



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
SEPTEMBER 20, 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, Building Inspector Gary Kastl, Keith Moran, and Hank Stevens.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from September 7, 2010, Commissioner Varner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioners Varner, Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING

Building Inspector Gary Kastl discussed with the Council the addition to the back of the American Legion. Kastl explained that the Legion wants to add a portable building, and may add walls to it so that it can be screened in. This would then make it unable to be moved. After a brief discussion, the Council told Kastl to proceed with the permit and allow the addition to be added.

E J WATER COOPERATIVE, INC.

Bill Teichmiller was scheduled to be there but was not available.

TIF DISTRICT PLAN

Keith Moran gave the Council a copy of the Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and Project. Moran explained the plan and how everything qualified.

RESOLUTION #14-09-10

A Resolution Establishing November 15, 2010 as the Public Hearing Date for the City Council Consideration of the Neoga Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan, Redevelopment Project and Redevelopment Area Within the City of Neoga, Illinois

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Motion was made by Commissioner Kepp to approve the TIF District Plan and accept the Resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

ORDINANCE #802-09-10 An Ordinance Establishing and Designating the Neoga Business District and Approving the Neoga Business District Plan within the City of Neoga, Illinois

After a brief review and discussion about the ordinance presented, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to accept it. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

ORDINANCE #803-09-10 An Ordinance Imposing Business District Taxes within the Neoga Business District

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

LOCUST STREET CLOSURE

Commissioner Groves explained to the Council that the First Christian Church would like to close Locust Avenue from 6th Street to 7th Street on October 31st for their fall festival. Commissioner Groves presented a list of signatures from people who live along the area giving the church their blessing. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to close the street. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

SPEED BUMPS ON 6TH AND CEDAR

City Clerk Evans said that she received a request from a citizen asking if the city would place a speed bump on 6th Street by Pine and Cedar. According to Evans, the resident said that the traffic from the school was “coming around the corner too fast and someone was going to get hit”. After a brief discussion, the council decided to not place any speed bumps in that area but would have the police patrol more often.

TOMAHAWK YEARBOOK AD

City Clerk Evans presented an ad request from the Neoga High School yearbook staff. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to purchase a ¼ page ad for \$90. 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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COUNTY DISPATCHING

Mayor Modglin gave an update on the last Cumberland County Board meeting. Mayor Modglin said that if they still insist that the City pay for dispatching, maybe the city could ask them to maintain East 6th Street.

UPDATE ON TOWNSHIP MEETING

Mayor Modglin also updated the Council members on the Neoga Township meeting. Modglin said that City Clerk Evans and City Treasurer Foor both presented to the Township the accounting records for the past 11 years.

FINANCE

BILLS

After reviewing the proposed bills, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the bills totaling \$70,110.13. 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

CEMETERY LANDSCAPING.

The Council reviewed a quote from Kiefer Landscaping. After a lengthy discussion, the council decided to postpone the landscaping until the other projects are completed and we know how much money is left from the estate.

ADDITIONAL WATER SERVICES

City Clerk Evans said that the small mobile home park on 7th Street is looking into installing individual meters at each lot. Currently there are only 2 meters to record the entire property. Evans explained that usually the fee is \$400 for a water tap. Since our employees are not doing the tap work, Evans asked if fee should be adjusted. After a long discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to have the property owner pay \$200 per tap since the City would be receiving additional revenue because of the additional water services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes Commissioner, Kepp, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Commissioner Varner abstained. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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790 LOCUST AVENUE

City Clerk Evans asked for clarification on the property located at 790 Locust Avenue. After a lengthy conversation, Commissioner Varner made a motion to sell the property with sealed bids and a stipulation that a residence or duplex must be constructed within two (2) years after the sale. All property taxes would be paid by the City of Neoga. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Groves, Lindley, Kepp and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

STREETS AND ALLEYS

SNOW BLADE

The Council reviewed a quote for a new snow blade for the new dump truck. After reviewing it Commissioner Groves made a motion to purchase a 9'2" Curtis snow plow blade in the amount of \$6950 including installation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Commissioner Lindley informed the Council that he is still working with Howard's Trash service about recycling. Hopefully he will have additional information for the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Varner made a motion to move into executive session at 9:15 p.m. for Personnel – Section 2(c) (1) - Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 9:31 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Varner, and seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Varner, Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin.

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Kepp to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date