



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEOGA HELD IN  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT  
JANUARY 5, 2004, 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 Warner, Stewart, Modglin, Varner, Mayor Russell and City Clerk Evans.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Varner to accept both the regular session and the executive session minutes of December 15, 2003. Seconded by Commissioner Modglin. Ayes, Commissioners Stewart, Modglin, Varner, Warner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

CHIEF MATTERN REPORT

Chief Mattern informed the Council that Officer Williams reported to PTI training and Officer Fuller will be taking his state test on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Also informed the Council that as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, all traffic stops will require an IDOT traffic stop data form. This information will need to be downloaded to the IDOT website. At this time, the police department does not have the proper software for this; however, Chief Mattern is researching products that are available.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY**

SUPERINTENDEN HAGERSTROM REPORT

Superintendent Hagerstrom informed the Council that the rain that had been received the last few weeks had produced the manholes to overflow. Hagerstrom is still taking pictures to document this, and sending letters to IEPA. Superintendent Hagerstrom also reported the sand spreader is back and the new level controls for the tower and water plant will be here in 6 to 7 weeks. Mayor Russell asked what the winter protocol was and Hagerstrom said that the person on call is to check the roads and call for additional help if needed.

## **STREET'S AND ALLEY'S**

### IRS RULING

City Clerk Evans handed out a letter from the City auditors regarding the charges on company vehicles. Superintendent Hagerstrom informed the Council that at this time the public works employees would rather park the trucks and drive their person vehicles, with the exception of himself. Council instructed City Clerk to get clarification from auditors on cell phones and forms for employees to sign regarding personal use with city equipment.

### DRIVEWAYS AND TIN HORNS

Commissioner Warner told the Council that he was asked to look at a piece of property where the homeowner was wanting to widening the driveway. It is his understanding that the first twenty feet is the City's responsibility and anything over 20 feet is at the homeowner's expense. The City of Neoga also requires culverts over 20 feet to be concrete. Commissioner Warner said that Daily & Associates recommended this so that these can be used as storm sewers.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY**

### AMBULANCE COORDINATOR REPORT

Ambulance coordinator Baker gave his report for December and informed the Council that within the last few days the ambulance department did handle a mass casualty involving a one vehicle accident. They treated 11 ejected patients, and one fatality, with 6 ambulances responded from area communities. Commissioner Stewart asked for addresses for those who assisted with the call so that thank you notes could be sent to them.

### BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT

Commissioner Stewart informed the Council that the properties located at 498 and 510 Walnut Avenue does have a large mortgage on them so proceeding with demolition may be very expensive. However, City Attorney Glenn Braden is researching to see what can be done next.

### EXPLOER PROGRAM

Ronda Russell explained that the explorer program is going well and the fire department is working toward a different teaching technique.

### GIS MEETING

Building Inspector Gary Kastl reminded the Council about the meeting on January 26, 2004 with the GSI company and representatives from other communities. This meeting will answer most of the communities questions on how it can benefit our community.

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**ADJOURN**

Commissioner Modglin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Varner, Warner, Stewart and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

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Jay Russell, Mayor

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Brenda Evans, City Clerk

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Date