



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
MARCH 15, 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 Lindley, Kepp, Varner, Groves, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were Superintendent Hagerstrom, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Hank Stevens, and Linc Andrews.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from March 1, 2010 Commissioner Kepp made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIR

TIF DISTRICTS

Hank Stevens explained the advantages and disadvantages to TIF Districts. The Council discussed the proposed TIF District contract from Moran Economic Development. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to get additional bids for a TIF district.

NEOGA DAYS REQUEST

Linc Andrews informed the Council that the Park Board did allow for the beer tent and is now asking for the Council to support it as well. After hearing no objections from those in attendance, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to approve a special event liquor license on June 18th and 19th between 5 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., to have last call at 10:45 with no alcohol being sold or given out after 11:00 p.m., and with the Council being satisfied with the security and liability insurance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

CLOSING OF 6TH STREET FOR NEOGA DAYS

Linc Andrews also ask the Council permission to close 6th Street from Park Avenue to the bridge. Andrews explained that the committee is looking at having large farm implements and trucks on display in that area. After a lengthy conversation, it was the consensus of the Council to discuss the closing at the next meeting.

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FOIA OFFICERS

City Clerk Evans explained that FOIA Officer Diana Foor feels that additional people need to be appointed as FOIA Officers in the event that she is not in the office or on vacation. FOIA Officer Foor recommended that City Administrator Evans and Police Chief Mattern also be named as officers. After little discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to appoint Evans and Mattern as additional FOIA Officers. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

ORDINANCE 794-03-10 An Ordinance Declaring Certain Real Estate Owned by the City as Excess and Directing the Sale of the Real Estate by Sealed Bid

Motion by Commissioner Kepp to pass Ordinance 794-03-10. 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 \$71,462.54. 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

SUPERINTENDENT HAGERSTROM REPORT

Superintendent Hagerstrom handed out a report to the Council on what the public works department has been doing. The report included the following:

Water:

- Discussed lake gate design with Gil Smith, forwarded to Mattoon Streets
- Discussed pump controls for lake pump with Gil Smith
- Shipped pH meter in for repairs

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Sewer:

- Manhole backed up at Locust & 7th Street on Sat. 3/6, it was jetted
- Sewer jetted SW – side of town.

Streets:

- Hauled cold mix and warmed mix up in shop overnight
- Filled potholes with cold mix
- Replaced stop sign & post at Shaffer & 6th
- Filled potholes in alleys with CA6
- Graded & rocked alley behind NES
- Spread rock on pump house road
- Broomed sand off main streets on W-side
- Picked up sand in street gutters on W-side
- Met with engineer re: MFT projects and funding
- Picked up fallen branches

Misc:

- Replaced brake rotors, pads, and bearings on Joe's '99 pickup
- Took plow off Massey tractor and mounted street broom
- Emptied sand spreader, left on truck
- Pulled steel stakes from ground displays
- Pulled posts by new trees in cemetery
- Took apart bent / broken barricades

RATE STUDY

It was the consensus of the Council that the rate increase be tabled until the study is back.

CEMETERY LOT PRICES

City Clerk Evans told the Council that Swengel-O'Dell Funeral Home is requesting that the price of the cemetery lots be reviewed. Evans said that according to O'Dell's, the lots have not been selling due to the recently increased price. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to refer the review to the cemetery committee.

BRIGHTON CABINETARY SEWER DISCOUNT

City Clerk Evans told the Council that Brighton Cabinetry is requesting that the City discount their sewer rates because they have installed a humidifying machine. The Council told Evans to get them Brighton's past water bills, and they would make the decision at the next meeting.

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WALK STOCK FARM WATER RATE

City Clerk Evans informed the Council that she reviewed the water rates for Walk Stock Farm and compared it to their contract. After considering the rate increases that were applied, the rate is still incorrect. Evans said that she has verified everything with the city auditor, and the auditor agreed that the initial base rate was incorrect. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Varner made a motion to increase the water rate for Walk Stock Farm to the correct amount. 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

MFT 2010

Commissioner Groves informed the Council that he met with Superintendent Hagerstrom along with Greg Cook regarding possible MFT projects this year. Groves said that the funds just were not there as of right now to do any work; however, he is planning on meeting with County Engineer Ben Bland about Walnut Avenue and GIS software.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Commissioner Groves said that the First Christian Church is asking that the city assist with making the sidewalk handicap accessible. No decision was made.

CEMETERY BOARD

Mayor Modglin updated the Council on the cemetery board activities. Mayor Modglin explained that the committee will be attending the next Neoga Township Meeting on April 5th to request the assistance from the Township to maintain the Neoga Memorial Cemetery. Mayor Modglin said that the Council should be at that meeting as well to support those on the committee.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESIGNATION OF NEOGA EMERGENCY
COORDINATOR

Commissioner Lindley informed the Council that Neoga Emergency Coordinator Bob Thomas has given his letter of resignation. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to accept the resignation. 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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APPOINTMENT OF NEOGA EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

Commissioner Lindley said that he has received two letters of recommendation to appoint Bill Roderick as the Neoga Emergency Coordinator. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Varner made a motion to appoint Roderick as the Emergency Coordinator, and he would like to have a chain of command in the event that Roderick was unavailable. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

APPLIANCE PICKUP

Commissioner Lindley reminded the Council that Baby Huey will be holding an appliance pickup across from the municipal building on April 3.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Kepp to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 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