

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
SEPTEMBER 15, 2008, AT 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro-tem Modglin and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were: Commissioners Lindley, Kepp, Varner, Mayor Pro-tem Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were City Treasurer Diana Foor, Building Inspector Gary Kastl, Public Works Superintendent Stan Hagerstrom, and Foth Infrastructure representative Matt Johnson.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from September 2nd, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Varner, Lindley, Mayor Pro-tem Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SUE LAWSON

Sue Lawson asked to be on the agenda but did not attend the meeting.

PURCHASE OF A POLICE RADIO

Police Chief Gerald Mattern said that the department has been having problems with the newest car radio. The quote he received to replace the unit will cost approximately \$2700. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Varner made a motion to purchase a new police radio for the new squad car not to exceed \$2700. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner, Varner, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Pro-tem Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to set trick or treat night on October 31st from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Pro-tem Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

FINANCE

Mayor Russell arrived at 7:11 p.m.

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BILLS

The council reviewed the presented bills for the month. With no discussion, Commissioner Modglin made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$196,224.61. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Modglin, Lindley, 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.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

Superintendent Hagerstrom handed out his report and informed the Council about the main break that occurred due to the 6th street construction. The Council discussed at great length the signs that need to be replaced including the signs on East 7th Street and in the alley by the post office making it a one way.

PHASE II SEWER CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Matt Johnson explained to the Council that pay request #6 is in the council packets for their review. Johnson said that everything looks great, and the project is close to being complete. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Varner made a motion to pay the pay request in the amount of \$32,039.66. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Modglin. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

A discussion was held following the recommendation from Johnson to get quotes for cleaning and taping the sewer lines. Johnson said that he would recommend doing this procedure because of the reports that some manholes have been surging during heavy rain storms. One of these problems is on E. 5th street and the other is in the alley between Oak and Locust Avenue and 10th & 11th Street.

NEOGA CEMETERY HEADSTONE REPAIRS

City Clerk Evans said that she had received reports about headstones at the cemetery needing repairs. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to get quotes on the headstones that need repaired.

STREETS AND ALLEYS

WEST 6TH STREET RECONSTRUCTION

City Clerk Evans told the Council that John Robinson from Ne-Co said they would be closing the intersection at Chestnut Avenue on Monday, September 22, and should have the road complete by the end of that week if the weather cooperates.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

APPRECIATION DINNER

Commissioner Lindley said that ESDA Coordinator Bob Thomas would like to give the storm watchers an appreciation dinner. Commissioner Lindley told the Council that the storm waters do this on their own time without pay and leave their own families during these potential storms. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Varner made a motion to donate up to \$200 for the dinner. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Modglin. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Modglin, Lindley, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

NEW POLICE OFFICER

Chief Mattern asked the pay range they would recommend he tell potential police officers. The Council discussed offering the new officer an annual salary of \$32,000 per year, as a starting wage.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Varner to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Kepp, Varner, Modglin and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Jay Russell, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date