



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
JUNE 15, 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, Groves, Kepp, Varner, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were Superintendent Hagerstrom, Corinthia Croy from the Cumberland County Life Center, William Ramert, and Matt Johnson from Foth.

City Clerk Evans informed the Council that Commissioner Groves was sworn in prior to the meeting.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from June 1, 2009, Commissioner Varner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Varner, Groves, Lindley, Kepp and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIR

CUMBERLAND COUNTY LIFE CENTER

Corinthia Croy from the Cumberland County Life Center told the Council that so far this year the life center has served 144 seniors. This number is already higher than last year. Croy said she is seeking donations again this year due to the state cutbacks. City Clerk Evans told the Council that they donated \$2500 last year. Mayor Modglin explained that the Council has a policy stating they will match any funds that Neoga Township donated. Croy said the township donated \$700 in January. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Varner made a motion to donate \$700 and recommended that the Life Center once again approach the township and ask for more money. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

ORDINANCE #790-06-09 An Ordinance Amending Section 6-71 of the Code of Ordinances Relating to Alcoholic Beverages to Eliminate All Class C and D Licenses

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

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MCI SUMMER SEMINAR

City Clerk Evans explained to the Council that she had a MCI Summer Seminar coming up and wanted permission to attend. The Council explained that any training that will benefit the City should be attended. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Varner made a motion to approve attendance to the Seminar in Alton. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

NEOGA SIGNS

City Clerk Evans presented a proposal from Jamie Whitaker to refurbish the “Welcome to Neoga” signs. Commissioner Kepp made a motion to hire Whitaker to repair the signs at a cost of \$100 per sign plus supplies. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

FINANCE

BILLS

The Council reviewed the warrant bill list. After no discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$27,667.22. 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 no discussion, Mayor Modglin ordered the financial report to be placed into the files of the City Clerk.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

SUPERINTENDENT HAGERSTROM REPORT

Superintendent Hagerstrom updated the Council on the activities that the Public Works department was doing. Hagerstrom explained that the mower was down for one week while it was being repaired. The public works employees were cleaning the ditch on East 4th Street when they were pulled off to assist with the alley between 10th & 11th Street and Oak and Locust. Hagerstrom said that the coating work for the water tower will not qualify for the DECO grant; however, it will qualify for a low interest EPA loan. Hagerstrom explained that an estimate from Walkers will be coming soon. This estimate is to repair the damages to Elm Avenue due to a farmer’s equipment malfunction.

Superintendent Hagerstrom also explained to the Council that the Cedar lift station malfunctioned. On June 9th, the City offices received a phone call from Jennie Ramert stating that sewage was backing up into her basement. Hagerstrom said that he went down to the station and found that a fuse had blown and the backup batteries were dead.

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Commissioner Kepp asked if the station is checked on a regular basis. Hagerstrom said it was checked on the Friday before, and everything was operating correctly at this time. The City Council informed Hagerstrom that the lift station should have preventive maintenance done regularly to prevent anything from happening. City Clerk Evans said that the proper paperwork had been submitted to the insurance company, and if they find that the City was negligent they will pay on the claim. Mayor Modglin told Mr. Ramert that the Council is sorry for any inconvenience or hardship this may have caused, but asked that they purchase a backwater lift station or something comparable so that this doesn't happen again in the future.

It was the consensus of the Council to make sure that any new basements being constructed have a system in place to prevent this from happening to anyone else.

PAY REQUEST FROM CURRY CONSTRUCTION

Matt Johnson presented the final pay request from Curry Construction for the retainer fee of \$11,500. With no discussion being held Commissioner Varner made a motion to pay the request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

SCG PHASE II PROJECT SUMMARY

Matt Johnson gave the Council a project summary sheet and said the grant was submitted.

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

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the neighborhood vehicle ordinance. Chief Mattern recommended that we increase the fee to \$75, have a serial number on the vehicle, and have a roll over projection.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

No report was given.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Kepp to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date