



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
AUGUST 17, 2009, 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, Groves, Varner, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were City Treasurer Foor, Superintendent Hagerstrom, and Police Chief Mattern.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from August 3, 2009, Commissioner Varner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Varner, Groves, Lindley, Kepp and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIR

IML CONFERENCE

The annual IML conference being held in Chicago on September 24 – 26 was discussed. City Clerk Evans gave the Council members a breakdown of the expenses from the previous year for their review and after a lengthy discussion on how other companies handle training expenses, Commissioner Varner made a motion to pay for four (4) nights hotel at the basic rate, \$334 traveling expenses and \$64 per day per employee for meals. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Groves, Lindley, Kepp and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PRICE QUOTES FOR POLICE RADIOS

After the City Council discussed the purchase of the radio and siren, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to approve the purchase of a radio system at the cost of \$2400.80 and the purchase of a siren for \$300.00 which includes the light switch. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Grove, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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FINANCE

BILLS

The Council reviewed the warrant bill list. Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the bills totaling \$30,358.64. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

TREASURER REPORT

After a brief discussion was held Mayor Modglin ordered the financial report to be placed into the files of the City Clerk.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

SUPERINTENDENT HAGERSTROM REPORT

Superintendent Hagerstrom handed out a report for the Council to review. The Council discussed the checklist for the lift stations and the policy on fixing problems at the stations. Superintendent Hagerstrom said that if something is wrong or not working correctly, then it is his responsibility to get it repaired. The Council also instructed Superintendent Hagerstrom to build the roof over the lift station on Cedar Avenue as soon as possible.

CURRY CONSTRUCTION INVOICE

Curry Construction presented an invoice for payment on the sewer line repairs on East 5th Street that occurred just east of the last collapse. Commissioner Varner made a motion to pay the invoice totaling \$24,823.16. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

UPDATE ON LIFT STATION AT 956 WALNUT

Superintendent Hagerstrom told the Council that he has spoken with Ms. True and that Sudkamp Plumbing and Heating will be doing all the electrical and Linc Andrews will cutting the sod and finishing the landscaping. Commissioner Varner asked that this be left on the agenda until the project is complete.

RAISING THE CONTROL PANEL ON CEDAR LIFT STATION

Superintendent Hagerstrom presented to the Council a proposal to raise the control panel at the Cedar and 10th Street lift station. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Varner made a motion to raise the control panel at a cost of \$2900. Commissioner Groves seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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STREETS AND ALLEYS

ELM AVENUE REPAIRS

The Council reviewed the repair cost for Elm Avenue where a local farmer's equipment damaged the roadway. After discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to repair only the damaged area because next year the city may be doing MFT work to help pay for any other work to the road. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

City Clerk Evans gave the Council a letter that was received in the night utility payment box from a resident regarding burning in the City limits. The Council decided to continue to allow burning of paper and leaves from the hours of 6:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m. Monday thru Saturday. If the police see a barrel burning after 6:00 p.m. they need to have the resident put it out.

POLICE DISPATCHING FEE

City Clerk Evans informed the Council that the Cumberland County Sheriff Office is researching the possibility of charging Neoga, Toledo, and Greenup for police dispatching. Evans explained that a meeting was being held on Wednesday in Toledo to discuss the proposal with the budget committee. It was decided to have Mayor Modglin, Commissioner Kepp, and Police Chief Mattern attend the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to move into executive session at 8:18 p.m. for Personnel – Section 2 (c) (1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance. As well as Litigation – Section 2 (c) (11) – Pending, probable or imminent litigation. 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 9:38 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Kepp, and seconded by Commissioner Varner. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin.

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OVERTIME HOURS

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to change the policy in the public works department to 40 hours of actual work before overtime is paid. Also, he suggested paying eight (8) hours on Saturday and eight (8) hours on Sunday only unless there was an emergency that has been approved. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Kepp to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date