



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
OCTOBER 18, 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, Police Chief Gerald Mattern, Acting Superintendent Tom Helm, Marty White with NCIS, Brad Keck with Neoga Boosters, and Lewis Ryder with Ministerial Alliance.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from October 4, 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

EJ WATER COOPERATIVE, INC.

Mayor Modglin told the Council that Bill Teichmiller from EJ was not able to attend the meeting and rescheduled for the next meeting.

PRESENTATION OF DONATION TO VARIOUS GROUPS

Mayor Modglin explained to everyone in attendance that the Neoga City Council decided months ago to take a 50% pay reduction due to the financial situation of the city. After reviewing the current financial status, the Mayor and the Commissioners decided to donate the money that was saved to five local organizations with the stipulation that they approach the Neoga Township and request a donation as well. Mayor Modglin explained that at this time four of those organizations have done that, and the Council would like to present a check to them. Commissioners Tony Kepp and Dave Varner presented a check to Brad Keck for the Neoga Boosters in the amount of \$575. Commissioner Larry Lindley and Commissioner Ronnie Groves presented a check to Marty White for the Neoga Community Improvement Society. Mayor Modglin presented a check to Lewis Ryder for the Neoga Ministerial Alliance. All the checks were in the amount of \$575. Mayor Modglin said that the Council's goal for these donations is to generate additional community spirit. Each of the organizations expressed their sincere appreciation for the donation.

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PURCHASE OF NEW POLICE VIDEO SYSTEM

Neoga Police Chief Gerald Mattern explained to the Council that the first ever purchased in car video equipment has not been working correctly. Mattern said that it is beyond repair. However, he could purchase a rebuilt system for \$1606 and with an upgraded hard drive system for \$2060, plus \$125 for the desktop receiver which would be necessary as well.

Chief Mattern said that he also received a quote from Digital Ally for a new system at around \$6000. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to allow Chief Mattern to spend no more than \$6,000 for a new in car video system. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

ORDINANCE #805-10-10 An Ordinance Amending Section Sections 6-70 and 6-71 of the Code of Ordinances Relating to Alcoholic Beverages, To Add Class E, F, G, and H Licenses

After reviewing the Ordinance, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to approve it as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

UPDATE ON JOINT REVIEW BOARD (TIF)

Mayor Modglin updated the Council on the latest TIF meetings, including the Neoga School Board, and Lake Land College. Mayor Modglin told the Council that the meetings when very well. The meeting with the Joint Review Board had only Cumberland County and Neoga School District represented. Everyone in attendance voted yes to the TIF plan.

FINANCE

TREASURER INSTITUTE

City Clerk Evans explained to the Council that City Treasurer Foor was up for recertification next year and would like to have permission to attend the Treasurer Institute from November 16 – 18, 2010. City Treasurer Foor said that the registration fee is \$235 for 16 hours, which is what she would like to attend. After little discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to allow City Treasurer Foor to attend the conference. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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BILLS

After reviewing the proposed bills, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the bills totaling \$124,761.14. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

TREASURER REPORT

After reviewing the treasurer report, Mayor Modglin ordered the financial report to be placed into the files of the City Clerk.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

NEOGA MEMORIAL CEMETERY

Mayor Modglin discussed with the Council on how to finance the Neoga Memorial Cemetery in the coming year. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to proceed with the special meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

SELLING OF VEHICLES

Mayor Modglin informed the Council that the 1996 and one of the 1999 Dodge pickups have been sold. Mayor Modglin asked the Council if they wanted to sell other vehicles as well. Currently the public works department has 3 dump trucks and 2 pickups. Acting Superintendent Helm said that he would like to keep the big dump truck, but if he had to sell one he would choose it first out of the others. After little discussion, Commissioner Varner made a motion to sell the big dump truck for around \$8,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

CITY FARM GROUND

City Clerk Evans explained to the Council that the deadline to terminate the contract with the farmers that currently farm the city ground was rapidly approaching. Evans said that she spoke with City Attorney Braden, and he explained that the farmers had to be notified by November 1, 2010. The Council discussed the farm ground. In an effort to help the youth in the area, they would like to possibly allow the FFA at the Neoga High School to farm the ground. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to terminate the contract of those currently farming the ground. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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VARNER TRAILER PARK WATER EXTENTION

Acting Superintendent Helm informed the council that the public works department will be working on a couple of big projects in the next few weeks. Also, the contact tanks were inspected by the Company last week, and they did find a sealant that will work with the chemicals that the water department uses. They should be getting back in touch with him in the near future and should start repairing the tanks the first week in November.

STREETS AND ALLEYS

No report was given.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Commissioner Lindley told the Council that he is still working on the recycling but has not heard from Howard's yet.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Kepp to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date