



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
SEPTEMBER 14, 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 Clerk Brenda Evans, City Treasurer Diana Foor, and News Editor Billie Chambers.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from August 24, 2026, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Letizia, Williams, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were made.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR HELM

UPDATE ON EARTHRISSE ENERGY

City Clerk Evans informed the Council that Earthrise Representative Emre Ozmen contacted her about a problem with the Community Development Agreement that the Council executed at the previous meeting. According to Mr. Ozmen, his boss has not received permission to sign the agreement for \$550,000, only \$500,000. Earthrise asked if the Council would amend the agreement from two payments to one payment in the amount of \$475,000 instead of two payments totaling \$550,000. Evans said that she made a couple of phone calls and within 24 hours, Mr. Ozmen called back and said that Earthrise had approved the agreement in the original amount of \$550,000, and we should be receiving our first payment in the amount of \$350,000 within 60-90 days.

RESOLUTION #06-09-2026 Approving Preliminary Plat and Final Plat of Newtown Subdivision

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

SALE OF LOT 4 WALK SUBDIVISION

The council reviewed the contract to sell Lot #4 of Walk Subdivision First Addition to Mel Workman in the amount of \$2,500 with the stipulation that a single-family residence would be built within 2 years. Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the sale of the lot. Commissioner Letizia seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Letizia, Williams, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S INSTITUTE ATTENDANCE

City Treasurer requested to attend the annual Treasurers Institute from November 17th through the 19th in Bloomington, Illinois. This would give Treasurer Foor continuing education hours. Commissioner Edward made a motion to approve Foor attending the conference. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Letizia. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Letizia, Williams, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER SCHABING

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

AWARDING OF BIDS FOR CLEAR CONE REMOVAL

Superintendent Durbin explained to the council that he was able to get two bids to remove the clear cone tank in the old water treatment plant. The bids, read by Commissioner Letizia, were:

Beard Equipment	\$9,500
D's Recycling	\$7,000

After little discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to award the bid to D's Recycling for \$7,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Letizia. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Letizia, Williams, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

CONCRETE VAULT AT COMMUNITY CENTER

Superintendent Durbin said that he was expecting another quote on this project, but it didn't arrive, so he asked if the Council would table it until the next meeting.

CONCRETE ENTRANCE AT CITY PARKING LOT

Commissioner Edwards explained to the Council that the exit from the city parking lot is very narrow, and it looks like someone will run into the ditch if it isn't addressed; however, one of the quotes didn't come in, so he asked that this be tabled as well.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS

MOWING ALONG RAILROAD TRACKS BY GROVE AVENUE

Superintendent Durbin informed the Council that he didn't tell Jarod McKay to mow the property behind the 700 and 800 blocks of Grove Avenue by the railroad tracks. Durbin received a quote from him to mow the area for \$1,000. City Administrator / Clerk asked that she have time to double-check the easement before hiring McKay to mow. It was the consensus of the council to table the mowing until the next meeting.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS

SIDEWALK REPAIRS ON OAK AVENUE

The council discussed options for repairing the sidewalk between 11th Street and Neoga Estates Mobile Home Park. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the council to get quotes on a fence of some type to help keep the farmer from running over the sidewalk once it is repaired.

SIDEWALK REPAIRS ON WEST 7TH STREET

Commissioner Williams explained that Superintendent Durbin witnessed some railroad equipment run over the sidewalk, which cracked the new sidewalk in multiple places. Durbin approached the guy, and he admitted to doing it. He told Superintendent Durbin that he reported it to his supervisor. The council agreed to get quotes on the repairs and notify the railroad.

Williams also asked for an update on the building that has started to collapse at 142 W. 7th Street. City Administrator / Clerk said that she spoke with the owner, who should be in town later in the week. Evans also explained that she has contacted Attorney Willenborg to declare the building unsafe. There should be paperwork by the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Letizia made a motion to move into executive session at 8:13 p.m. for Personnel – Section 2 (c)(1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline, and performance; Litigation Section 2 (c)(11) – Pending, probable, or imminent litigation; as well as Purchase or Lease of Real Estate - Section 2 (c)(5) – Including general discussion of whether land should be purchased or leased by the public body. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Ayes, Commissioner Letizia, Williams, Schabbing, Edwards, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 9:08 pm. Those present for roll call were Commissioners Williams, Schabbing, Edwards, Letizia, and Mayor Helm.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Letizia. Ayes, Commissioner Edwards, Letizia, Williams, Schabbing, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.