



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
JULY 6, 2009, 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 Lindley, Kepp, Varner, Groves, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were Superintendent Hagerstrom, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Nancy Buening with the Neoga Post office, JoEllen Davis and Mark Behrns with Walk Insurance.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from June 15, 2009, Commissioner Varner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioners Varner, Groves, Lindley, Kepp and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIR

NANCY BUENING WITH NEOGA POST OFFICE

Neoga Postmaster Nancy Buening spoke to the Council about the problems that she will incur if the Council made the ally next to the post office one way going from the North to the South. Buening asked that it be left a two way; however, if the Council insisted on it being one way to please make it go South to North. She would have to get permission from the regional office in St. Louis to change the routes. Commissioner Kepp recommended dropping the one way sign proposal. Commissioner Groves seconded it. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

SURVEY OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Mayor Modglin informed the Council that City Attorney Glenn Braden asked that the city approve surveying three alleys so that work can be done on them. One is located east of Wilson Avenue between 5th and 7th Streets. The other two are located between 10th and 11th Street and between Oak and Locust and east of Locust Avenue. According to Braden the cost will be around \$1800. Commissioner Kepp made a motion to approve the surveying of three alleys totaling \$1800. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioners, Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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PAY REQUEST FROM BRADEN LAW OFFICE

City Attorney Braden submitted two pay requests for services rendered on the properties located at 451 Walnut and 673 Maple Avenue. The City of Neoga put liens on both of these properties for maintenance done to them. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Varner made a motion to pay the pay request of \$1802.60 for services at Maple Avenue and \$3227.50 for services on Walnut Avenue. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Groves, Lindley, Kepp and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

DONATION FOR SOFTBALL

Two players from the Cumberland Invasion softball team asked the Council for a donation to help with their expenses to travel to the World series, July 19 – 26th in Gary Indiana. After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Modglin explained to the girls and their parents that the City of Neoga has a policy that donations will only be given to those that have received donations from Neoga Township. It was the consensus of the Council to match the funds that the township donates.

ORDINANCE #789-06-09 An Ordinance to Authorize and Regulate the Use of Golf Carts on Streets Within the City of Neoga

City Clerk Evans told the Council that the ordinance presented to them is the one that City Attorney Glenn Braden has changed, and Evans would like for the Council to review it one more time. After a brief discussion Commissioner Varner made a motion to accept the ordinance with those changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Varner, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

DONATION FOR CAMP NEW HOPE

Kim Carmack sent a letter to the city seeking a donation to Camp New Hope which stated Neoga Township donated \$1000.00. Commissioner Groves made a motion to donate \$1000. Commissioner Kepp seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

RESOLUTION 07-07-09 CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICE WITH GLENN BRADEN LAW OFFICE.

After little discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to allow the Mayor to enter into a contract for legal services with Glenn Braden Law Office. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

Mayor Modglin reminded everyone that if a citizen has a complaint about an employee they should be directed to complete and file a written complaint. If it is discovered the complaint was filed falsely, charges can be filed against the complainant.

FINANCE

HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL

Mayor Modglin explained that the medical insurance renewal is August 1st and if the city stays with the current policy it will increase 32.27%. Walk Insurance representatives JoEllen Davis and Mark Burhns told the Council that they quoted the insurance with other companies as well, and Personal Care was still less expensive than any others. Modglin said that at this time, the employees do not pay any portion of their health insurance; however, he feels the council should consider having the employees pay at least the cost of the increase. Davis did tell the Council that there is an alternative program called a Health Savings Account (HSA). After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to ask the employees if they would prefer to pay a portion of the insurance premium or try the HSA program.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

SUPERINTENDENT HAGERSTROM REPORT

Superintendent Hagerstrom updated the Council on the activities that the department has been working on. The backhoe is in the repair shop. Hagerstrom said that he is expecting two quotes from Earl Walker Construction on the repairs for Elm Avenue. Hagerstrom said that he didn't just want to oil and chip the road but wanted it to be repaired

so that it will last a long time. Also the 5th Street sewer manhole has been repaired; however, the Telescan company still has to do point repairs. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Groves said that he appreciated the tour that he received and said that the Cedar lift station alarm was not working correctly. Groves stated that it is critical that the alarm be heard, and it couldn't be heard when he was there.

PAY REQUEST FROM FOTH

After reviewing the proposed pay request, Commissioner Varner made a motion to pay the pay request in the amount of \$1776.60. 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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DRAINAGE ON CHESTNUT AVENUE

Mayor Modglin said that the Neoga Fire Department has asked permission to place some type of drainage along Chestnut and their driveway because the water is pooling in that area. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to allow the fire department to place grated boxes to drain the water. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Commissioner Lindley asked Superintendent Hagerstrom how soon the fire hydrant will be replaced. Hagerstrom said that he would have to call J.U.L.I.E. again and when the backhoe would have to be repaired first.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Kepp to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date