

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
OCTOBER 20, 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 City Treasurer Diana Foor, Public Works Superintendent Stan Hagerstrom, SDS Representative Brad Foor, and Foth Infrastructure representative Matt Johnson.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from October 6, Commissioner Varner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Modglin. Ayes, Commissioners Varner, Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FENCE VARIANCE

Commissioner Modglin explained that a representative from Grace United Methodist Church was at the last meeting and asked the Council's permission for a variance to place a fence on the City of Neoga's property. According to Modglin, the fence would be approximately 8 feet on the property by the water sales building. Commissioner Modglin told the Council that Commissioner Lindley recommended that the church lease the ground from the city so that the fence would not be on our property. With no further discussion, Commissioner Modglin made a motion to lease the property to the Grace United Methodist church in the amount of \$1 per year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

WEB PAGE DESIGN – SDS

Commissioner Modglin said that he has reviewed some of the web sites that SDS representative Brad Foor forwarded to him and was very pleased with the way they looked. After clarifying the cost of the web site, Commissioner Modglin made a motion to proceed with SDS constructing a web site at a cost of \$1584.00. 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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CUMBERLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Cumberland County Health Department informed the Council that they will be conducting a drive through Flu vaccine clinic at the Neoga Fire Department on Thursday October 30th, from 2 pm – 6 pm. The cost for county employees will be \$15 and \$30 for the general public. This is state mandated, and they will be evaluated. The health department would like as many people to participate as possible. Even if someone doesn't want the vaccine, they can receive a "mock" vaccine (candy) in place of the shot.

ANGEL TREE DONATION

The Cumberland County Health Department told the Council that they will be conducting the annual Angel Tree Christmas program at the local bank again. In the past few years, approximately 25 - 30% of the names are not chosen off the tree, so the health department purchases items for the children. Because of the economy, they are expecting more names and fewer people taking names off the trees so the health department is requesting donations from the area. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Varner made a motion to donate \$250 to the Cumberland County Health Department for the Angel Tree Program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

RESOLUTION # 10-10-8

REVOLVING LOAN FUND RESOLUTION

After reviewing the resolution, Commissioner Modglin made a motion accept Resolution #10-10-08. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioners Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

DONATION TO GIRL SCOUTS

City Clerk Evans told the Council that Girl Scout Troop #2335 would like to attend a National Convention in Indianapolis in November. This event only happens every three years, and this time it is in their back yard. The troop has raised some money; however, they are short and are asking the Council for a donation. According to Evans, the girls will be willing to do some community service work for any donation that they receive. Commissioner Varner made a motion to donate \$250 to Girl Scout Troop #2335 to defray the cost of them attending the National Convention and they will be asked to do community service work to offset the donation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Modglin. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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PARKING ON ELM STREET AT FEDERAL HOUSING

The Federal Housing Authority presented to the Council initial plans to change the parking arrangements at the federal housing located in the 700 block of Elm Avenue. After reviewing the initial drawing, the Council felt that additional information was needed, along with the input from Superintendent Hagerstrom and Chief Mattern.

FINANCE

BILLS

The council reviewed the presented bills for the month. Commissioner Modglin explained that the bills were higher this month due to the fact that over \$200,000 will be going to the Phase II Sewer Construction project. With no other discussion, Commissioner Modglin made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$302,364.17. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was presented. With no objections heard, Mayor Russell ordered the financial report to be placed into the files of the City Clerk.

IML RISK MANAGEMENT INSURANCE

Commissioner Modglin told the Council that the liability insurance for the city was due and if the council agreed to pay it early there is a discount that makes a sizable difference in the premium. After reviewing the payment options, Commissioner Modglin made a motion to pay \$37,149.84 before the November 21st due date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

Superintendent Hagerstrom handed out a report for the Council. Hagerstrom explained that there was a water main break on E. 6th street. The repair was made before the road was opened.

Don Bishop addressed the Council regarding a problem he is experiencing at the building on the corner of 6th and Chestnut. He feels that the problem was caused by the heavy equipment when working on 6th street. Commissioner Modglin said that the City should help Mr. Bishop with the problem because it was too consequential that it happened after the road work was started. The Council told Mr. Bishop to get an estimate to correct the problem to the Council before work is completed.

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Mr. Bishop also said that he has a few bricks missing from the south side of his building. The Council told him that he would need to talk to County Engineer Ben Bland regarding that problem.

Commissioner Varner asked Greg Cook why the waterlines were not replaced during the reconstruction on East 6th Street. Cook said that no one from the city or the engineers thought about the lines under the road, and it just fell through the cracks

SEWER LINE QUOTE

No action was taken

PAY REQUEST FOR HDC

After reviewing the presented pay request, Commissioner Varner made a motion to pay the request for services on the Dogwood Drainage project in the amount of \$1150. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PAY REQEUST FOR SEWER PLANT II

After reviewing the presented pay request, Commissioner Varner made a motion to pay the request for services rendered on the Phase II Sewer Construction project in the amount of \$1000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

HEADSTONE REPAIR BILL – FARRELL

The Council reviewed the request from Mr. Farrell that was made at a previous meeting and agreed again that they cannot allow someone to hire work to be done at the cemetery and expect to get reimbursement from the City.

STREETS AND ALLEYS

No report was given.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

FUTURE APPLIANCE PICKUPS

Commissioner Lindley said that he spoke with Baby Huey's Demolition about holding another appliance pickup; however, it may not be worth it since there already was a pickup held earlier this month. Commissioner Lindley said his only other issue is getting the fire hydrants repaired.

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Varner to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Modglin. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Kepp, Varner, Modglin and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Jay Russell, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date