



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
APRIL 7, 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 Matt Johnson, Ken Walk from Walk Professional Building, and Nancy Lawson from the Neoga News.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from March 17, 2008, Commissioner Modglin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Kepp, Varner, Modglin, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

KAREN ROBERT, E. 5th Street

City Clerk Evans explained to the Council that Ms. Robert had pictures of water backing up into her yard during the recent heavy rains. Due to the fact that Ms. Robert was not present for meeting, the Council asked City Clerk Evans to contact her about the issues / concerns.

KEN WALK

Ken Walk, owner of Walk's Professional Building, announced to the Council that they have signed a 5 year contract with Marshall Clinic and St. Anthony Hospital. With these two facilities there will be a full medical center with x-ray capabilities and an EKG laboratory. At that particular point and time, Marshall Clinic will have a 1600 sq. ft. area, St. Anthony Hospital will have 1200m sq. ft., and another 1250 sq. ft area will be available for a possible specialist. Walk explained that a large generator has been placed at the building for any emergency situations. Walk told the Council that the property located to the East of the building has been cleared off and will be used for the parking lot. Walk told the Council that St. Anthony Hospital is requesting that the parking lot be blacktopped instead of just rocked. Walk asked the Council if they would be interested in paving the empty lot. City Clerk Evans said that MFT funds or economic development funds might be available to use if the City owned the lot. It was the consensus of the Council to investigate further into the paving of the lot.

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POST PROM DONATION

The Council received a letter from the Post Prom / Post Graduation committee requesting a donation to help with the expenses this year. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Modglin made a motion to donate \$200 to the committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Modglin, Lindley, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

CITY CLERK OFFICE HOURS

City Clerk Evans discussed with the Council the desires of changing the office hours from 8:00 am – Noon and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., to 7:00 a.m. – Noon and 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. These new hours will be the same as the public works employees. Evans told the Council that if a customer is unable to make it into the office during those hours, she will set up an appointment with them that is convenient. It was the consensus of the council to allow the hours for the City Clerks office to be changed effective on May 1, 2008.

FINANCE

No report

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.

DOGWOOD DRAINAGE

City Clerk Evans updated the council on the meeting with the contractor, George Warner, and Glenn Braden regarding the planned timing of the project. Evans explained that all the easements are now completed, and construction should start when the weather allows.

PHASE II SEWER PROJECT

Superintendent Hagerstrom told the Council that after this project is complete, the City should look into the reason that the sewers are backing up on 5th street and in the alley between Oak and Locust and 10th and 11th Streets. Hagerstrom said that there may be a blockage at the 5th street crossing that is causing everything else to backup.

Matt Johnson asked the Council for permission to enter into a contract with Curry Construction regarding the layout work on the Phase II sewer project. It was the consensus of the Council to allow Foth to enter into the contract with Curry Construction.

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CLEAR WELL BAFFLING SYSTEM

Superintendent Hagerstrom told the Council that the City has received another invoice from Crest Precast. Hagerstrom said that Larry Johnson from Foth sent a letter to them after the last meeting, but we have not heard back from them as of yet. The City Council agreed to wait until we hear back from Crest Precast.

PAY REQUEST FROM FOTH

Commissioner Varner reviewed with the Council five pay requests from Foth Infrastructure totaling \$12,526.66. After the brief discussion, Commissioner Varner made a motion to pay the pay requests from Foth totaling \$12,526.66. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PAY REQUEST FROM HDC

The City Council received a bill from HDC for staking services on the Dogwood project. After reviewing the pay request, Commissioner Varner made a motion to pay the request totaling \$1,134.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Modglin. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

STREETS AND ALLEYS

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Commissioner Lindley told the Council that the demolitions on the houses located on Maple and on Walnut are going very well considering the wet weather. Also, the appliance pickups that were held went very well. Commissioner Lindley will be getting information to the Council regarding the city wide cleanup soon.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Kepp to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Modglin. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Modglin, Lindley, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Jay Russell, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date