



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
NOVEMBER 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 Lindley, Kepp, Varner, Modglin, Mayor Russell and City Clerk Evans. Others present were Superintendent Stan Hagerstrom, City Treasurer Diana Foor, Foth representative Greg Cook, Judy Jahraus, and Lacy Edwards.

MINUTES

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

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

NEOGA FIRE DISTRICT

City Clerk Evans said that the Neoga Fire Department has requested a variance so that a chain link fence can be placed at the back of their property. The fence would allow for storage of two donated cars until the next training session. Evans said that the Fire department stated that the fence would have slats in it for privacy. After a brief discussion regarding the problems with junk vehicles inside the city limits, Commissioner Modglin made a motion to grant a variance to the Neoga Fire Protection District to install a chain link fence at the back of their property to store the donated vehicles. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Varner, Modglin, Lindley, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

FINANCE

BILLS

The Council reviewed the presented bills, and after a brief discussion. Commissioner Modglin made a motion to approve the payment of \$96,668.75. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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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.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

SUPERINTENDENT HAGERSTROM REPORT

Superintendent Hagerstrom went through the written report that was given to the Council in their packets. Hagerstrom also told the Council that the public works department has installed the culverts for the fire hall, has dragged the alleys, hauled sludge, and Sudkamp Plumbing & Heating has placed a new lift station at 956 Walnut Avenue.

PHASE II SEWER CONSTRUCTION

Greg Cook from Foth Infrastructure told the Council that the amendments to the Phase II sewer construction project will be completed soon.

PAY REQUEST FROM FOTH

The Council reviewed two pay requests from Foth Infrastructure for services rendered in October for the Phase II Sewer Project and the Water Plant. A motion to pay both requests totaling \$6,167.62 was made by Commissioner Varner, and seconded by Commissioner Modglin. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Modglin, Lindley, Kepp and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

STREETS AND ALLEYS

DOGWOOD DRAINAGE

Greg Cook reminded the Council that the bid letting is scheduled for next Wednesday at 2:00 p.m., and according to Cook there are three to five contractors who have picked up bid packets.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Commissioner Lindley said that he is still working on the tire recycling program that would be held in the spring. Commissioner Lindley said that he has also received complaints about a tree located on the corner of 10th & Cedar. It is very difficult to see around the tree at the stop sign.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to move into executive session for PERSONNEL SECTION 2 (c) (1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Modglin. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

RECONVENED

The meeting was reconvened at 8:54 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Varner, and seconded by Commissioner Modglin. Those present for roll call were: Commissioner Lindley, Kepp, Varner, Modglin, and Mayor Russell.

Commissioner Modglin made a motion to give City Clerk Evans a 5% increase in pay due to her recent certification as Certified Municipal Clerk through the Illinois Municipal League. In addition, Modglin made a motion to give a 3% increase in pay for all full and part time employees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Kepp, Varner, Modglin, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Kepp to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Modglin, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Jay Russell, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date