



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
OCTOBER 5, 2009, 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, Groves, Varner, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were City Treasurer Diana Foor, Superintendent Hagerstrom, Matt Johnson from Foth Infrastructure, and Lee Beckman.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from September 21, 2009, Commissioner Varner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioners Varner, Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIR

NEIGHBORHOOD VEHICLES ORDINANCE

City Clerk Evans shared with the Council the opinion of IDOT regarding neighborhood vehicles. Evans said that IDOT continues to feel that neighborhood vehicles must have a windshield and rear view mirrors; however, ATVs are still not allowed on the streets. The Council explained that an ATV and UTV are two different vehicles. Commissioner Kepp made a motion to allow UTVs that have all the required safety equipment, and can meet the requirements listed in the ordinance. The owners will be allowed to obtain a permit, even if the neighborhood vehicle has had any modification to better improve the safety of the vehicle. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

TREASURER INSTITUTE

City Clerk Evans asked the Council to allow City Treasurer Diana Foor to attend the annual Illinois Municipal Treasurer Institute in Champaign. Treasurer Foor explained that the education is important to keep her certification. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to allow Foor to attend the Conference and pay .55 cents per mile for traveling expense, \$64 for meals per day, and hotel fees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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PURCHASE OF NEW COPIER

The consensus of the Council was to table this item until the next meeting so additional information is gathered.

FINANCE

No report was given.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

SUPERINTENDENT HAGERSTROM REPORT

Superintendent Hagerstrom handed out a report to the Council on what the public works department has been doing. The report included the following:

Streets & Alley

- South Elm Street has been resurfaced by Earl Walker Const.
- Picked up storm damage from August 19th
- Cleared brush from alley east of Locust from E. 10th to 11th Street.
- Reshaped field runoff area and placed rip-rap at SW corner of park
- Filled in sinkholes on South side of Park by culvert
- Jetted culvert at Cedar & 7th Street
- Mowed
- Dug 6 holes above culvert at Fire hall for drains
- Backfilled holes after drains installed.

Water Treatment plant

- Flushed on NW subdivision
- Cleaned alum pump
- Repaired lime feeder

Wastewater

- Drive sprocket on primary fell off
- Took apart frozen butterfly valve on bypass

CLEAN UNIFORM CONTRACT

It was the consensus of the Council to get additional bids from Aramark and Cintas for rental and purchasing uniforms.

UPDATE ON LIFT STATION AT 956 WALNUT

Superintendent Hagerstrom said that they are still trying to work with the homeowner. Hagerstrom said that he does feel that all the utilities should be kept in the alley where the easements are, and they are working on the prices now.

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Pay request for Braden Law

After reviewing a pay request from Braden Law Office, Commissioner Varner made a motion to pay the invoice. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Groves, Lindley, Kepp and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

E.J. WATER PROPOSAL

Lee Beckman from Milano and Grunloh Engineers explained to the Council that E.J. Water is in the process of building a new water plant in the Beecher City area and will be able to produce 3,000,000 gallons of soft water per day. This plant is scheduled to be up and running by July or August of 2010. E.J. Water is currently working on obtaining easements to extend their service area north of the plant to the Sigel area. At this time, the bid for this expansion is for an eight (8") inch water line, and if the City of Neoga is interested in purchasing water from E.J. then this water line will need to be enlarged. Mr. Beckman said that this agreement would have to be completed in the very near future for the bidding to take place. Mayor Modglin said that he would like to have all the Commissioners put together a list of questions and possibly have another meeting in the next few days with E.J. Water. It was agreed that the City Attorney should be involved in these meetings as well. City Clerk Evans asked that the questions be submitted to her by Wednesday so that a meeting could be scheduled as soon as possible.

WATER RATE STUDY

Matt Johnson from Foth Infrastructure explained that the proposal that Mr. Beckman presented sounded very good; however, the real question is how much is it going to cost per household? Johnson said that Beckman mentioned \$2.80 per 1,000 gallons for wholesale water, but the City of Neoga would still have to charge to distribute the water. According to Johnson, the only way to compare apples to apples is to have a rate study done. Mayor Modglin told the Council that the last rate study was done approximately 10 years ago, and at that time the water rates where increased drastically. Mr. Johnson said that a complete rate study would cost \$9800 but if we don't include the Stage 2 Disinfection Byproduct study the cost would decrease to \$5800. City Clerk Evans asked that if the Council decided to not include the Stage 2 Disinfection Byproduct study, could it be added at a later date. Johnson said it could. After the discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to hire Foth Infrastructure to complete a rate study at a cost of \$5800 which would come out of the water and sewer depreciation fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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STREETS AND ALLEYS

ELM AVENUE REPAIRS

Superintendent Hagerstrom informed the Council that the Elm Avenue repairs have been completed.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Commissioner Lindley said that he is still looking for a way to dispose of old tires and will let the Council know if he gets any information. Commissioner Lindley also reminded everyone that Baby Huey will conduct an appliance pickup in the parking lot across from the municipal building on October 10th from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Kepp to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm. 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