



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
MARCH 19, 2007, AT 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Russell, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were: Commissioners Modglin, Varner, Mayor Russell, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were Superintendent Stan Hagerstrom, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Sara Layton with CCDC, Jodi Kirkley and Carla Turner with Pets & People.

Commissioner Stewart arrived at 7:05 p.m

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from March 5, 2007, Commissioner Modglin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Russell. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

CCDC

Sara Layton updated the Council on the CCDC dues of \$1000 and stipend of \$5000. Greenup was the only community that did not pay their stipend last year. However, they did pay their dues. The County board and Toledo did pay the dues and stipend. Commissioner Stewart asked Layton to put together a list of items that prospective business would be looking for and what we are lacking in.

JODI KIRKLEY & CARLA TURNER, ANIMAL RESCUE

Jodi Kirkley and Carla Turner informed the Council that they were starting a new animal rescue organization. Currently they are looking for a location to house the animals until they can be adopted out to people who will train them as service animals. The location needs to be located outside the City of Neoga but still close to the area. After a brief discussion, the Council advised them to put together their letters of support and a list of what their needs were. They were also advised to contact Mike O'Neill about area farm ground to put their building on and Lake Land College regarding their grant writing services.

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ZONING VARIANCE FOR 732 MAPLE

City Clerk Evans told the Council that John and Jamie Burton has requested a conditional use permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals so that a beauty salon could be placed at their home located at 732 Maple Avenue. Evans explained that a public hearing was held on March 15th before the Zoning Board of Appeals. At that meeting, no one from the general public attended so the Zoning Board of Appeals recommended that the Council grant the conditional use permit to the Burton's. With little discussion, Commissioner Varner made a motion to grant the permit. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stewart. Ayes, Commissioner Stewart, Varner, Modglin, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

POST PROM / GRADUATION DONATION

Post Prom / Graduation requested a donation from the City of Neoga for a drug free evening following both Prom and Graduation activities. A motion was made by Commissioner Modglin to donate the same dollar amount as last year of \$200. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Modglin, Stewart, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

ORDINANCE # 769-03-07

An Ordinance Amending Sections 6-66, 6-68, 6-70, 6-71 and 6-72 of the Code of Ordinances Relating to Alcoholic Beverages

After reviewing the ordinance and by City Attorney recommendation, Commissioner Modglin made a motion to pass the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Stewart, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

ILLINOIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DUES

A brief discussion was held regarding the Illinois Chamber of Commerce dues for 2007. Commissioner Modglin asked if City Clerk Evans felt the City of Neoga received enough benefits from Illinois chamber of Commerce to justify the dues. Evans explained that she does receive emails almost daily, however, she has not attended any seminars. It was the consensus of the council to investigate the benefits of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce before any dues are paid.

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KITCHEN RENOVATIONS

City Clerk Evans gave the Council an estimate for new kitchen cabinets. Evans said that the community room is used regularly and because of the different organizations, more cabinet space is needed. Evans proposed that cabinets be added on the north wall of the kitchen along with an island. Evans received a bid from Brighton Cabinetry for \$9,067.45. Evans also gave the Council a quote for new counter tops and appliance. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Varner made a motion to approve spending \$12,000 for the updating of the kitchen for cabinets, countertops, and appliances. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stewart. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Stewart, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

FINANCE

BILLS

The Council reviewed the presented bills for the month of March. Commissioner Modglin mentioned that the bills were higher then normal this month because of the monthly loan payment and the purchase of the new truck. Commissioner Modglin made a motion to pay the bills totaling \$118,222.29. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Stewart, Varner, Modglin, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

PUBLIC PROPERTY

SUPERINTENDENT HAGERSTROM REPORT

Superintendent Hagerstrom gave the Council a report regarding the following:

- The new 4X4 pickup truck has arrived; however, a new radio will need to be purchased for it. Hagerstrom said that he has received quotes for a Motorola for \$554.50 and a new Kenwood for \$ 432.20.
- Updated the Council on the construction of the new elevator grain bin. The elevator will be doing all the construction work and will get all easements. However, the City will pay for the culvert that will run under Locust Avenue.
- Elevator is also asking that when the 2007 MFT is started that the City also oil Locust Avenue next to the elevator and the elevator will pay for it. It was also the Councils recommendation to send a letter to the elevator stating that if the water main would break, that it would not be the City of Neoga's responsibility.
- The yearly maintenance renewal for the cathodic rods is due again.

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- Larry Johnson sent a letter down regarding the pre-cast baffling system. We have two weeks to give IEPA a response. Johnson recommends the pre-cast system at a cost of \$138,000. However, city employees could do some of the work which may save some money.
- Will be working on the 2007 MFT project as well as getting quotes for sidewalks.

CEMETERY MARKERS REPAIRS

City Clerk Evans gave the Council a quote to have the cemetery markers reset at a cost of \$3,150 from Adams Memorials. Commissioner Varner made a motion to have Adams Memorials repair all the damaged markers with funds from the reserve account. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Modglin. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Modglin, Stewart, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

10TH STREET DITCH RELOCATION

Superintendent Hagerstrom told the Council that there were three options to the problem with the 10th Street ditch. 1. Imminent domain the needed property. 2. Place rip raff along the banks of the ditch but then there is no way of mowing the ditch. 3. Tile the ditch with duel wall plastic from the concrete entrance to the East. The Council asked Hagerstrom to get a cost for the tile and have it at the next meeting.

STREETS AND ALLEYS

No report was given.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

EARLY WARNING SIREN

City Clerk Evans gave an early warning siren quote from Global Technical Systems to the Council. After a very brief discussion, Commissioner Stewart made a motion to purchase the siren at a cost of \$23, 998.61. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Modglin. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Stewart, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Modglin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stewart. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Stewart, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Jay Russell, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk
