



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
JANUARY 19, 2009, AT 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 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 Police Chief Gerald Mattern.

MINUTES

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

PUBLIC AFFAIR

ITEMS FOR SALE

City Clerk Evans asked the Council how they wanted to sell the surplus items that are stored in the back room of the public works building. Evans explained that some of the items are gone but most of it is still there. Commissioner Modglin said that he felt sealed bids should be taken due to the fact that the items are public property. After a lengthy discussion, the Council agreed to take sealed bids on the items as soon as possible.

WALK STOCK FARM WATER

Commissioner Varner said that he was told Walk's Stock farm was incorrectly billed for water services. Varner said that he was informed that once the correct rate was applied, their usage decreased. Evans explained that she reviewed their account and contacted Walks by phone. They did decrease their usage, but it was not because their multiplier was incorrect. It was because they were cutting back on expenses.

APPOINTMENT OF CCDC REPRESENTATIVES

City Clerk Evans said that she has spoken with both Bill Steichman and Kevin Jansen and they have agreed to represent the City of Neoga for the coming year on the CCDC board. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Modglin made a motion to appoint Bill Steichman and Kevin Jansen as Neoga Representatives. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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NEOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Gerald Mattern explained that traffic citations are up by 26 which were all warnings and not written citations. Mattern said that the case files are down but that is due to the new way they are reporting cases. In the past the officers issued a new case number for each individual involved in the case, but now they issue one number for each case.

FINANCE

BILLS

The warrant list was given to the Council. After reviewing the list, Commissioner Modglin made a motion to pay the bills totaling \$65,754.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was presented. With no objections heard, Mayor Russell ordered the financial report to be placed into the files of the City Clerk.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

SUPERINTENDENT HAGERSTROM REPORT

Superintendent Hagerstrom reviewed his report with the Council. Hagerstrom said that the sewer televising was done and explained the report.

SEWER RATE RESOLUTIONS

The Council reviewed the presented sewer rate resolution. After a brief discussion they agreed that the resolution should state that the sewer rates will increase by 5% every January and May. The resolution will be changed to reflect this update.

MEMORANDAM OF AGREEMENT

The Council reviewed the Memorandum of Agreement that was discussed at the last meeting. Commissioner Varner made a motion to have the Mayor sign the Memorandum of Agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Modglin. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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PAY REQUEST

The Council reviewed a pay request from Curry Construction. After a short discussion, Commissioner Varner made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$28,730.39. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

STREETS AND ALLEYS

Commissioner Kepp didn't have a report; however, he thanked the public works department for their snow removal efforts.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

No report was given.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to move into executive session at 8:01 p.m. for Section 2 (c) (21) – Approval of Minutes – Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Varner, Modglin, Lindley, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting reconvened at 8:13 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Varner, seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Those present for roll call were: Commissioner Varner, Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Russell.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Varner to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Jay Russell, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date