



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
SEPTEMBER 8, 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, and Police Chief Mattern.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from August 17, 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

ALBERT RUGE

Albert Ruge did not appear before the Council.

RUMMAGE SALE ORDINANCE

The Council reviewed the rummage sale ordinances for Mattoon and Altamont. After a brief discussion the Council decided to have the city attorney construct an ordinance regarding rummage sales that is similar to the City of Altamont's ordinance. Additionally, it will state that residents can have only one sale per month and they must remove any signs that they put up.

TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to set trick or treat night for Saturday October 31st from 6 – 8 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

FINANCE

No report was given.

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PUBLIC PROPERTY

SUPERINTENDENT HAGERSTROM REPORT

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

CLEAN UNIFORM CONTRACT

Mayor Modglin said that City Clerk Evans is looking for the old contract to compare the new contract to. Evans said that she will have further information at the next meeting.

UPDATE ON LIFT STATION AT 956 WALNUT

Superintendent Hagerstrom informed the Council that he spoke with Sudkamp Plumbing and Heating about the lift station. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Varner made a motion to have Sudkamp Plumbing and Heating do the work at 956 Walnut. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PHASE II SEWER PAY REQUEST

The Council reviewed a pay request from Foth Infrastructure. Commissioner Varner made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$1,438.85 for services rendered on the Phase II Sewer Grant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Grove, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

STREETS AND ALLEYS

ELM AVENUE REPAIRS

Superintendent Hagerstrom informed the Council that he is still waiting on the Contractor to notify him as to when they will start the repairs.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

City Clerk Evans said that letters were sent to the committee members, and a meeting is scheduled in the next few days.

FIRE BOARD MEETING

Mayor Modglin told the Council that he attended the Neoga Fire Department meeting at the request of a citizen. After sitting through the meeting, Mayor Modglin said he told the Fire Board that he felt they were doing a great job keeping the tax rate down and managing the department knowing how hard it can be during these economic times.

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COUNTY BUDGET MEETING

Mayor Modglin updated the Council on the Cumberland County Budget committee meeting. At this time, no decision has been made by the budget committee.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Commissioner Lindley said that he is still looking at the house on Cedar, and no additional work is being done right now.

Mayor Modglin said that he spoke with Kevin Howard at Howards Trash Service to discuss a recycling program. Hopefully we will hear something back from him.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Groves made a motion to move into executive session at 8:07 p.m. for Personnel – Section 2 (c) (1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performace. As well as Sale or Lease of Real Estate – Section 2 (c) (6) – Limited to actual setting of price for sale or lease of public property. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

RECONVENIEDAND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 9:48 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Kepp, and seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Kepp, Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin.

NEW HOURS FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Varner made a motion to change the public works department hours to Monday to Friday with a staggered shift where one employee reports to work at 6:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., another employee reports to work at 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and the third employee reports at 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Overtime will be paid for any hours after 40 hours, and the employee can use sick, personal, vacation, comp, or holidays to make the total 40 hours. In addition, the employee who works on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday will be paid for five (5) hours per day. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Kepp to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 pm. 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