



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
APRIL 5, 2010, AT 6:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Modglin, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were: Commissioners Lindley, Kepp, Varner, Groves, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from March 15, 2010 Commissioner Kepp made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIR

TIF DISTRICTS

The Council reviewed two different quotes for construction of a TIF and a Business District. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to contract with Keith Moran, Moran Economic Development, and have Hank Stevens as a consultant to review everything. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

NEOGA DAYS REQUEST

No one from the Neoga Days committee was present so no action was taken.

POLICE FEE FOR PROTECTION

City Clerk Evans explained to the Council that Linc Andrews spoke with her regarding the possibility of hiring Neoga Officers to do security at the beer tent during Neoga Days. Evans explained that Andrews checked with one company that provides that type of security; however, they did not have any liability for the security officers. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that the City does not have enough manpower during those hours. If the Neoga Days Committee wanted to have a beer tent they would have to hire adequate security.

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CLOSING OF 6TH STREET FOR NEOGA DAYS

City Clerk Evans said that Andrews also asked her about closing 6th St. from Park Avenue to the small bridge. However, the Council had many concerns about the traffic flow and how activities like the 5K and the parade would be affected.

NEIGHBORHOOD VEHICLE PERMIT

Mayor Modglin reminded the Council that last year an ordinance was passed regarding neighborhood vehicle use on city streets. However, Jon Baker has not received his permit due to compliance with all the requirements. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Varner made a motion to enforce the current ordinance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Kepp to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m. so that the Council could attend the Neoga Township meeting and then reconvene immediately following the Neoga Township meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

City Clerk Evans reminded all the Commissioners to drive separate vehicles to the meeting.

RECONVENE

Upon returning to the Council chambers after attending the Neoga Township meeting, Commissioner Varner made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 8:03 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

FINANCE

No report.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

SUPERINTENDENT HAGERSTROM REPORT

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

Water:

- Shipped turbidity meter in for repairs, received loaner machine
- Received pH meter back from repair shop
- Carbon feeder emptied, removed pieces of paper & strapping
- Alum system was cleaned, feed rate was dropping, found crystals in day tank

Sewer:

- Jetted out truck stop lift station, pulled both pumps & took 1 motor to Rawlings
- Dug post holes for roof structures over electric panels at lift stations
- Set & braced roof structures at 4 lift stations
- Applied steel to roof structures
- Transferred sludge from digester to lagoon until 4" trash pump plugged with rags
- Located & uncovered sewer tap for customer on E. 9th Street

Streets:

- Met with Cumberland Co. engineer to discuss cooperative efforts
- Mapped out streets with areas of deteriorating street base
- Used street broom to clean up gutters along Walnut & W. 6th Street
- Picked up branches
- Installed additional 20' culvert for customer on Chestnut Ave.

Misc:

- Cut trees along ditch bank behind Maurine True's Lift station
- Made new wooden street barricades
- Repaired broken or bent fold-up barricades
- Had 2 generators filled with stabilized diesel fuel
- '92 GMC dump truck had leak in coolant line
- Clean up New Holland tractor & mower

It was noted that the project plan was still not available from Superintendent Hagerstrom.

RATE STUDY

The Council reviewed the rate study and was disappointed that the study did not give them as much information as they were hoping for.

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INCREASE WATER RATES

After a lengthy discussion regarding the rate study, Commission Kepp made a motion to increase the minimum water bill from \$10.50 to \$16.00 for 2000 gallons and 5% increase for any water used over 2000 gallons and a 5% annual increase at the beginning of each fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

BRIGHTON CABINETRY SEWER DISCOUNT

City Clerk Evans explained to the Council that Brighton Cabinetry is requesting a discount on their sewer charges due to the fact that they have installed a humidifier for the plant. Commissioner Varner made a motion to deny the request due to the fact that other businesses also use water that does not get treated through the sewer plant. If the city does it for Brighton's then they would have to do it for other businesses as well. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Groves, Lindley, Kepp and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

CEMETERY ARCH

Mayor Modglin explained to the Council that the cemetery committee asked that the cemetery arch be put on hold. Commissioner Kepp made a motion to stop the purchase of the arch until other competitive bids are received as long as there is no cancellation cost. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

STREETS AND ALLEYS

UPDATE ON MFT

Commissioner Groves updated the Council on a meeting that was held between County Engineer Ben Bland, Superintendent Hagerstrom, City Clerk Evans and himself. Bland recommended that the City use IDOT engineers for their MFT work instead of Foth and to piggy back with the County on bid letting for supplies like oil and rock. Commissioner Groves said the only problem is that it is too late to do anything this year.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Commissioner Lindley informed the Council that Baby Heuy did conduct an appliance pickup and everything went very well.

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Varner to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date