner Letizia, Williams, Schabbing, Edwards, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 8:32 pm. Those present for roll call were Commissioners Williams, Schabbing, Edwards, Letizia, and Mayor Helm.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Letizia made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 PM. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioners Letizia, Williams, Schabbing, Edwards, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Brenda Evans,
City Administrator / Clerk