



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
NEOGA HELD IN  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT  
MARCH 7, 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 Lindley, Groves, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were City Treasurer Diana Foor, Businessowner Ken Righter.

## **MINUTES**

After reviewing the regular session minutes from February 22, 2011, Commissioner Groves made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

## **PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

### PAY REQUEST FROM EVERHART & EVERHART

The Council reviewed the pay request from Everhart & Everhart for work done on the TIF District. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that this bill should be paid by either Moran Economic Development or Braden Law Offices. The Council wanted additional information before paying the bill.

### COMMERCIAL WATER RATES

Ken Righter, owner of the Neoga Coin Wash, asked the Council to entertain the idea of implementing commercial water rates. According to Righter, this would assist businesses that use large quantities of water, and this would be a great asset when a new business is looking to locate in the area.

Commissioner Varner arrived at 7:12 p.m.

### NCIS

Ronnie Groves explained that NCIS would like to plant trees in different sections of downtown Neoga. Groves said that the main two areas they want to target are along RT#45 between the old Nickel Plate railroad tracks and the rock parking lot, and the triangle area south of Lauren's Paws and Claws. The consensus of the Council was to continue with the plans.

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**FINANCE**

No report was given.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY**

NEOGA MEMORIAL CEMETERY

Mayor Modglin reminded everyone to ask people to assist the City in distributing fliers regarding the Neoga Memorial Cemetery. Modglin explained that it is critical that all the residents in the entire Neoga Township understand this issue.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Varner made a motion to allow Mayor Modglin to enter into an agreement for the “Year Round Disinfection Exemption Request” at a cost of \$3,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

RESOLUTION #07-03-11    A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A SEALED BID CASH RENT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A CASH RENT FARM LEASE

After reviewing the presented resolution, Commissioner Varner made a motion to approve Resolution #07-03-11. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PAY REQUEST FROM JEFF WALK FARMS

City Clerk Evans presented a pay request from Jeff Walk Farms for fertilizer and labor for working the farm ground located next to the industrial park. Evans explained to the Council that according to City Attorney Glenn Braden, this bill would not be our responsibility to pay. Evans did inform the Council that when bids were taken for this year, it was explained that any bills that came in would be at the new tenant farmers expense. The consensus of the Council was to talk to the new tenant farmer and review the situation at the following meeting.

## **STREETS AND ALLEYS**

### 2011 MFT

Commissioner Groves reported that Cumberland County Highway department will not be doing any milling this year, so the possibility of them assisting with our roads will not be an option. Groves did say however, that the Cumberland County Highway will be working on Walnut Avenue and County Highway Engineer Ben Bland will be meeting with Grove and City Clerk Evans in the next few weeks.

### PUBLIC WORKS OVERTIME PROBLEMS

Commissioner Groves brought to the attention of the Council that the overtime in the public works department is extremely high. According to Groves, since August the City has spent \$15,375.27 in overtime alone. The majority of the overtime is going to Supervisor Helm. It was the consensus of the Council to have Superintendent Helm review the overtime and make suggestions on how to curtail the overtime problems.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

No report was given.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Groves to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Varner, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

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Brenda Evans, City Clerk

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Date