



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
FEBRUARY 17, 2009, 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. Absent was Mayor Russell. Others present were Public Works Superintendent Stan Hagerstrom, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Steve Smith, Marty White, Carl Burrell, Raymond Stretch, Mark Livingston, and Chuck Castle.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from February 2, 2009, Commissioner Varner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Varner, Lindley, Kepp and Mayor Pro-tem Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIR

AWARDING OF CLEANING BID

Commissioner Varner asked if the bidders must carry insurance. City Clerk Evans said that the other cleaning services did not carry any but she would check with the city's insurance company. The Council then reviewed the bids for cleaning the Municipal Building and the Public Works building. With little discussion, Commissioner Varner made a motion to award the bid to Candice Potter for \$295 per month. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioners Varner, Kepp, Mayor Pro-tem Modglin. Commissioner Lindley abstained. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

REVOLVING LOAN FUND

No report was given

SALE OF POLICE SQUAD CAR

City Clerk Evans told the Council that Chief Mattern received an offer of \$11,500 to sell the 2001 squad car to the Newton Police Department. This selling price would include all the equipment currently in the car. This includes the video system. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to sell the squad car to Newton Police Department for \$11,500. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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FINANCE

BILLS

The warrant list was given to the Council. After reviewing the list, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the bills totaling \$68,889.84. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was presented. With no objections heard, Mayor Pro-tem Modglin ordered the financial report to be placed into the files of the City Clerk.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

SUPERINTENDENT HAGERSTROM REPORT

Superintendent Hagerstrom reviewed his report with the Council. Superintendent Hagerstrom put into the minds of the Council that in the event some funds become available from the stimulus package, the water tower needs to be painted and the filters at the water plant need to be repaired.

Commissioner Varner requested that a reminder be placed on the water bills asking residents to maintain their yards to help with drainage.

PAY REQUEST FROM FOTH

The Council reviewed the pay request from Foth Infrastructure. After little discussion, Commissioner Varner made a motion to pay the two requests in the amount of \$1269.87 for services rendered at the Phase II sewer construction project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioners Varner, Lindley, Kepp and Mayor Pro-tem Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PRE-APPLICATION FOR LOAN FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

The Council reviewed a Pre-Application for Loan Assistance for Wastewater Facilities, and after little discussion Commissioner Varner made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioners Varner, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Pro-tem Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

STREETS AND ALLEYS

MARTY WHITE - DRAINAGE PROBLEMS

Marty White, who resides at 720 Walnut Avenue, approached the Council regarding drainage issues she had last Thursday morning, February 12th. White said that the water was backing up from Cedar Avenue and 8th Street to her property. According to White, she felt like the culverts along 8th Street were too small. White feels that the fall line is good until it gets to the alley by Federal Housing.

Commissioner Modglin expressed his opinion that anytime water gets into someones house or garage then something needs to be done to fix the problem. After a lengthy discussion, the Council assured Ms. White that the public works department would look into the situation and try to get it resolved as soon as possible. Ms. White and the others in the area all agree that if they need to do something to help the situation the city should let them know.

NEOGA HIGH SCHOOL DRAINAGE PROBLEMS

Neoga School Board President Mark Livingston and Superintendent Castle addressed the Council regarding drainage problems that they have in the high school parking lot. The school is looking at spending over \$98,000 to asphaltting the parking lot and in the current condition, the parking lot would not last. President Livingston is asking the City to open the box culvert under 7th Street. Livingston said that they will have the engineers report back in a month or so and will bring them to the Council as well.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

CITY WIDE CLEAN-UP

City Treasurer Diana Foor said that Baby Huey no longer does appliance pickups so the City will have to find someone else. Foor said that Huey stated that he would check into other options and get back with the city.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Kepp to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

H. Wayne Modglin, Mayor Pro-tem

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date