



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
APRIL 20, 2009, AT 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Russell and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were: Commissioners Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, Mayor Russell, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were City Treasurer Foor, Wanda Helm, Tom Helm, Donna Helm, Larry Johnson, Nancy Lawson, Fred Honaker.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from April 6, 2009, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Modglin. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Varner, Modglin, and Mayor Russell. Commissioner Lindley abstained. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIR

COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD

Mayor Russell presented the Community Spirit award to Wanda Helm. Mayor Russell told those present that the award was being presented to Helm because for the past 39 plus years Ms. Helm has worked on a number of projects for the surrounding Neoga area. Helm has also raised thousands of dollars for organizations with matching funds. After the presentation, Ms. Helm said it was all about the kids and it has been so rewarding to her, and she thanks God for it.

BABY HUEY, APPLIANCE CLEANUP

Fred Honaker explained that he recently sent a quote asking that the City Council allow him to pick up old appliances and various other items in the City of Neoga parking lot. Honaker explained that he has done this for the past couple of years, and he has never heard any complaints. He promised to again fulfill the obligation with the Council's approval. The Council reviewed two different proposals, one from Baby Huey and the other from WTW Salvage. After reviewing, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to allow Baby Huey to conduct an appliance pickup on May 9th in the parking lot across from the Municipal Building. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Modglin. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Modglin, Lindley and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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ZONING BOARD APPOINTMENT

Neoga City Clerk Evans informed the Council that the zoning board met on Monday, April, 13th. After discussing the vacant seat, the board would like to recommend Earnest “Bud” Decker to replace Bill Ehrhart who resigned in January. Commissioner Varner made a motion to accept the recommendation and appoint Bud Decker to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

FINANCE

BILLS

The Council reviewed the warrant bill list. Commissioner Modglin made the statement that the bills are a little lower this month because the City doesn't have any projects going at this time. After no discussion, Commissioner Modglin made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$22,207.70. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

TREASURER REPORT

Commissioner Modglin said that he was reviewing the report and feels that Superintendent Haverstraw's salary should come out of the General fund instead of the Water fund. City Treasurer Foor asked that this not be done until the fiscal year ended on April 30, 2009. The Council felt that would be okay, and after no further discussion was held Mayor Russell ordered the financial report to be placed into the files of the City Clerk.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

SUPERINTENDENT HAGERSTROM REPORT

A brief discussion was held regarding the collapse of a trench during a sewer main repair in which an employee was injured. It was the consensus of the Council to get some guidelines in place in regards to bigger projects or projects where the City didn't have the proper safety equipment. Commissioner Modglin informed the Council that the section of sewer line that was being repaired was previously repaired on the corner of 5th and Locust Avenue a few years ago by Fuller and Wendte. Commissioner Modglin suggested that it may be time to look at replacing the entire line instead of repairing it one section at a time.

Commissioner Kepp recommended that the Superintendent Hagerstrom hold weekly safety meetings during the morning coffee.

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RESOLUTION 04-04-09 A Resolution of Support and Commitment of Local Fund

After reviewing the proposed resolution, Commissioner Modglin made a motion to accept the proposed resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

STREETS AND ALLEYS

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Mayor Russell informed the Council that he recently sold his home on Park Avenue and has purchased a home in Altamont, Illinois. Mayor Russell's last Council meeting will be held on May 18th. The Council discussed Commissioner Modglin stepping in as Mayor Pro-tem and Commissioner Kepp moving over to Finance Commissioner. Mayor Russell recommended that the Council give this option some thought and discuss it at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Kepp to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Modglin, Lindley, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Jay Russell, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date