



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
NEOGA HELD IN  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT  
JUNE 27, 2011, 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 Hartke, Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Mayor Wayne Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were Ed Szatkowski, Fred Honaker, Doug Miller, LaDoska Miller, Todd Beard, and Tom Overmyer.

## **MINUTES**

After reviewing the regular session minutes from June 13, 2011, Commissioner Groves made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

## **PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

### DUGGER'S LIQUOR LICENSE

Doug and LaDoska Miller explained to the Council how their new business will be laid out and how they plan on keeping the alcohol hidden away from minors. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hartke made a motion to create a class D liquor license. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

### TODD BEARD, CUMBERLAND COUNTY DISPATCHING

Cumberland County Board member Todd Beard discussed with the council the financial problems with the police department dispatching. According to Beard, the Cumberland County Board is asking the City of Neoga to pay approximately \$16,000 per year for the next four years for police dispatching. Mr. Beard told the Council that if the communities in the county don't assist with the sheriff department deficient, they will have no choice but to close the jail facility within the next four years, and by then only the elected officials will be working for the county. However, if each community pays towards dispatching, Beard said that the jail should be able to stay open for 6 more years. Mayor Modglin said that he feels there will be problems billing the City for calls because many calls come in that are not for the Neoga Police Department regarding problems outside the corporate limits. Mayor Modglin and Commissioner Groves both believe that the townships should be asked to participate as well. The Council thanked Mr. Beard for the update, and will take it into consideration.

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### MEDIACOM FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

After the council reviewed the proposed contact, they felt that additional information should be received from Mediacom regarding the exact cost of placing internet in the industrial park.

ORDINANCE #817-06-11 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 54 of the Code of Ordinance by adding Article III to Regulate Parking and Storing of Recreational Vehicles and Providing Penalties for Violations

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

### 734 LOCUST

Ed Szatkowski explained to the Council that he met with Todd Fuller who is the owner of the property at 734 Locust Avenue. Szatkowski told the Council that the Presbyterian Church is still very interested in purchasing the property for a parking lot. Mr. Szatkowski asked the City for assistance in demolishing the house and shed if the Church were to obtain the property. If the City assisted in this project, they would have to pay prevailing wages and the EPA would be involved. The Council told Mr. Szatkowski to discuss the idea with the church and then attend the next meeting with more information.

## **FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES**

### BILLS

After reviewing the proposed bills, Commissioner Groves made a motion to pay the bills totaling \$17,583.50. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

### TRANSFER OF FUNDS

At the previous meeting, City Treasurer Foor asked the council to transfer funds from the "general account" to the "general reserve account" so that additional interest could be received. After little discussion, Commissioner Groves made a motion to transfer funds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

## **PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER KEPP**

### TOM OVERMYER – WATER TOWER INSPECTION

Tom Overmyer from Phoenix Consulting Engineers, LTD, updated the Council on the water tower inspection. Overmyer said that the inside of the tank looks good but the cathodic protection has not been working for some time. The exterior will have to have a total recoat, and he would have additional information once the written report comes back.

### TOM OVERMYER – IKE PROJECT PAY REQUEST

Tom Overmyer informed the Council that the agreement for the IKE Project has been signed and the City should be receiving a packet from DECO regarding the engineering requirements in the next few days. After the council reviewed the pay request, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$2,500 to Phoenix Consulting Engineers, LTD. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

### WATER SYSTEM ANALYSIS

Tom Overmyer explained to the Council the scope of work that he would be able to do when he did the water system analysis. Overmyer said he would start in August and should be finished by the end of the year. After this analysis is completed, the information would be used to apply for grants in 2012. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to contract with Phoenix Consulting in the amount of \$17,700. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

### ADAMS MEMORIAL CEMETERY

The Council reviewed a quote from Adams Memorials on resetting of markers. It was the consensus of the Council to wait until all the drainage problems are corrected before any work is done on the markers.

## **STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER HARTKE**

### 2011 MFT

No report was given at this time because we are still waiting on quotes from Earl Walker Co., Inc.

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**HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY**

CITYWIDE CLEANUP

Fred Honaker, owner of Baby Huey's, said that he didn't have many problems during the citywide cleanup. The only issue was the household trash that people put out, which City Clerk Evans told him to leave. According to Honaker, he did haul off more items on the east side of town than the west side.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Kepp to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Lindley, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

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Brenda Evans, City Clerk

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Date