



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEOGA HELD IN  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533  
CHESTNUT  
JULY 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 Hagerstrom, City Treasurer Diana Foor, JoEllen Davis, Marcia Bingham, Carl Swick, Ronald Russell, Greg Maroon, George Warner, Doug McDermand, Matt Johnson, and Crystal Robinson.

## MINUTES

City Clerk Evans explained that the minutes were not available at this time and would be presented to them at the next meeting.

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS

### FENCE VARANCE AT 807 WALNUT AVENUE

Greg Maroon gave a list of signatures from area property owners that he notified about this meeting where the Council would be considering a fence variance for his property located at 807 Walnut Avenue. After a brief discussion and with no one objecting in the audience, Commissioner Varner made a motion to rant the variance for the fence. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

## FINANCE

### BILLS

The Council reviewed the presented bills for the month. With no discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$97,727.98. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Lindley, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

### TREASURER 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.

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EMPLOYEE INSURANCE

Jo Ellen Davis from Walk Insurance explained the possible different insurance quotes. After a lengthy discussion about the options, Davis recommended staying with the Principal Care 80/60 with \$1000 deductible and the office visits would increase by \$5 from \$20 & \$30 to \$25 & \$35. Commissioner Kepp made a motion to continue with Personal Care Insurance 80/60 plan with a rate of \$2666.26. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY**

SUPERINTENDENT HAVERSTRAW

Superintendent Haverstraw explained to the Council that the public works department has been replacing street signs, mowing and treating for mosquitoes.

DOGWOOD DRAINAGE UPDATE

George Warner updated the Council on the Dogwood Drainage project and explained that no change order is available at this time. Warner asked the council to pay the presented pay request. Commissioner Varner made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$61,803.59. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PHASE II SEWER PROJECT

Matt Johnson from Foth Infrastructure explained to the Council that he has walked the project and everything is going well. Johnson recommended that the Council approve payment to Curry Construction. Commissioner Varner made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$113,069.75. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Lindley, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

HDC ENGINEERING PAY REQUEST

After reviewing the pay request from HDC Engineering, commissioner Varner made a motion to pay the request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

## **STREETS AND ALLEYS**

### **FOTH PAY REQUEST**

After reviewing the pay request from Foth Infrastructure, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the quest in the amount of \$5295.81. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Commissioner Lindley informed the Council that he is still concerned about the property located at 811 Shaffer. City Clerk Evans said that she would contact City Attorney Braden about the status of the property.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to move into executive session for Section 2 (c) (5) Purchase or Lease of Real Estate, at 7:55 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Lindley, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

## **RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting reconvened at 8:33 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Varner, seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Those present for roll call were: Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Lindley and Mayor Russell.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Kepp to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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Jay Russell, Mayor

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Brenda Evans, Clerk

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Date