



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
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CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
DECEMBER 7, 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, Varner, Groves, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were Superintendent Hagerstrom, City Treasurer Foor, and Police Chief Mattern.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from November 16, 2009, and the special session minutes from November 30, 2009, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Commissioner Varner abstained due to him being absent at the last meeting. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIR

REGULAR SESSION COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2010

The Council reviewed the proposed 2010 Regular Session Council Meeting dates and with no questions asked, Commissioner Varner made a motion to approve the dates for the first and third Mondays of each month unless it falls on a holiday. In the event that the scheduled meeting falls on a holiday, the meeting will be held on the following Tuesday. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Groves, Lindley, Kepp and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

CONTRACT WITH COLES COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING

The Council reviewed the contract with Coles County Regional Planning for the 2010 year. With no changes to the contract from the previous year, and due to CCDC not having a director, Commissioner Groves made a motion to approve the contract. 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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FINANCE

TAX LEVY FOR 2010

City Clerk Evans explained to the Council that the proposed tax levy was just for review. Mayor Modglin explained that the past few years there has been a surplus of funds in the employee benefit fund, so he recommended that we decrease the levy dollars in those areas and levy additional funds in the corporate fund. City Clerk Evans said that she would contact Gilbert, Metzger, and Madigan to make sure there would not be any problems in the future and would have a final draft for the next meeting.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

SUPERINTENDENT HAGERSTROM REPORT

Superintendent Hagerstrom handed out a report to the Council on what the public works department has been doing. The report included the following:

Streets:

- Removed stumps from alley east of Locust & 11th Street
- Repaired & rewired Christmas lights
- Rented bucket truck to hang lights
- Replaced bulbs on 4 way stop light and fastened up wire
- Mounted sand spreader and plow on GMC
- Repaired truck wiring & lighting
- Worked on GMC truck door
- Backhoe door was straightened & reinstalled
- Took hydraulic cylinder off maintainer, had seals replaced
- Replaced maintainer cylinder

Sewer

- Pulled & unclogged Pump #1 in N-Well
- Cleaned trash baskets

Misc.

- Gathered data for engineer's rate study
- Mapped PVC water lines
- Held training by IDOL

Commissioner Kepp asked Superintendent Hagerstrom to give the Council a list of projects that the department will be working on in the next two weeks at the upcoming meeting.

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UPDATE ON LIFT STATION AT 956 WALNUT

Superintendent Hagerstrom said that the electricity has been completed and they are waiting on the weather to dry so that the sewer line can be tied in.

E.J. WATER COOP

Mayor Modglin said that after the last meeting there was a concern that E.J. did not offer a special water rate for commercial users.

STREETS AND ALLEYS

ELM STREET REPAIRS

City Clerk Evans said that Rob Behl received his bill for the road damage that occurred this spring. Evans said that Behl felt the cost to repair the road was too expensive and would like to pay only a portion of the bill. Superintendent Hagerstrom explained that the cost for repairs was cheaper because Walkers came down when their schedule allowed instead of making a special trip, which would have cost additional dollars. It was the consensus of the Council to proceed with sending the entire bill to Behl.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Commissioner Lindley said that he did not have any report to give but would like to have an update on the houses that City Attorney Braden is working on.

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 7:34 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Varner, Groves, Lindley, Kepp and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 8:57 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Varner, and seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin.

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to increase all full time and salary personnel a 1% increase in pay. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, Commissioner Groves. Motion carried. 4-1.

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Kepp to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date