



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
APRIL 21, 2008, 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 Lindley, Kepp, Varner, Modglin, Mayor Russell and City Clerk Evans. Others present were Superintendent Stan Hagerstrom, Foth Infrastructure engineer Greg Cook, Sarah Layton CCDC, Glenn Braden, Chris White, and George Warner.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from April 7, 2008, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Kepp, Varner, Modglin, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

DOGWOOD DRAINAGE

Resident Glenn Braden spoke to the Council about concerns he has regarding the Dogwood drainage project. Braden explained that he had concerns that the proposed ditch would not drain water properly due to the low slope of the ditch. Braden said that the contractor informed him that a different design could be used to benefit all the residents in that area. Braden asked that the Council review the design of the project. Greg Cook explained to the Council that Braden was correct about the ditch; however, when the plans were designed it was to collect water off the field and not the subdivision. George Warner agreed with Cook and expressed to the Council that they leave the design as is. Commissioner Modglin made a motion to investigate the possibility of using a stand pipe on both streets just inside of the brim of the ditch. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Modglin, Lindley, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

LESLIE HOUSE – SKATE PARK

Leslie House told the Council that she was approaching them on behalf of the kids in Neoga. House asked the Council if a skate park could be built on the southwest corner of the Jennings Park. According to House, this would give the kids in town a place to roller blade or skateboard. House felt that if the kids were allowed to assist in the building of it, they would appreciate it more. Mayor Russell recommended that House contact the Neoga Park District because they are their own taxing district.

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CCDC REPRESENTATIVES

City Clerk Evans said that she was still trying to locate someone to be a representative.

RESOLUTION #04-04-08

A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Contract Agreement for Marketing, Prescreening, Application Packaging Services for State Capitalized Revolving Loan Fund with the Cumberland County Development Corporation.

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

FINANCE

BILLS

A warrant bill list was given to the Council to review. No discussion was held, Commissioner Modglin made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$56,035.89. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

TREASURER REPORT

The treasurer's report was presented. With no objections heard, Mayor Russell ordered the financial report to be placed into the files of the City Clerk.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

SUPERINTENDENT HAGERSTROM REPORT

Superintendent Hagerstrom informed the Council on the activities that the public works employees have been working on, including dealing with all the rain.

Commissioner Lindley asked Superintendent Hagerstrom how soon the fire hydrant at 6th and Burrows will be fixed. Hagerstrom explained that it is on the list of items to be completed.

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CEMETERY MOWING BIDS

Mayor Russell opened the sealed bids for the mowing of the Neoga Cemetery for the 2008 season. The bids were as follows: K & B Services \$375; Only to Go Mowing Service \$425; Ver-Dane Gardens, \$400; Scattered Acres Maintenance \$550; and White's Lawn Service \$665. After all the bids were opened, Commissioner Varner made a motion to continue with Ver-Dane Gardens to maintain the cemetery at a cost of \$400 / mowing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Kepp, Varner, Modglin, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PHASE II SEWER CONSTRUCTION

The Council received paperwork from Foth Infrastructure for materials that have been purchased for the Phase II Sewer Construction project. After reviewing the paperwork, Commissioner Modglin made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign the necessary draw down papers in the amount of \$36,000. The motion seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Modglin, Lindley, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

STREETS AND ALLEYS

2008 MFT GM PROGRAM

Greg Cook explained to the Council that the slurry seal bidding was held and the only company to bid was Micro Surfacing. IDOT representatives recommended that the Council wait 8 days before awarding the contractor due to the possibility of a protester in the area. According to Cook, the intended schedule will be early May. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to accept the Micro Surfacing bid and to give permission to City Clerk Evans to sign the necessary paperwork after 8 days. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Modglin. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Commissioner Lindley said that he has concerns regarding numerous areas of junk in town, and the other Commissioners felt the same. It was recommended that the police department make a list of the areas of concern. Letters will then be sent out as soon as possible.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Modglin made a motion to move into executive session for Section 2 (c) (6) – Sale or Lease of Real Estate at 9:12 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Kepp, Varner, Modglin, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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RECONVENED

The meeting was reconvened at 9:26 p.m., on a motion from Commissioner Varner and seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Modglin, Lindley, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Varner to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Modglin, Lindley, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Jay Russell, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date