



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
DECEMBER 17, 2007, AT 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Mayor Russell, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were: Commissioners Lindley, Kepp, Varner, Modglin, Mayor Russell and City Clerk Evans. Absent was Commissioner Lindley. Others present were Superintendent Stan Hagerstrom, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Greg Cook & Larry Johnston from Foth Infrastructure, HDC Engineering representative Gary Maxwell, and Sarah Layton from CCDC.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from December 17, 2007, Commissioner Varner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

CCDC UPDATE

Sara Layton from Cumberland County Development Corporation reminded the Council that it was time again to appoint two representatives to CCDC. Currently the representatives are Bill Steichmann and Penny Huddleston. Layton stated that the representatives need to understand what the Council wants from CCDC. The Council mentioned possibly appointing someone from Brighton Cabinetry or Heartland Christian Village.

FINANCE

BILLS

After reviewing the bill list, Commissioner Modglin made a motion to approve the payment in the amount of \$42,652.09. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Modglin, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

After reviewing the treasurer's report, Mayor Russell ordered the report to be placed in the files in the City Clerk's office.

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RESOLUTION #08-12-07

**A Resolution to Abate the 2007 Tax Levy
set forth in Ordinance No. 751-03-05
which Authorized the Issuance of General
Obligation Waterworks and Sewerage
Bonds**

After a brief discussion on the proposed resolution, Commissioner Modglin made a motion to pass the Resolution to abate the bonds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Modglin, Kepp, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

SUPERINTENDENT HAGERSTROM REPORT

Superintendent Hagerstrom went through the written report that was given to the Council in their packets. Hagerstrom also informed the Council that Illinois EPA inspected the water plant and everything went well. Employees used the one ton truck and the small dump truck to plow snow.

STREETS AND ALLEYS

DOGWOOD DRAINAGE

Mayor Russell told the Council that he had hoped to make some decisions on who would be doing the inspections and layout for the Dogwood drainage project. However, due to state regulations, the Council is not able to accept bids on the project. Larry Johnson explained the regulations, and the council decided to listen to both Foth Environmental as well as HDC Engineering's qualifications.

PAY REQUEST FROM FOTH

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Varner made a motion to pay the request totaling \$2,980.67. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

CHRISTMAS BONUS

City Clerk Evans said that in the past couple of years a gift certificate was given to the employees from a business in Neoga, and the employees are asking if that was going to happen this year. Commissioner Modglin made a motion to spend \$50 on gift certificates for each full and part time employee and \$25 on gift certificates for zoning board members, with the certificates coming from a business in Neoga. The decision as to

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where the certificates would be from was left up to the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

No report was given.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Modglin to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Modglin, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Jay Russell, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date