



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
NEOGA HELD IN  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT  
NOVEMBER 16, 2009, 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 Lindley, Kepp, Groves, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Absent was Commissioner Varner. Others present were Superintendent Hagerstrom, City Treasurer Diana Foor, City Auditor Joyce Madigan, and Doug Miller.

## **MINUTES**

After reviewing the regular session minutes from November 2, 2009, 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**

### IDC DUES FOR 2010

City Clerk Evans presented the Illinois Development Council dues at \$250 for the organizational membership dues. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the possibility that FutureGen may be coming to the area and the need for the City of Neoga to receive every possible lead to any businesses that are looking at the area. Commissioner Groves made a motion to pay the dues of \$250. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

### EFFINGHAM SIGN & GRAPHICS, INC. PAY REQUEST

City Clerk Evans gave the Council a copy of a letter from Effingham Sign & Graphics along with a bill that they asked the City to pay in addition due to an oversight of theirs for an invoice from two years prior. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to not pay the request. 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**

AUDIT REPORT

Joyce Madigan explained the current audit that the council received for this year. City Clerk Evans asked Madigan how many communities her firm audits, and she informed the Council that currently they audit approximately 20 municipalities and another 12 townships every 4 years. When asked how our city compares to others Madigan said that we are approximately the same. Without further questions, the Council thanked Madigan for the report.

BILLS

Commissioner Kepp reviewed the bills with the Council and explained that due to the insurance that was paid our bills totaled \$62,722.60 due to insurance. The Council discussed shopping around for insurance quotes. No decisions were made however. Commissioner Kepp made a motion to approve the monthly bills. It was seconded by Commissioner Groves. 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.

GILBERT, METZGER & MADIGAN, LLP PAY REQUEST

The Council reviewed the pay request for the audit that Gilbert, Metzger & Madigan conducted for fiscal year 2009. The Council requested that City Clerk Evans contact Walks Accounting to see if they are qualified to do municipal audits. Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the request of \$6,900. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Groves, Lindley and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY**

SUPERINTENDENT HAGERSTROM REPORT

Superintendent Hagerstrom handed out a report to the Council on what the public works department has been doing. The report included the following:

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Streets:

- Cut trees and dug out stumps from alley east of Locust from E. 10<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> Street
- Mowed field ditch from Industrial Park Pond to E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street
- Mowed west edge of cemetery
- Mowed brush around edge of Industrial Park pond
- Disposed of 2 dogs (road kill) along Trowbridge road
- Empty all trash barrels after fall cemetery cleanup
- Met with Ameren, Fire Dept, & homeowner at burned house on 9<sup>th</sup> Street

Water:

- Alum scale register replaced under warranty

Sewer

- Patch holes in chlorine booster building with fiberglass
- Filled hole over bar screen with concrete
- Made digester float with gauge
- Wired chlorine booster building with light, switch & receptacle

Misc.

- Gathered run-time data for engineer's rate study

UPDATE ON LIFT STATION AT 956 WALNUT

Superintendent Hagerstrom updated the Council on the lift station at 956 Walnut Avenue. Hagerstrom said the trees have been removed, and Sudkamp Plumping and Heating should be there to complete the project soon.

WATER CONTRACT WITH LAKE MATTOON

The Council reviewed a letter from City Attorney Braden regarding the current water contract with the City of Mattoon. Braden said that it would be very wise of the Council to look at another source of water in the event of an emergency. It was the opinion of the Council to contact Clear Well and The City of Mattoon to discuss the possibility of purchasing bulk water from them.

**STREETS AND ALLEYS**

No report given

**HEALTH AND SAFETY**

No report given. Commissioner Lindley did ask Superintendent Hagerstrom how soon the road at 5<sup>th</sup> & Maple would be repaired, and Hagerstrom said once the settling was complete. Until then, the public works employees would continue to place rock and road pack in that area.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Kepp to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. 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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