



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
MARCH 17, 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, Modglin, Mayor Russell and City Clerk Evans. Others present were City Treasurer Diana Foor, Superintendent Stan Hagerstrom, Foth Infrastructure engineers Matt Johnson, and Larry Johnson.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from March 3, 2008, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Commissioner Modglin abstained. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

No report was given

FINANCE

BILLS

A warrant bill list was given to the Council to review. Finance Commissioner Modglin said that this month's total bills were higher due to the sewer bond payment of \$50,007.12. No discussion was held, so Commissioner Modglin made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$89,940.16. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Modglin, Lindley and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

TREASURER'S 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.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

SUPERINTENDENT HAGERSTROM REPORT

Superintendent Hagerstrom updated the Council on the invoice from Crest Pre Cast in the amount of \$2,504.35. Hagerstrom said that we are still getting invoices on the bill which is now including finance charges of \$37.57. However, Foth Infrastructure is working on getting the bill corrected. Foth Infrastructure representative Larry Johnson said that Crest PreCast quoted the job, and additional expenses were incurred. However, Crest PreCast did not mention the added expenses. Hagerstrom also told the Council that AmerenCips will be in Neoga to trim trees in the near future.

DOGWOOD DRAINAGE

City Clerk Evans told the Council that City Attorney Glenn Braden is waiting on the easements to be returned by the land owners. Evans said that once the paperwork is received, construction will begin with weather permitting.

PHASE II SEWER PROJECT

Matt Johnson from Foth Infrastructure said that at this time the construction has not begun; however, the materials will be delivered next week. Johnson said that some valves will need to be replaced at the sewer plant which will cost around \$1500. The influent sewer will have to be placed in the south lagoon during construction. Doing this will cause some odor problems.

CLEAR WELL BAFFLING SYSTEM

Foth Infrastructure representative Larry Johnson gave the Council a summary of the Clear Well Baffling system and upcoming deadline. Larry Johnson recommended that Superintendent Hagerstrom should give the Council a summary of all the invoices so that they are aware of the expenses and can approve them. Johnson also told the Council that a certified letter must be sent to IEPA before the April 15th deadline.

STREETS AND ALLEYS

6th STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Superintendent Hagerstrom informed the Council about the projected time line on the 6th Street Reconstruction project. Hagerstrom also explained the proposed detour routes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 08-03

A Resolution Regarding the West 6th Street from Elm Avenue to Oak Avenue Improvements with Cumberland County.

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

Commissioner Kepp also asked Hagerstrom how soon the pot holes could be fixed, and Hagerstrom told him as soon as the weather permitted.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Commissioner Lindley informed the Council that there will be an appliance pickup for people outside the city limits on April 2nd. It will be held in the parking lot across from the Municipal building. Also, a curb side appliance pickup for anyone in Neoga will be on April 7th. This service is free of charge to anyone.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Kepp to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Modglin. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Modglin, Lindley, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Jay Russell, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date