



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
SEPTEMBER 21, 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, and Superintendent Hagerstrom.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from September 8, 2009, and executive session minutes from August 17th, and September 8, 2009, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIR

NEIGHBORHOOD VEHICLES ORDINANCE

The Council discussed the Neighborhood vehicle ordinance and the difficulty in residents complying with the ordinance. Mayor Modglin told the Council and Police Chief Mattern that he felt if the vehicles had modifications that made them safer then they should be allowed to have a permit. Mattern explained that our ordinance states the vehicles have to conform to the federal regulations under Title 49 C.F.R. part 571.500. This regulation requires vehicles to have a windshield. Mayor Modglin asked if goggles like motorcyclists wear could be worn instead of requiring the vehicles to have a windshield. Chief Mattern did not know that answer, and after a lengthy discussion it was decided to correspond with IDOT to get permission for some modifications.

RUMMAGE SALE ORDINANCE

This ordinance was tabled until a later date as per the advice of City Attorney Braden.

FINANCE

BILLS

The Council reviewed the warrant bill list. Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the bills totaling \$75,360.89. 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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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

SUPERINTENDENT HAGERSTROM REPORT

Superintendent Hagerstrom handed out a report to the Council on what the public works department has been doing which is as follows:

- Cleared trees and branches in alley east of Locust from E. 10th to 11th Street
- Dug out 3 large stumps from storm at SW corner of park
- Spent another day picking up storm damage
- Mowing
- Flushed on East side of town
- Flushed at trailer park, alley, and industrial park

Commissioner Lindley asked Superintendent Hagerstrom about the sink hole next to the rail road tracks on 5th street. Hagerstrom said that he had not heard from the railroad or the elevator. City Clerk Evans said that she would try to contact the railroad again.

CLEAN UNIFORM CONTRACT

City Clerk Evans said that she has located the previous contract and placed a phone call to Clean Uniform; however, they have not returned her call.

UPDATE ON LIFT STATION AT 956 WALNUT

Superintendent Hagerstrom informed the Council that he spoke with the homeowner about the project; however, the homeowner is still having a problem with the electrical line going through her property. Hagerstrom said he will have more information at the next meeting.

FEES IN CLERKS OFFICE

City Clerk Evans asked the Council for approval to discontinue accepting Visa and MasterCard due to the fact that the fees were so high and very few people were using the service. Evans also asked permission to increase the price of copies from .10 to .25 per copy and to start charging to reprint water bills. Evans said that with the increase in the price of paper we are not covering the cost to make copies. Many people do not bring their water bills with them, and we have to reprint the bills. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to increase the price per copy to .25, begin charging \$1 for reprinting of water bills, and to discontinue the credit card service. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

STREETS AND ALLEYS

ELM AVENUE REPAIRS

Superintendent Hagerstrom informed the Council that he has called Walkers about repairing Elm Avenue but they did not give him a date as to when they would begin the street work.

Commissioner Groves asked Superintendent Hagerstrom questions about the lift station at 10th and Cedar. Commissioner Groves asked if everything was completed at the lift station and if the siren will sound if the power goes off. Superintendent Hagerstrom said that everything was complete with the exception of the roof, and that the siren would sound if the power went off.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

City Clerk Evans said that letters were sent to the cemetery committee members, and a meeting will be scheduled on the next few days. Evans also said that she is working with some people on getting quotes for the archway at the entrance to the cemetery.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Lindley to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Kepp, Varner, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date