



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
MARCH 2, 2009, 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 Public Works Superintendent Stan Hagerstrom.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from February 17, 2009, Commissioner Varner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioners Varner, Modglin, Lindley, Kepp and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIR

SIDEWALK ALONG RT. #45

Doug McClure updated the Council on the sidewalk project that will be constructed along Rt. #45 from the Neoga Estates to 11th Street. McClure explained that IDOT is requesting that the permit be issued in the City of Neoga's name and that the city maintain the sidewalk. According to McClure, City Attorney Glenn Braden wanted to see a plat to verify where the property lines are. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kepp said that this is a good project and made a motion to have the city mow around the sidewalk area from Neoga Estates to 11th Street. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Modglin. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Modglin, Lindley, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

MEDIACOM FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

City Clerk Evans explained to the Council that a few years ago, MediaCom Cable system's franchise agreement expired. At that time the Council could not agree on a new contract. Recently, MediaCom has asked the City to sign a contract allowing MediaCom to change their name. Evans gave the Council a copy of the email that MediaCom sent to her. Evans said the email gives the Council almost everything that they had asked for.

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Commissioner Modglin made a motion to contact MediaCom asking for them to send the City of Neoga a new contract with the language as per the email. In the contract, Modglin also wants to include a one year time limit to adding services throughout the corporate limits and a five year franchise agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes Commissioner Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Mayor Russell said that he has received a complaint from a resident on East 10th Street. The complaint was about the junk on the property at the Camden property. It was suggested that the Zoning board review the ordinances for Mattoon and Effingham and the regulation on businesses burning.

FINANCE

Commissioner Modglin informed the Council that he was not aware that the City Clerk and the City Treasurer salaries were taken out of the water and sewer funds. Modglin said that he spoke with City Treasurer Foor and directed her to take both of these salaries out of the general fund.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

SUPERINTENDENT HAGERSTROM REPORT

Superintendent Hagerstrom reviewed his report with the Council. Superintendent Hagerstrom said that a boil order was issued last week due to an ice blockage in the water tower around 6:40 a.m. Hagerstrom said the department jettted along 8th Street and employees are now working on cleaning the ditches. A brief discussion was held regarding the contract with Joe Williamson. It was the consensus of the Council to offer to buy out Williamson's contract at ½ of what it would cost to keep it.

STREETS AND ALLEYS

Commissioner Kepp told the Council that the drains and sidewalks around Sav Mor pharmacy are complete and look good.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Commissioner Lindley said that an appliance pickup will be held in April. However, it will not be curb side so all the appliances will have to be dropped off at the parking lot located across from the Municipal building.

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Kepp to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Modglin, Lindley, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Jay Russell, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date