



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
NEOGA HELD IN  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT  
MAY 17, 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, Groves, Lindley, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Commissioner Varner was absent. Others present were Superintendent Hagerstrom, City Treasurer Diana Foor, and Tom Strohl.

## **MINUTES**

After reviewing the regular session minutes from May 3, 2010, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Groves, Lindley and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

## **PUBLIC AFFAIR**

Tom Strohl addressed the Council on some problems with 633 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Strohl explained that the yard has not been mowed due to no one living at the house. City Clerk Evans explained that City Treasurer Foor and she have made numerous phone calls to the attorney representing the mortgage company. Evans said that the property is in foreclosure, and the attorneys are working on getting it mowed. Evans also said that Mr. Strohl has been given a copy of all the correspondence between the City and the attorneys.

Mr. Strohl said that he is tired of the mess at the following locations as well:

- 811 Shaffer
- 606 E. 7<sup>th</sup>
- 610 E. 5<sup>th</sup>
- 618 Wilson
- 607 Oak

Strohl also explained that the drainage on the east side of Neoga was terrible, and now that the school is in the process of resurfacing the parking lot the drainage will be worse. Other problems in that area were cats and dogs running at large. City Clerk Evans explained that a trap would be set on his property if he would allow it. It was the consensus of the Council to have the city employees mow the property and contact the school about their plans on the parking lot.

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APPOINTMENT OF NCIS REPRESENTATIVE

City Clerk Evans explained that the Neoga Community Improvement Society (NCIS) would like to have the Council appoint someone to their committee. After a brief discussion, a motion by Commissioner Kepp was made to appoint Ronnie Groves to the NCIS Committee. The motion was second by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

RLF SUMMARY

Mayor Modglin explained to the Council the RLF summary that was presented after the committee met in April. After reviewing the proposed changes, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to accept the changes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

UPDATE ON TIF DISTRICT

Mayor Modglin updated the Council on the proposed Dollar General Store. Modglin explained that he met with City Attorney Glenn Braden, Westmore Equities representative and Economic Development consultant Hank Stevens. As of that meeting the developer is hoping to build the building during the third quarter and open the doors by the end of the year. Mayor Modglin said that the final agreements were being finalized, and everything should be ready in the next few days.

RESOLUTION 03-05-10      A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICE WITH KENNETH M. BETH.

After reviewing the Resolution #03-05-10, Commissioner Groves made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commission Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

RESOLUTION 04-05-10      A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Contract for Consulting Services with Henry J. Stephens

After reviewing the Resolution #04-05-10, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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**FINANCE**

BILLS

After reviewing the proposed bills, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the bills totaling \$25,103.63. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

TREASURER REPORT

After reviewing the treasurer report, Mayor Modglin ordered the financial report to be placed into the files of the City Clerk.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

City Treasurer Diana Foor explained to the Council that a few months back they had instructed her to stop placing monies into the police and equipment reserve accounts due to the fact that the general fund was getting low. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to place \$500 into the police reserve account each month and \$1000 into the equipment reserve each month. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY**

SUPERINTENDENT HAGERSTROM REPORT

The Council reviewed the following public works goals for May 17 –June 6

- Jet 10” interceptor line into WWTP
- Unclog pump and clean trash baskets at WWTP
- Reinstall motor in Truck stop lift-station
- Test motor lead cable in lift-station at WWTP
- Unclog lagoon aerators
- Cut aluminum sheet for day-tank lid
- Remove stumps on horseshoe alley
- Clean ditches and jet blocked culverts
- Extend 2 driveway culverts

Superintendent Hagerstrom informed the Council that the 1999 pickup needs a new transmission. Hagerstrom said that the estimate for a 2 year / 24,000 transmissions is \$1981 and a 3 year / 100,000 mile transmission would be \$2500. After a brief discussion on the age of the pickup, the Council directed Superintendent Hagerstrom to replace the transmission with the 2 year / 24,000 mile transmission. Hagerstrom also told them that the backhoe is in need of front bushings at a cost of about \$2000.

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The Council explained to Superintendent Hagerstrom that a project plan must be completed regarding ditch work also. Hagerstrom said that the employees have been shooting grades on Pine, Elm, and sections of Locust, and they will be cleaning them out. He explained that Locust and Maple on the north end of town will be done also.

LAKE MATTOON DESTRATIFIER

Superintendent Hagerstrom said that he has received a quote for a new destratifier with a price of \$45,000. After a lengthy discussion, the Council instructed Hagerstrom to get additional bids for another destratifier.

CEMETERY ENTRERENCE

City Clerk Evans explained to the Council that the Cemetery entrance is now complete, and the invoice for the materials was a little higher than initially quoted. After reviewing the invoice, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the invoice in the amount of \$2475.45. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**STREETS AND ALLEYS**

ELM STREET REPAIRS

City Clerk Evans said that she has not been able to reach Rob Behl regarding the repayment of the Elm Street repairs; however, she will send him a letter regarding possible legal action.

RESOLUTION #02-05-10    A Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Agreement for Cemetery Maintenance Services with Debra Embry

After the Council reviewed the proposed resolution regarding the cemetery mowing, Commissioner Groves made a motion to accept the Resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

ROAD REPAIR REMINDER

The Council instructed Superintendent Hagerstrom to make sure that all pot holes were filled prior to the beginning of Neoga Days. Tom Strohl told the Council that IDOT has a machine that works well for filling pot holes. The results would last longer than how the City currently does it. Strohl said that the City may be able to borrow it if the Mayor requested it.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY**

ORDINANCE #797-05-10 An Ordinance Regulating Garage Sales and Providing Penalties for Violations

After reviewing the proposed ordinance, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Kepp to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

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Brenda Evans, City Clerk

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Date