



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
JULY 19, 2010, 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 Varner, Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were City Treasurer Diana Foor, Police Chief Gerald Mattern, and acting Superintendent Tom Helm.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from July 6, 2010, Commissioner Lindley made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioners Lindley, Varner, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Commissioner Kepp abstained. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIR

NCIS SEED MONEY

Commissioner Groves said that he is representing NCIS and they are asking the City Council if they would give the committee \$200 in seed money. Mayor Modglin asked Groves to talk to Neoga Township again and see if they are willing to donate and then come back to the Council.

PART TIME POLICE OFFICERS

Mayor Modglin said that he spoke with Ken Righter, the owner of the Neoga Coin Wash, after his business was burglarized. Modglin stated that Righter was very upset that the City no longer has 24 hour police coverage, but was able to hire someone to mow along Rt. #45. Modglin said he explained that the City has to made many cuts in all departments, and that Righter is the first person to complain about not having enough police officers. Mayor Modglin said that due to the fact that we have cut back in the public works department, maybe we can start using a part-time officer again. Chief Mattern informed the Council that there has been in increase in theft recently, but he is not sure if it is because of the cut backs, the down economy, or the fact that kids are out of school. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Varner made a motion to employ a part-time officer between 20-24 hours per week. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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FINANCE

BILLS

After reviewing the proposed bills, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the bills totaling \$30,172.48. Commissioner Kepp asked Tom Helm if there was any way that the city could combine the purchase of chemicals with other communities to cut our costs. Helm said that he would do some research on it and get back with them. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

TREASURER REPORT

After reviewing the treasurer report, Mayor Modglin ordered the financial report to be placed into the files of the City Clerk.

ORDINANCE 798-06-10 AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH A BUDGET OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CITY PURPOSES OF THE CITY OF NEOGA, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011 COMMENCING ON MAY 1, 2010 AND ENDING ON APRIL 30, 2011

After the suggested changes, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to accept the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

PUBLIC PROPERTY

NEOGA MEMORIAL CEMETERY

Mayor Modglin said that the committee, which is down to about two people, thought the City should spend the Ewing Estate money before we do anything with the Neoga Township. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to proceed with the purchase of the arch over the pillars, a new flag pole, a partial fence, and also repair headstones and add landscape. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

GRASS SEEDING

The Council reviewed a quote from Hayden Landscaping and Thomas Lawn Service regarding the grass seeding of the ditch at Heartland Christian Village and behind Locust Avenue. After reviewing both quotes, Commissioner Varner made a motion to accept Thomas Lawn Service's bid in the amount of \$2,460. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN SLUDGE PERMIT

After discussing the need to have the sludge permit, Commissioner Varner made a motion to have Mayor Modglin sign the MOA for the sludge permit. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN IEPA WPC-PS-1 FORM

With little discussion, Commissioner Varner made a motion authorizing Mayor Modglin to sign IEPA WPC-PS-1 form for the sludge permit. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Groves, Lindley, Kepp and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

STREETS AND ALLEYS

NCIS

Commissioner Groves informed the Council that NCIS had two new signs installed, and they will be adding additional signs in the near future. Commissioner Groves also said that the Farmers Market has been a great success.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

CITYWIDE CLEANUP

Commissioner Lindley told the Council that the City Wide Cleanup went very well, but he did not know how much was collected.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Varner to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date