



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
NEOGA HELD IN  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT  
August 16, 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 Lindley, Kepp, Varner, Groves, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans.

## **MINUTES**

After reviewing the regular session minutes from August 2, 2010, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Groves, Lindley and Mayor Modglin. Commissioner Varner abstained. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

## **PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

### BLIGHT ANALYSIS & BUSINESS DISTRICT PLAN

Keith Moran explained the Blight Analysis and Business District plan to the Council. Moran said the business plan would have to be accepted by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

RESOLUTION #10-08-10 A Resolution Authorizing Public Hearing Dates for City Council Consideration of the Business District Redevelopment Plan within the City of Neoga

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

RESOLUTION #11-08-10 A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Contract for Consulting Service with Keith Moran, D/B/A/ Moran Economic Development.

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

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RESOLUTION #12-08-10 A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Preliminary Cost Funding Agreement with Westmore Equities, LLC.

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

### IML CONFERENCE 2010

After reviewing the cost for attending the IML Conference in Chicago, Commissioner Varner made a motion to allow City Clerk Evans and City Treasurer Foor to attend the Conference. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

### TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

City Clerk Evans explained to the Council that the Neoga Booster Club is planning the 2010 Haunted House, and they would like to know when trick or treat night will be held. Commissioner Kepp made a motion to hold trick or treat night on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

### WATER SERVICE TO THE HAUNTED HOUSE

City Clerk Evans told the Council that Tim Kastl asked if the City would be willing to give water service to the old Short's Furniture Store during the construction, operation, and cleanup of the haunted house. With little discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to waive the water and sewer charges during the haunted house. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

## **FINANCE**

### BILLS

After reviewing the proposed bills, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the bills totaling \$33,351.84. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

### 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**

### CEMETERY

The Council reviewed the estimate from Adams Memorial to reset the monuments at the Neoga Memorial Cemetery. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Varner made a motion to repair the limestone and marble stones but cut the price down to around \$10,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

### PURCHASE OF NEW DUMP TRUCK

Mayor Modglin informed the Council that he found a 2009 dump truck with only 16,000 miles in Sullivan. Modglin said that he spoke with the dealership and was able to get the price down to \$25,900, but then the City would have to purchase a new snow blade for around \$5000. Mayor Modglin said that he also spoke with Miller Motor about selling our older trucks for a 10% commission for anything under \$5000 and 8% over \$5000. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to purchase the 2009 dump truck for \$25,900 and to sell the other dump truck and two pickup trucks. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. 5-0.

## **STREETS AND ALLEYS**

### PURCHASE OF NEW ZERO TURN MOWER

Mayor Modglin spoke with the owner of Mowers and More and said that Mr. Whitaker would like to sell a mower and would give the City a good price on it because it was late in the season. Mayor Modglin did not have the dollar amount at this time. No action was taken.

### 2010 MFT

After reviewing the bids for the MFT 2010, Commissioner Groves made a motion to accept the bid of \$91,123 from Earl Walker Company, Inc. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

### HOELCHER CONCRETE CONST.

The Council reviewed a revised quote to repair / replace curbs along 6<sup>th</sup> Street and a section of gutter on Ash Avenue. After little discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to pay \$11,995 out of the general fund to repair the curbs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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**HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Commissioner Lindley informed the Council that he would still like to have a tire drive as well as another appliance pickup.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to move into executive session at 8:42 p.m for Personnel – Section 2 (c) (1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

**RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was reconvened at 9:19 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Kepp, and seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley and Mayor Modglin.

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to donate the money that the Council should have received as pay during the past two quarters to NCIS, Neoga Food Bank, Neoga Boosters, and the Neoga Ministerial Alliance, with one stipulation: that the organizations request a donation from the Neoga Township. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Varner to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

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Brenda Evans, City Clerk

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