



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
AUGUST 4, 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, Varner, Modglin, Mayor Russell, and City Clerk Evans. Absent was Commissioner Kepp. Others present were Superintendent Hagerstrom, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Ed Szatkowski, Greg Cook, Nancy Lawson, Bob Carr, Michele Carruthers, and John Carruthers.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from July 7th and July 21st, Commissioner Varner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Lindley, Varner, Modglin, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

BUILDING PERMIT FEE INCREASE

Due to an emergency, Building Inspector Gary Kastl was not able to attend the meeting so the building permit fee increase was tabled until the next meeting.

Commissioner Kepp arrived at 7:05 p.m.

BUILDING SIGNS

Bob Carr from First Neighbor Bank addressed the Council regarding an animated sign for their business. The sign would be located on 6th Street next to the Walk Professional Building. Mr. Carr stated that the bank would allow community messages to be placed on the marquis. After reviewing pictures of the sign, Commissioner Modglin said that he is concerned about this sign because of the close proximity to the residence next to it. The Council explained that the bank would have to ask for a variance which would consist of notifying all the property owners within 300 feet of 223 E. 6th Street. The Council would then consider a sign variance at the next Council meeting on August 18th at 7:00 p.m.

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RLF AND PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS

After reviewing the Revolving Loan Fund applications and participation agreements, Commissioner Modglin made a motion to proceed with the application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Modglin, Lindley, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

APPOINTMENT OF CCDC REPRESENTATIVES

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Varner made a motion to appoint Bill Steichmann and Kevin Jansen as the City of Neoga representatives to the CCDC Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Modglin. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

FINANCE

No report was given.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

SUPERINTENDENT HAGERSTROM

Superintendent Hagerstrom reviewed with the Council his public works report. No one on the Council had any questions. Hagerstrom said that the tanks at the sewer plant should be repaired within the next three weeks, but the system will have to be taken back out of service again for approximately 3 days to put everything back online.

DOGWOOD DRAINAGE UPDATE AND PAY REQUEST

City Clerk Evans said that as of 5:30 today, a pay request has not been received from GRR Construction due to the fact that HDC and GRR. have not been able to agree upon an amount.

PHASE II SEWER PROJECT & PAY REQUEST

A pay request from Foth was reviewed, and Commissioner Varner made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$1,349.12. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

CONTRACT WITH JOE WILLIAMSON

Superintendent Hagerstrom told the Council that the contract with Joe Williamson is coming up for renewal in September. Hagerstrom said that due to the increase in gas prices, Mr. Williamson is asking for a \$25 increase. This will bring the monthly fee to \$300. Hagerstrom said that he should be taking his sewer test this winter. City Clerk Evans told the Council that the contract needed to be reviewed by Braden Law Office before it is signed. The contract was tabled until the next meeting.

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WEST 6TH STREET WATER LINE

Superintendent Hagerstrom told the Council that he is concerned with the waterlines along W. 6th Street. Hagerstrom said that since the waterlines are over 100 years old, it is a good idea to replace them in conjunction with the 6th Street road construction. In the event of a busted main, the city would not have to cut the new road. Hagerstrom recommended replacing the lines in the alleys first and maybe the line that runs east and west along 6th street. Commissioner Varner felt it was a good idea; however he is concerned that the public works department has to do a project like this. He suggested checking with a contractor to get a price for the work. Commissioner Modglin told the Council that he felt this was poor planning on the city's part since we have been planning this project for the last few years and replacing these lines has never been discussed previously. Modglin did agree, however, that they should be replaced but only if it did not delay the contractor. The Council instructed Hagerstrom to get prices as soon as possible.

STREETS AND ALLEYS

WEST 6TH STREET RECONSTRUCTION

Greg Cook informed the Council that the contractor has agreed to change the detour route by leaving the Chestnut intersection open. Cook passed out maps and an updated public notice for this project. Cook also informed the Council that the construction crew will begin construction on Monday August 11th. John Carruthers ask the Council if there was anything that they could do to help customers get into the Carruthers IGA parking lot easier. After a brief discussion, the Council instructed Superintendent Hagerstrom to place a culvert along Walnut Avenue next to the stop sign so that traffic would have a wider area to turn into.

STREET SIGN CHANGES

Superintendent Hagerstrom said that he has counted 9 yield signs that he would like to change to stop signs, but he needs to a traffic study first. Hagerstrom told the Council that he would bring it back to them at a later date.

2008 MFT PROGRAM PAY REQUEST

The presented pay request was reviewed, and Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$101,723.23 to Micro-Surfacing, Inc. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Kepp, Varner, Modglin and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

After reviewing the pay request from Foth, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$2,749.50. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Modglin. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Modglin, Lindley, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY

Commissioner Lindley said that he is still waiting on information from the health department regarding a tire pickup and the status of 811 Shaffer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Modglin made a motion to move into executive session at 8:46 p.m. for Section 2 (c) (5) which includes general discussion of whether land should be purchased or leased by the public body. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Kepp, Varner, Modglin, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting reconvened at 9:24 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Modglin and seconded by Commissioner Varner. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Russell.

PURCHASE OF CITY PARKING LOT

Commissioner Modglin made a motion to purchase the lot located at 237 E. 6th Street for city parking at a cost of \$30,000 with funds coming out of the RLF. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Modglin to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Jay Russell, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date