



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
JANUARY 7, 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 Superintendent Stan Hagerstrom, Greg Cook from Foth Infrastructure, and HDC Engineering representative George Warner.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from December 17, 2007, Commissioner Modglin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Kepp, Varner, Modglin, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

COLES COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING

No report was given.

FINANCE

No report was given

PUBLIC PROPERTY

SUPERINTENDENT HAGERSTROM REPORT

Superintendent Hagerstrom told the Council that everything went well when the baffling tanks were delivered and set on January 4th. Hagerstrom also informed the Council that he spoke with Sudkamp Plumbing and Heating about the lift station for the Hartke Subdivision.

PAYMENT ON CLEAR WELL TANK

A brief discussion was held regarding the payment of the clear well tanks delivered by Crest Pre-Cast. After the discussion, Commissioner Varner made a motion to pay the invoice of \$62,200 to Crest Pre-Cast, but to not forward the payment until the remaining items arrive for the clear well tanks. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Modglin. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Modglin, Lindley, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

STREETS AND ALLEYS

DOGWOOD DRAINAGE

Greg Cook told the council that the contracts for the Dogwood drainage project have been executed, and they are ready for the Mayor's signature if the Council approves. A motion was made by Commissioner Kepp to give the Mayor permission to sign the construction contracts for the Dogwood drainage project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

In other business regarding the Dogwood drainage project, the Council discussed which engineering company they would like to receive a quote from for the layout and inspection of the project. Mayor Russell said that it might be a good time to look at an alternative firm to do some projects. After the discussion, Commissioner Varner made a motion to have HDC do the inspection and layout on the Dogwood project, and have Foth continue with the 2008 MFT project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Modglin. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PAY REQUEST FROM FOTH

Greg Cook presented to the Council the last bill for the 2007 MFT project. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$505.45. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Kepp, Varner, Modglin, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

FINAL CLOSE OUT OF 2007 MFT

Greg Cook explained the close out paperwork to the Council, and after the discussion Commissioner Kepp made a motion to close out the 2007 MFT. 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

The houses located on Walnut and Maple have been posted, and the City will soon get bids so the houses can be torn down in the near future. A discussion was held regarding a sink hole on 5th Street next to the railroad tracks. Evans is to contact the railroad.

NEOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Gerry Mattern handed out a year end report to the Council. Mattern also told the Council that the City applied for a grant back in October of 2007, and during the holidays we were notified that we did not receive the grant. However, Mattern said that `

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today the city received an email stating that additional funds were received, and now they could fund our request. The grant is for a squad car.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Modglin made a motion to move into executive session for Section 2 (c) (21) – Discussion of minutes of meetings from November 19, 2007 at 8:32p.m.. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

RECONVENED

The meeting was reconvened at 8:34p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Varner, and seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Varner to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Modglin, Lindley, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Jay Russell, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date