



**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
NOVEMBER 30, 2009, AT 6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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. Others present were Superintendent Hagerstrom, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Bill Teichmiller with E.J. Water Co-op, Lee Beckman with Milano and Grunloh Engineers, Larry Johnson, Matt Johnson, Ken Richter, Mr. & Mrs. John Lawyer, Bill Ehrhart, Patricia Ehrhart, Joe Wiltermood, Vernon Greeson, and Charlie McKinney.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mayor Modglin explained to those present that a special meeting was being held to discuss the water rate study that the City of Neoga requested Foth Infrastructure to conduct. Mayor Modglin said that the City is doing everything possible to be financially responsible. The water department expenses have increased drastically in the past few years, so the Council felt that they should have the study completed. He also explained that later in the evening, E.J. Water would be here to discuss the possibility of purchasing bulk water. Mayor Modglin then introduced Larry Johnson and Matt Johnson who explained in great detail the “preliminary” rate study. Matt Johnson informed the Council that this was just a preliminary report because they wanted the numbers to be reviewed by the Council, Superintendent Hagerstrom, and City Clerk Evans.

After reviewing the preliminary rate study, Bill Teichmiller from E.J. Water Coop explained to those in attendance that E.J. Water is currently working on bid specifications to construct a water line from their proposed water plant to the Village of Sigel. At this time, E.J. is in negotiations with Sigel about an emergency inter-connect with E.J. Water. Teichmiller explained that currently E.J. sells bulk water, does the water billing, and maintains other water distribution systems.

Mayor Modglin asked Teichmiller if E.J. has discussed the possibility of purchasing the entire water system. Teichmiller said that typically they did not purchase the entire systems; however; they would look at that option.

Lee Beckman did explain that the bids to extend the water line are being sent out, and they are planning on awarding the bids on the 3rd Tuesday in Jan. 2010. Beckman said that it was imperative that the City make a decision prior to that time.

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ADJOURNMENT

After all other questions from the public were answered, a motion was made by Commissioner Kepp to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date