



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
OCTOBER 24, 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, Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Others present were City Treasurer Diana Foor, Police Chief Gerald Mattern, Jon Julius, Brad Foor, Charlie Baker, Nancy Lawson, Liz Dreslik, Mike Dreslik, and Melina Rohan-Giroto.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular and executive session minutes from October 11, 2011, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioners Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

PRESENTATION TO POLICE CHIEF GERALD MATTERN

Mayor Modglin presented a plaque and retired police officer badge to Chief Gerald Mattern. Mayor Modglin thanked Police Chief Mattern for all his dedication and devotion to the City of Neoga.

SALE OF POLICE WEAPONS

A brief discussion was held regarding the sale of a handgun to retiring Chief of Police Gerald Mattern. With no objections from the incoming Police Chief Jon Julius, Commissioner Groves made a motion to sell the police weapon to Police Chief Mattern. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Groves, Lindley, Kepp, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

1038 OAK AVENUE

Charlie Baker explained to the Council that as one of the owners of the property located at 1038 Oak Avenue, they would like to have the property rezoned as residential instead of commercial due to the fact that they have tried to sell the property for over two years without any success. They have had multiply requests to rent the building as a residence. The Council explained that as long as the Zoning Board recommends the change, the Council did not have any problems rezoning it.

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WEBSITE UPDATE

City Treasurer Diana Foor explained to the Council that she received a quote from SDS to update the city's web page at a cost of about \$400. With little discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to have SDS update the web page. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Groves. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

MIKE VEECH, WALNUT

Mike Veech asked that the Council notify him if his property is to be discussed at the council level. Veech explained that in the community in which he lived years ago, they discussed his property without his knowledge, and it cost him greatly. The Council assured him that if his property is scheduled to be discussed he would be notified.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER GROVES

BILLS

After reviewing the proposed bills, Commissioner Groves made a motion to pay the bills totaling \$32,779.94. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, Hartke, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER KEPP

TOM OVERMYER – NEOGA WATER TOWER

City Clerk Evans informed the council that the bid opening for the repainting of the water tower will be held on December 2, 2011.

PAY REQUEST FROM PHOENIX CONSULTING

After reviewing the pay request, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$1625.00 for services rendered for the water distribution system study. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

No report was given; however, Commissioner Hartke asked that Superintendent Helm move the tin horns and end caps located on Chestnut out to the shop area and clean that area up.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

796 OAK AVENUE

Building Inspector Gary Kastl discussed with the Council a permit request from Mike Burton, who owns the property at 796 Oak Avenue. Burton would like to place a pole barn on his property. Commissioner Lindley explained that he felt a pole barn would allow Burton to place numerous items for sale into the building. After a lengthy discussion, it was determined that additional information was required before a permit could be issued. A motion was made by Commissioner Kepp to request additional information. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, Lindley. Motion carried. 4-1.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Groves 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 Kepp at 7:30 p.m. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 8:00 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Kepp, and seconded by Commissioner Groves. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Kepp, Hartke, Groves, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Kepp to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartke. Ayes, Commissioner Hartke, Groves, Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date