



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
DECEMBER 1, 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 Public Works Superintendent Stan Hagerstrom, City Treasurer Diana Foor and Brian Kidd.

MINUTES

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

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

CCDC AND COLES CO. REGIONAL PLANNING CONTRACT

The Council discussed the proposed CCDC and Coles County Regional Planning contracts that were presented to them. After little discussion, Commissioner Varner made a motion to approve the contracts. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

2009 REGULAR SCHEDULE MEETING DATES

The Council reviewed the presented 2009 Regular meeting schedule, and with little discussion. Commissioner Modglin made a motion to approve the schedule. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, Varner and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

FINANCE

2008 TAX LEVY

The City Council reviewed the proposed 2008 Tax Levy. City Clerk Evans told the Council that the proposed numbers were calculated by increasing last years number by 5%. After reviewing the Levy, Commissioner Modglin made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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PUBLIC PROPERTY

SUPERINTENDENT HAGERSTROM REPORT

Superintendent Hagerstrom reviewed his report with the Council. Hagerstrom explained that the sewer telescan was being done, and the sand spreader is being worked on. Commissioner Lindley asked how soon the hydrant would be replaced and Commissioner Kepp reminded Hagerstrom how important it was to get sand down at the railroad crossings in the early mornings. Kepp also asked if anything could be done about the leaves that are lying in the ditches around town. Kepp is concerned that the tin horns will become clogged up and flooding will occur.

STREETS AND ALLEYS

STREET LIGHT IN ALLEY BEHIND CHURCH

City Clerk Evans explained that AmerenCIPS came to the City asking if they would be interested in placing a pole light in the alley between the Grace United Methodist Church and the Neoga Fire hall. Commissioner Modglin said that he feels there is enough light there at this time, and the remaining Council agreed.

RESOLUTION 11-12-08 A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Contract with
Kenneth O. Walk and Linda K. Walk for Purchase of their
Parking Lot

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

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Commissioner Lindley said that he is still trying to get with Howard's Trash Service about recycling but they have not returned any of his phone calls.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to move into executive session for Personnel – Section 2 (c) (1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance at 7:33 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Modglin. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Varner, Modglin, Lindley, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 8:56 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.

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EMPLOYEE WAGES FOR 2009

Commissioner Modglin made a motion to give all the employees a 3% increase in pay, \$50 worth of Neoga Community Cash certificates, and a holiday dinner. Modglin also included \$25 worth of Neoga Community Cash certificates to the Zoning Board members. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Varner to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 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