



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
NEOGA HELD IN  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT  
NOVEMBER 28, 2011, AT 7:00 P.M.**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Modglin, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were: Commissioners Lindley, Kepp, Groves, Hartke, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were City Treasurer Diana Foor, Superintendent Tom Helm, and Engineer Tom Overmyer.

## **MINUTES**

After reviewing the executive session minutes from November 8, Commissioner Lindley made a motion to approve them as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Commissioner Groves abstained. Motion carried. 4-0.

After reviewing the regular and executive session minutes from November 14, 2011, Commissioner Lindley made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes Commissioners Lindley, Hartke, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Commissioner Kepp abstained. Motion carried. 4-0.

## **PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

### 2011 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

A brief discussion was held on the proposed 2012 council meeting schedule. Mayor Modglin told the Council that since the meetings were changed to the second and fourth Mondays, he has been able to attend different meetings without conflict. Commissioner Groves made a motion to accept the proposed schedule. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

### COLES COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING CONTRACT

The Council reviewed the annual contract presented to them from Coles County Regional Planning for 2012. City Clerk Evans explained that the contract is the same as last year, and the only expense would be if their services were used. With little discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to accept the contract as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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CONFISCATED VEHICLES

Commissioner Groves would like to have the unusual expenses like clothing to come out of the profits from selling the confiscated vehicles instead of the general fund. The consensus of the council agreed.

**FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES**

BILLS

After reviewing the proposed bills, Commissioner Groves made a motion to pay the bills totaling \$76,153.29. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

**PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER KEPP**

PURCHASE OF BACKHOE

Superintendent Helm handed out a quote for a new backhoe through the state purchase program. This will take 3-4 months to be arrive. Another option is to purchase a close-out model year backhoe from Birkeys on the state purchase program. This one could be ready in 2 weeks. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to purchase the NBC543171 backhoe from Birkeys for \$64,205 with the funds coming from the general reserve and equipment reserve. This is the close out model year backhoe. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PAY REQUEST FROM PHOENIX CONSULTING

After reviewing the pay request for services rendered, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$4,750. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PHOENIX CONSULTING ENGINEER TOM OVERMYER

Engineer Tom Overmyer updated the Council on the current projects. Mr. Overmyer told the council that due to the bid opening extension, there are additional bidders interested in the project. This could be a benefit to the City. Overmyer also explained that he will be meeting with AmerenCIPS next week to discuss how to handle the substation next to the tower, and he would also like to get names and addresses for anyone who has antennas on the water tower.

IKE GRANT

Mr. Overmyer told the Council that the IKE Grant is at a stand still until the environmental reviews are completed; however, he will be surveying the area in the next couple of weeks.

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BUYING LOCAL

The Council discussed at great length on how to get more people to buy local instead of purchasing items outside of Neoga. They discussed the importance of sales tax dollars and how it compares to communities like Mattoon and Effingham. It was suggested that an article could be put in the paper about buying local.

**STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER HARTKE**

ORDINANCE #823-11-11 AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING PARKING OF  
VEHICLES ON CERTAIN DESIGNATED STREETS  
DURING A SNOW AND ICE EMERGENCY

After reviewing the proposed ordinance, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

2012 MFT

Mayor Modglin expressed his concern on the roads that are in need of repair. Mayor Modglin said that he has noticed that a number of roads are becoming cracked, and they will be falling apart if something is not done soon. After a lengthy discussion it was the consensus of the Council to designate additional roads that need oiled and chipped. This project would cost approximately \$100,000.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY**

No report was given. However, Commissioner Lindley told the Council that Superintendent Helm has spoke to him about purchasing a bucket truck for trimming trees and working at the sewer plant. Commissioner Lindley said that Helm has done research on the internet and a used bucket truck would cost approximately \$6,000

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Groves to adjourn the meeting at 8:42p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

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Brenda Evans, City Clerk

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Date