

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
NOVEMBER 17, 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 Public Works Superintendent Stan Hagerstrom, and City Treasurer Diana Foor.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular and executive session minutes from November 3, Commissioner Modglin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioners Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Russell. Commissioner Varner abstained. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

CCDC

City Clerk Evans informed the Council that Cumberland County Development Coordinator Sara Layton called and stated that she was not able to make the meeting but wanted to remind the Council that they will need to appoint new representatives at the first of the year. Layton told Evans that the current representatives (Kevin Jansen and Bill Stiechmann) would still be interested in representing the City of Neoga.

DONATION RULES

The Council discussed setting rules for anyone asking for a donation from the City of Neoga. After a brief discussion, the consensus of the Council was to require that anyone seeking a donation from the City of Neoga must submit a request in writing stating who they are, what they do, and why they are requesting the funds. They will also be required to ask the Neoga Township, and then agree to provide some kind of service to the community.

FINANCE

BILLS

A warrant bill list was given to the Council to review. After little discussion was held, Commissioner Modglin made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$73,738.10. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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TREASURER REPORT

The treasurer's report was presented. Concerns were voiced about the quickly decreasing balances in many of our funds. A lengthy discussion was held regarding increasing the sewer rates in the near future. After a brief discussion, Mayor Russell ordered the financial report to be placed into the files of the City Clerk.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

SUPERINTENDENT HAGERSTROM REPORT

Superintendent Hagerstrom reviewed his report with the council.

STREETS AND ALLEYS

STREET LIGHT AT 6TH & ELM

City Clerk Evans said that she discussed with AmerenCIPS about adding an extension arm on the street light on 6th & Elm Avenue. The estimate was \$700 and the Council decided to leave the light as is and trim the trees.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

City Clerk Evans said that she is still gathering quotes from local recycling companies.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Modglin to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, Varner and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Jay Russell, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date