



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
NEOGA HELD IN  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT  
AUGUST 22, 2011, 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 Hartke, Groves, Lindley, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Commissioner Kepp was absent. Others present were School Superintendent Charles Castle.

## **MINUTES**

After reviewing the regular session minutes from August 8, 2011, Commissioner Groves made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioners Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

## **PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

### NEOGA BOOSTER DONATION

City Clerk Evans explained to the Council that the Neoga Boosters will be holding their annual Haunted House at the old Short's Furniture Store on Chestnut Avenue and would like to know if the city would donate the water again this year. After very little discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to donate any water to them. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

### CASEY'S GENERAL STORE FENCE

City Clerk Evans informed the Council that she had received a complaint about Casey's General Store not having a fence between the residential area and their store, and another complaint about the trash in the alley. Evans explained that they have moved the trash, and they will be applying for a fence permit shortly. The Zoning Ordinance states that a fence and/or a barrier needs to be in place; however, it also states that the business can build on the property line. This is what Casey's did. Currently, they have a guard rail on the backside of their building and if they put a fence up it would have to be located either between the rail and the building, on the city's property or across the alley onto the property behind the store. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that Casey's building is the barrier between the resident's property and the store. However, they do feel the garbage needs to be located behind the fence away from the alley.

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### CHARLES CASTLE, NEOGA SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Neoga School Superintendent Castle informed the Council that the school board approved spending \$4800 to oil and chip the alley behind the elementary school because of the higher traffic flow. Mr. Castle also explained that the TIF district affected the school levy by almost \$5000, but he believes they will recoup 80% of that from state aid next year. Lastly, Mr. Castle mentioned to the Council that school employees have noticed sink holes on the north east side of their property at the elementary school. Castle to know if the tile in that area is the school responsibility or the City's. The Council thanked Mr. Castle, and said that our Public Works Superintendent Tom Helm would investigate the tile issue.

ORDINANCE 820-08-11      An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 1, Section 1-4 of the Code of Ordinances to Allow Attorney Fees to be Assessed in Addition to a Fine for Ordinance Violations

After reviewing the ordinance, Commissioner Groves made a motion to approve it as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

## **FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES**

### BILLS

After reviewing the proposed bills, Commissioner Groves made a motion to pay the bills totaling \$30,180.02. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

## **PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER KEPP**

### TREE REMOVAL AT CEMETERY

It was the consensus of the Council to not cut any trees at this time at the Neoga Memorial Cemetery and to not use any Roundup on the monuments. However, if an individual wanted Roundup used around their family monuments, they could call the office.

### BULK FUEL PURCHASE

At the last meeting, Public Works Superintendent Tom Helm asked the Council to discuss the purchase of bulk fuel again instead of using fuel cards at local businesses. It was the consensus of the Council to continue with the cards because we were buying local and keeping an eye on the mileage on vehicles.

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PURCHASE OF NEW BACKHOE

The Council discussed the possibility of purchasing a new or used backhoe for the public works department, but it was their consensus to wait until the reserve fund balance had a larger balance.

**STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER HARTKE**

SIDEWALK QUOTES FOR WEST 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET

After reviewing the sidewalk quotes, Commissioner Hartke said that a number of children walk along that area. The made a motion to approve the quote from Fuller and Wentz for \$7,499.52. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Harke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

**HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY**

811 SHAFFER

City Clerk Evans informed the Council that she received a quote from M & E to clean the property at 811 Shaffer for \$200. Commissioner Lindley made a motion to accept that quote. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Hartke, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Groves to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Lindley, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

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Brenda Evans, City Clerk

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