



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
JUNE 21, 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 Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were Life Center Executive Director Corinthia Croy.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from June 7th, 14th, and executive session minutes of June 14, 2010, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Varner, Lindley and Mayor Modglin. Commissioner Groves abstained. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIR

RESOLUTION #05-06-10 A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Contract for Legal Services with Glenn A. Braden

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the contract for legal services with Glenn Braden. It was the consensus of the Council to wait until they have written updates and proposed completion dates on a number of projects.

ORDINANCE #798-06-10 An Ordinance Relating to the Prevailing Rate of Wages in the City of Neoga

After reviewing the Ordinance #798-06-10, Commissioner Varner made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. The ordinance was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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LIFE CENTER DONATION REQUEST

Life Center Executive Director Corinthia Croy requested from the Council a donation in the amount of \$750 which would match those funds donated by the Neoga Township. With no discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to donate \$750 to the Life Center. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

FINANCE

BILLS

After reviewing the proposed bills, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the bills totaling \$37,289.99. 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.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

PURCHASE OF DESTRATIFIER

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the purchase of a new destratifier for the lake. It was the consensus of the Council to talk with Sigel Welding and other area companies to get a quote on a new destratifier.

AUTHORIZING WALK EXCAVATING TO BEGIN DITCH WORK

Mayor Modglin explained to the Council that he had met with Gene Walk regarding the cleaning of ditches between 10th & 11th Street to the east of Locust Avenue (\$1600), the south side of Heartland Christian Village land (\$3880), and the east side of the Neoga Memorial Cemetery (\$1520). Mayor Modglin explained that in exchange for these services, Mr. Walk would like to have the old maintainer (valued at \$4000) and an old small box (valued at \$500). Commissioner Groves made a motion to move forward with having Walk Excavating begin the work on all three ditches starting with the Locust ditch first. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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AUTHORIZING OF DITCH WORK FROM M & E SPRAY

Mayor Modglin explained to the Council that he spoke with M & E Spray company to see if they would give us a quote on cleaning the area around 811 Shaffer Avenue. The bid came back in the amount of \$1300. It includes removing brush and stumps treated from 7th Street along the tracks to Shaffer Avenue. Along with the bid, M & E Spray gave the Council a bid of \$475 to mow and remove small trees at the abandoned house. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to have M & E Spray proceed with the work. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

STREETS AND ALLEYS

UPDATE OF 2010 MFT

City Clerk Evans explained that she has given the information for the streets that need to be tilled, oiled and chipped to Tom Kreke with IDOT. Evans explained to the Council the proposed road repairs. It was the consensus of the Council to include 5th Street from Locust to the rail road tracks due to the fact that the sewer main collapsed last year.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Commissioner Lindley said that he is still concerned about some homes in town that are in need of repairs and cleanup. Lindley also reminded everyone about the citywide cleanup in July.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Varner made a motion to move into executive session at 7:35 p.m. for Personnel – Section 2 (c) (1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Groves, Lindley, Kepp and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 8:48 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Varner, and seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley and Mayor Modglin.

HIRING PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

After the executive session, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to hire David Fearday at \$13 per hour for the public works department. 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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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Kepp to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. 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