



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
JANUARY 3, 2011, AT 8:019 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:19 p.m. by Mayor Modglin, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were: Commissioners Kepp, Varner, Groves, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Commissioner Lindley was absent. Others present were City Treasurer Diana Foor, and Superintendent Tom Helm.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular and executive session minutes from December 20, 2010, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Varner, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

RESOLUTION 17-01-11 An Resolution to Abate The 2011 Tax Levy Set Forth in Ordinance #751-03-05 Which Authorized the Issuance of General Obligation Waterworks and Sewerage Bonds

After reviewing the Ordinance, Commissioner Varner made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Groves, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

COMPUTER / VIDEO EQUIPMENT PURCHASE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
Chief Mattern is still waiting on information, so this was tabled until the next meeting.

NEOGA DAYS "BEER TENT"

City Clerk Evans said that she has not received the "Special Event" application as of yet, so the Council tabled further discussion until all information was received.

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Resolutions #02-01-11 A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Contract with Phoenix Consulting Engineers, LTD to Conduct a Study Regarding Drainage Improvements.

After reviewing the resolution, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to approve it as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

Resolution #03-01-11 A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Contract with Phoenix Consulting Engineers, LTD Regarding Preparations of a Grant Application for Drainage Improvements

After reviewing the resolution, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to approve it as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

FINANCE

No reports were given.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

CEMETERY UPDATE

The Neoga City Council attended the Neoga Township meeting earlier in the evening and asked for a decision on accepting the deed to the Neoga Memorial Cemetery. After a tense discussion, the Township Supervisor Richard Russell informed the Council that due to the fact that the cemetery was not on the agenda, they would not be discussing the cemetery. It was clarified that they did receive the certified letter asking that it be on the agenda. Mr. Russell said that he knew one trustee would not be at the meeting and he wanted every board member to be present to vote on it. Road Commissioner Lloyd Lacy asked if the Council would be interested in working on a contract where the City and the Township place money into an account and appoint a board for the cemetery. City Clerk Evans told Mr. Lacy that if the Township wanted to present a proposal to the Council they needed to have it written and presented to her by February 4. This would allow her to place copies in the Council members' packets for review, and it could then be discussed at the February 7th meeting. Evans also explained that this is what the Council has been requesting for over a year, and now they are willing to take the decision to the voters. Evans also explained that due to the short amount of time before the Township Annual Meeting, the contract would have to be acceptable by both sides and signed by the end of February. Mr. Lacy said that he would be in contact with the City Clerk in the next few days. Mayor Modglin and the Council discussed what took place at the Township meeting. It was the consensus that the council would proceed with the proposal at the annual meeting if an agreement was not reached by February 28th.

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STREETS AND ALLEYS

Superintendent Helm updated the Council on everything in the public works department including the contact tanks that now are sealed and new hardware that will be installed in the tanks in the next few weeks. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to sell the 1999 Dodge pickup truck for \$4000 through Miller Motors. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

No report was given; however, the Council did discuss the new recycling area located across from the Municipal Building. They hope that it is a great success!

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Kepp to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Kepp, Varner and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date