



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
NEOGA HELD IN  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT  
APRIL 19, 2010, 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 Kepp, Varner, Groves, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Absent was Commissioner Lindley. Others present were Superintendent Hagerstrom, City Treasurer Foor, and Linc Andrews.

## **MINUTES**

After reviewing the regular session minutes from April 5, 2010, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Varner, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

## **PUBLIC AFFAIR**

### NEOGA DAYS REQUEST

Linc Andrews has secured a firm out of Champaign for the security at the beer tent. He is still waiting on the contract. They will be sending 2 men for the security. They will be unarmed, but they will be wearing security uniforms. They will not be providing coverage from 5-7 p.m. but there will be coverage from 7 -11 p.m. Andrews said that he stopped to talk to Reverend Steve Massengill from the Neoga Free Methodist Church about the beer tent. He said that his church may not be picketing the garden, but they will be singing in the area. He stated that his church may not be involved in Neoga Days because of the beer tent. Commissioner Varner said that the City should have a fee for the license for the special event which would be \$25 per event. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to create a special event liquor license with a fee of \$25. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Andrews also said that the issue with closing 6<sup>th</sup> street may not be needed if the grass is growing well at the school. Andrews said that things may change depending on the weather.

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### CCDC DUES

The Council reviewed the membership dues for CCDC which have been decreased from \$1000 to \$500. Commissioner Groves said that he reviewed the CCDC website and noticed that it has not been updated for some time. He recommended that if the Council chooses to pay the membership dues, we should ask CCDC to update the website as soon as possible. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Varner made a motion to pay the membership dues of \$500. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Groves, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

### BURNING WITHIN CITY LIMITS

City Clerk Evans said that the office has been receiving complaints about burning again, and those complaining have asked that the Council review the burning ordinance. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to keep the burning ordinance. City Clerk Evans told the Council that they would continue to inform the general public to call the police department if they see someone who is not complying with the ordinance. The officer would then investigate it.

## **FINANCE**

### BILLS

After reviewing the proposed bills, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the bills totaling \$81,517.00 which included the \$50,152.97 for repairing 6<sup>th</sup> street. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

### TREASURER REPORT

After reviewing the treasurer report, Mayor Modglin ordered the financial report to be placed into the files of the City Clerk.

## **PUBLIC PROPERTY**

### SUPERINTENDENT HAGERSTROM REPORT

The Council reviewed the following report which was submitted by Superintendent Hagerstrom:

Water:

- Received Turbidimeter back from repair shop
- Read meters and the exception list

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### **Sewer:**

- Took street broom off Massey and hooked up honey wagon
- Transferred 17 loads to lagoon with honey wagon
- Cleaned out digester
- Installed 4 air lines to bottom to help stir-up bottom

### **Streets:**

- Picked up coldmix & filled potholes
- Mowed ditches, lift-stations, vacant lots and WTP

### **Misc:**

- Cut & cleared additional trees on Horseshoe alley
- Hauled off downed tree at NES
- Burned 3 brush piles
- Finished wooden street barricades
- Had the transmission flushed on '99 Dodge pickup
- Sent 2 guys for mosquito training / testing
- Fixed dump truck lights and had both trucks tested

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to move into executive session for Personnel – Section 2 (c) (1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance at 7:35 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Varner, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

## **RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was reconvened at 7:57 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Varner, and seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Kepp, Varner, Groves, and Mayor Modglin.

### **BRIGHTON CABINETRY SEWER DISCOUNT**

Due to the fact that Plant Manager Tony Creek was not able to attend the meeting, the sewer discount was tabled

### **DOGWOOD DRAINAGE**

Commissioner Kepp and Commissioner Varner mentioned that they are concerned that the drainage pipes that were to be installed behind the houses on Hickory (Whitakers and Bradens) have not been completed. Commissioner Varner said at one time there was a concern about the drainage levels being too high. If that is the case, gate valves would need to be installed as well.

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**PURCHASE OF NEW MOWER**

Commissioner Varner opened the bids for a new mower and read them as follows:

- Farm Pride \$8520.00 Hustler 31 HP 60” deck
- Farm Pride \$6556.00 Hustler 25 HP 60” deck
- Shilling Brothers \$7875 .00 John Deere Z920A 26 HP 60” deck
- Shilling Brothers \$8950.00 John Deere Z930A 29 HP 60” deck
- Mowers & More \$7995.00 Gravely 27 HP 60” deck
- Birkeys \$7468.23 Next Lazer Z Advantage Series X25 HP 60” deck
- Birkeys \$7615.00 Next Lazer Z Advantage Series X27 HP 60” deck
- Birkeys \$8430.00 Next Lazer Z 27 HP 60” deck
- Birkeys \$8585.00 Next Lazer Z 29 HP Kawasaki 60” deck
- Birkeys \$8970.00 Next Lazer Z 29 HP Kholer 60” deck
- Birkeys \$8970.00 Next Lazer Z 34 HP Kawasaki 60” deck
- Birkeys \$9350.00 Next Lazer Z 38 HP Kholer 60” deck

After reviewing the bids, Commissioner Kepp asked if the City really needed a mower like this since the mowing was going to be decreased. Superintendent Hagerstrom said that the New Holland mower has around 3000 hours and he would like to save that mower to use in the tough areas that are steep. It was the consensus of the Council to table the purchase of the mower until it was decided on what the City would be mowing this year.

**STREETS AND ALLEYS**

No report was given.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY**

City Clerk Evans was instructed by Commissioner Lindley to let the Council know that they would be receiving bids for the City Wide Cleanup in the next few weeks.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to move into executive session for Litigation – Section 2 (c) (11) – Pending, probable or imminent litigation at 8:39 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Varner, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was reconvened at 9:06 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Varner, and seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Kepp, Varner, Groves, and Mayor Modglin.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Groves to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

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Brenda Evans, City Clerk

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