



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
JANUARY 21, 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, Mayor Russell and City Clerk Evans. Absent was Commissioner Modglin. Others present were Superintendent Stan Hagerstrom, and CCDC Representative Sara Layton.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from January 7, 2008, Commissioner Varner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

CCDC

Sara Layton updated the Council on the meeting that was held on Wednesday which included Layton, Doug McDermand from Coles County Regional Planning, City Attorney Glenn Braden, and City Clerk Evans. Layton also said that she spoke with different people regarding the Future Gen project that will be locating in the Mattoon area. Evans and Layton are inquiring on what they can do to assist Coles Together in landing the prospective company in Mattoon. Evans said that she spoke with the treasurer from Coles Together, and they discussed sending out letters to area residents asking for donations. Layton said that she spoke with someone else, and they felt a donation from CCDC would show that Cumberland County is backing their efforts. Layton said that the Mattoon Chamber of Commerce has contacted CCDC about housing locations within the county as well.

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Varner made a motion to donate \$500 to Coles Together for the Future Gen project as well as send letters to key people in the Neoga area. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Lindley, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

In other business, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the annual membership dues to CCDC of \$1000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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IIMC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

City Clerk Evans told the Council that the IIMC Annual Conference is coming up in May and requested permission to attend. After brief discussion, Commissioner Varner made a motion to allow City Clerk Evans to attend the conference. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Lindley, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. 4-0.

FINANCE

BILLS

The bills were presented to the Council in a detailed list to be approved for the month. After reviewing, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$31,075.19. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Lindley, Kepp and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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 updated the Council on the preconstruction meeting for the Dogwood Drainage project. He also informed the Council that the water sales building was broken into a few months ago, and the public works employees reinforced the door to help prevent that from happening again.

PURCHASE OF CHART RECORDER

Superintendent Hagerstrom explained that the chart recorder at the sewer plant has quit working and is unable to be repaired. After reviewing the quotes for a new recorder, Commissioner Varner made a motion to purchase a chart recorder for \$2884. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PAY REQUEST FROM FOTH

Pay requests totaling \$1,196.85 for the water plant shop drawings, and \$3,173.76 for the Phase II Transport and Treatment Facility improvements were presented for payment. After reviewing, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay both request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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STREETS AND ALLEYS

No report was given.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Commissioner Lindley informed the Council that there is a tire collection date tentatively set for June 2008 and a hazardous waste collection date was scheduled for September.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Varner to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Lindley, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Jay Russell, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date