



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
NOVEMBER 1, 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 Lindley, Kepp, Varner, Groves, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Acting Superintendent Tom Helm.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from October 18, 2010, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

E.J. WATER COOPERATIVE, INC.

City Clerk Evans said that Bill Teichmiller was not able to attend the meeting, and he rescheduled for November 15, 2010. City Clerk Evans told the Council that she spoke with Mr. Teichmiller, and he said that he really didn't have anything new to report at this time. After a brief discussion, the Council instructed Evans to contact Mr. Teichmiller to come back to us when he had a new proposal for the City of Neoga.

595 CHESTNUT AVENUE

Building Inspector Gary Kastl informed the Council that he received a phone call about the building located at 595 Chestnut Avenue. Kastl said that he inspected the outside of the building and noticed that the north wall was bowing. After a lengthy discussion the Council instructed Evans to contact the property owners to schedule a time when the building could be inspected by a structure engineer.

FINANCE

No report.

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PUBLIC PROPERTY

NEOGA MEMORIAL CEMETERY

Mayor Modglin updated the Council on the upcoming placement of the arch scheduled for November 12th. Mayor Modglin also asked that a sign be placed on the west side of the property stating that no dumping of any kind is allowed. He would like the sign to be placed by the ditch to keep people from dumping dirt on the property owned by Mike O'Neil.

FARM GROUND

City Clerk Evans informed the Council of the problems that have transpired since the last meeting due to the notification to the tenant farmers. Evans said that she spoke with Mr. Walk and explained what happened and how the Council wanted to help the students in the FFA program at the High School. Mr. Walk explained that the students did not farm the ground anymore, they now contract the farm ground out. Evans said that she told Walk that she would explain that to the Council at the next meeting and see what the Council wanted to do with the ground. City Clerk Evans told the Council that this conversation took place on Friday October 29th. She spoke to him again on Monday, November 1st. Evans explained she also spoke with the school administration the same day, and Mr. Walk's wife the following day. Evans told the Council that they could still offer the ground to the FFA; however, the school administration informed her that they probably would not allow the FFA to farm the ground. Evans said the other options would be to go back with the same tenant farmers or to open it up to any farmer by sealed bids. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to place an ad asking for sealed bids to farm the approximately 45 acres. Mayor Modglin will also attend the next school board meeting to explain what happened and what the city council's intentions were.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Foth Infrastructure sent a Memorandum of Agreement for the 2010 NPDES permit. After reviewing the MOA, Commissioner Varner made a motion to approve Mayor Modglin signing it. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Groves, Lindley, Kepp and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

STREETS AND ALLEYS

NCIS

Commissioner Groves didn't have a report for Street and Alleys; however, he did update the Council on NCIS. According to Groves, the Farmers Market will be held again next year from June 4th – August 20th, and NCIS is asking that the City waive the permit fee for those that participate. The consensus of the Council was to waive the permit fee. Groves also said that NCIS is discussing other fund raisers.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Commissioner Lindley said that he is still working on recycling options, but there is nothing new to report at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Varner to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date