



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEOGA HELD IN  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT  
MAY 19, 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 Superintendent Stan Hagerstrom, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Police Chief Gerald Mattern, Foth Representatives Matt Johnson and Greg Cook.

## **MINUTES**

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

## **PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

### L.E.A.D.S. PROGRAM

The Council received the annual payment request from the Cumberland County Sheriff's department for the L.E.A.D.S. program. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Varner made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$1,791. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Varner, Modglin, Lindley, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

### PURCHASE OF NEW PRINTER FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

City Clerk Evans told the Council that SDS recently discovered that the printer that Chief Mattern received bids on a few months ago was being discontinued and the price had been drastically reduced. The original bid was almost \$2000 for the 4700 HP printer and now was on sale for \$1,165. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Modglin made a motion to purchase the printer for \$1,165. Commissioner Kepp seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioners Varner, Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. 5-0.

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**FINANCE**

BILLS

The Council reviewed the presented bills for the month. With no discussion, Commissioner Modglin made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$39552.46. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

TREASURER REPORT

The treasurer's report was presented. City Treasurer Diana Foor reminded the Council that they are still transferring \$5000 per month out of the water fund and transferring it into the water and sewer reserve fund. Foor recommended that the Council go back to transferring \$3000 from the water fund and \$2000 from the sewer fund. This will keep the water fund from being depleted so fast. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Modglin made a motion to transfer \$3000 from the water fund and \$2000 from the sewer fund per month into the water and sewer reserve fund. The motion was seconded Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Lindley, Modglin, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY**

SUPERINTENDENT HAGERSTROM

Superintendent Hagerstrom updated the council on the activities of the public works department by telling them that the employees picked up branches and replaced the front rotors on the '99 Dodge pickup. The employees also removed the inactive service at the old city shed, replaced a hydrant on E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, worked on pump 2 in the south well at the waste water treatment plant, cleaned up brush at Hartke lift station, shock chlorinated the rock filter, worked on the mosquito fogger and attended the Little Wabash River I Watershed Public meeting.

Hagerstrom shared with the Council the information that he received from the Little Wabash River I Watershed Public meeting. According to Hagerstrom, the meeting explained the research that they have gathered and the possible EPA regulations that may be forthcoming in the next 20 years.

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PHASE II SEWER PROJECT

Matt Johnson handed out an update on the Phase II Sewer project. Johnson explained that during the construction process a repair had to be done. According to the contractor, it was on an emergency basis. Johnson said that he met with the contractor and explained to him that the project should not be changed without prior Council approval. Johnson presented the Change order #1 to the Council and explained to the Council that it is their right to deny the change order, but he did recommend that the Council pay the request. Due to the fact that the change order was not on the agenda, the Council could not take any action on the matter.

DOGWOOD DRAINAGE

Greg Cook explained to the Council that he has recommended to City Clerk Evans that a meeting should be held between the residents in the dogwood area including Glenn Braden, any Commissioners, Stan Hagerstrom, and himself about the construction of the dogwood drainage project. After a brief discussion, the Council decided that the project has already been discussed, bid, and should be underway. If any changes needed to be made they could be done while the contractor was in the field. Mayor Russell and the Commissioners instructed City Clerk Evans to get in contact with HDC Representative George Warner and explain that they want this project started as soon as possible. They also informed Cook to leave the project as is; the city will put a stand pipe in as requested by Glenn Braden. The Council decided not to hold any special meetings.

**STREETS AND ALLEYS**

PAY REQUEST FROM FOTH

The Council reviewed a pay request from Foth for services rendered on 6<sup>th</sup> Street. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$5,794.80 out of the MFT funds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Varner, Modglin, Lindley, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

The Council reviewed another pay request from Foth. After discussion, Commissioner Kepp made the motion to pay the request in the amount of \$603.30. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Modglin. Ayes, Commissioners Varner, Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

After reviewing another pay request from Foth, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$5,121.48. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioners Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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RESOLUTION FOR CLASS III TRUCK ROUTE

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

**HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Commissioner Lindley reminded everyone about the Citywide Cleanup on June 7th for the West side of Neoga and June 14<sup>th</sup> for the East side.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Modglin made a motion to adjourn into executive session for personnel - section 2 (c) (1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner at 8:18 p.m.. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Varner, Modglin, Lindley, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried 5-0.

**OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The meeting reconvened at 8:43 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Varner, and seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Varner, Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Russell.

ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION

With great regret, Commissioner Modglin made a motion to accept the resignation of Police Officer Marlon Williams who has accepted a new police job in Charleston. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioners Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Modglin to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Modglin, Lindley, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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Jay Russell, Mayor

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Brenda Evans, City Clerk

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