



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
NEOGA HELD IN  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT  
MAY 18, 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 Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, Mayor Russell, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were City Treasurer Foor, Superintendent Hagerstrom, Nancy Lawson, Brad Foor, Police Chief Gerald Mattern, and Sara Layton, Joy Russell, and Mayor Russell's grandson.

**MINUTES**

After reviewing the regular session minutes from May 4, 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**

**ORDINANCE #786-05-09 AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE PREVAILING  
RATE OF WAGES IN THE CITY OF NEOGA**

After reviewing the proposed Ordinance, Commissioner Varner made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Modglin. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

**ORDINANCE #787-05-09 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF THE  
CLERK AND TREASURER OF THE CITY OF NEOGA**

After reviewing the Ordinance, Commissioner Modglin made a motion to accept the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. 5-0

**RESOLUTION #05-05-09 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN  
AGREEMENT FOR CEMETERY MAINTENANCE  
SERVICES WITH LUKE AND CARRIE VERDEYEN.**

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to accept the proposed Resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Modglin. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Modglin, Lindley, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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RESOLUTION #06-05-09 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR CEMETERY MANAGEMENT SERVICES WITH SWENGEL O'DELL FUNERAL HOME, INC.

Commissioner Modglin made a motion to adopt the proposed Resolution #06-05-09. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

RESOLUTION # 07-05-09 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH GLENN A. BRADEN

The Council reviewed the proposed Resolution, and after a brief discussion, decided to not pass Resolution #07-05-09 until they received an action plan on junk vehicles, trash, weeds, and other nuisance's items.

TIF DISTRICTS

Sara Layton explained to the Council that she had the answers to two questions that Keith Moran could not answer at the informational meeting on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Layton said that the City could not use Economic Development money to fund a TIF district, and that CCDC would be willing to help with the project. Commissioner Modglin said that as of right now the City of Neoga does not have the \$35,000 - \$37,000 that it will cost to do this. Layton said that she will contact City Clerk Evans next week to start working on a TIF district.

Building Inspector Gary Kastl arrived at 7:25 p.m.

TREASURERS CONFERENCE IN JUNE

After a brief discussion regarding City Treasurer Diana Foor attending the Treasurer's summer seminar, Commissioner Varner made a motion allowing Foor to attend the seminar. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

ESDA Coordinator Bob Thomas arrived at 7: 35 p.m.

ORDINANCE #788-05-09 AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING EMPLOYEES TO TRANSFER VACATION DAYS, SICK DAYS, AND PERSONAL DAYS TO ANOTHER CITY OF NEOGA EMPLOYEE.

City Clerk Evans explained to the Council that an employee would like to transfer their benefit days (vacation, sick, or personal), to another employee because one of the employees is off of work due to an injury. Commissioner Modglin made a motion to pass the ordinance after it is changed to read "due to an injury or illness" instead of mowing

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grass. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

## **FINANCE**

### **BILLS**

The Council reviewed the warrant bill list. After no discussion, Commissioner Modglin made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$51,041.60 The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. . Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

### **TREASURER REPORT**

Commissioner Modglin said that he thinks the beginning and ending balances in the water and sewer funds are better due to the salary being changed. Modglin reminded the Council that the City still has not received a bill for the reconstruction of West 6<sup>th</sup> street from Cumberland County yet. After no further discussion was held Mayor Russell ordered the financial report to be placed into the files of the City Clerk.

## **PUBLIC PROPERTY**

### **SUPERINTENDENT HAGERSTROM REPORT**

Superintendent Hagerstrom told the Council that the Telescan company came back, and the sink hole on West 5<sup>th</sup> Street is due to the man hole. The Council also told Superintendent Hagerstrom to repair the valve at 5<sup>th</sup> and Locust as soon as possible.

### **PAY REQUEST FOR FOTH**

Commissioner Varner made a motion to pay the request from Foth in the amount of \$1,238.08 for services rendered in the Phase III Sewer grant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

### **WATER TOWER GRANT**

The Council reviewed the time table that Greg Gustafson submitted to them regarding the water tower grant. Commissioner Modglin said that if the grant does not cover some of the work like inspections and cleaning, why not go ahead and get it started. It was the consensus of the Council to have Superintendent Hagerstrom contact Gustafson to get information about getting started on the work.

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**STREETS AND ALLEYS**

Superintendent Hagerstrom said that the good weather is coming and the employees will be filling pot holes as soon as possible.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Commissioner Lindley told the Council that the City wide cleanup quotes are in, and after reviewing them Lindley made a motion to have Veolia do the cleanup at a cost of \$865 per packer truck. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Kepp, Varner, Modglin, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

WEATHER WATCHERS

ESDA Coordinator Bob Thomas discussed the liability issues with the weather watchers, and informed the Council that once they are paged out due to severe weather, the liability falls to IEMA (Illinois Emergency Management Association). Thomas requested that a meeting be held with the County Board, sheriff department, and other communities to discuss the problems with the policy regarding severe weather.

**SWEARING IN OF NEW MAYOR**

City Clerk Evans swore in H. Wayne Modglin as the new Mayor replacing resigning Mayor Jay Russell.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Kepp to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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H. Wayne Modglin, Mayor

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Brenda Evans, City Clerk

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Date