



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
JANUARY 19, 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 Modglin to accept both the regular session and the executive session minutes of December 1, 2003. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart. Ayes, Commissioners Warner, Stewart, Modglin, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

CHIEF MATTERN REPORT

Chief Mattern was not able to attend the meeting, so Mayor Russell reported that Officer Fuller did not pass the Illinois Vehicle Code test and will now have to enroll in the PTI program. Mayor Russell informed the council that he did inform Chief Mattern that Officer Fuller will need to sign the police contract before he attends PTI. After a lengthy discussion regarding Chief Mattern working long hours, it was the consensus of the council to have Cumberland County Sheriff department cover one 12 hour shift per week to allow Chief Mattern at least 24 hours off duty.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY DEVELOPMENT DUES

After discussing the benefits of CCDC and to encourage other members to continue supporting CCDC, Commissioner Modglin made a motion to pay the \$1,000 in dues and \$5,000 in stipend to CCDC. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Warner. Ayes, Commissioner Warner, Stewart, Modglin, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

RLF REVIEW BOARD

City Clerk Evans informed the Council that the previously appointed board members were Finance Commissioner Wayne Modglin, City Clerk Patricia Ehrhart, Mayor Gary Mercer, City Attorney Glenn Braden, and Bank President Gary Kuhns. Commissioner Warner explained although Gary Kuhns is no longer the bank president, he is very knowledgeable in this field and felt that he should remain on the board. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to appoint Finance Commissioner Wayne Modglin, City Clerk Brenda Evans, Mayor Jay Russell, City Attorney Glenn Braden, and Gary Kuhns. Motion seconded by Commissioner Modglin. Ayes, Commissioner Warner, Stewart, Modglin, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

CCDC REPRESENTITIVES

Commissioner Modglin made a motion to appoint Gary Kuhns and Bill Steichmann to be representatives for Neoga on the Cumberland County Development Corporation. Seconded by Commissioner Warner. Ayes, Commissioner Warner, Stewart, Modglin, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

TEAM TECHNOLOGY CONTRACT RENEWAL

After reviewing the contract from Team Technology and a brief discussion on response time, Commissioner Modglin made a motion to approve the contract for 2004. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart. Ayes, Commissioner Warner, Stewart, Modglin, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

FINANCE

BILLS

The bills were presented to the council and Commissioner Modglin made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$105,603.92. Seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioner Warner, Stewart, Modglin, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

TREASURERS REPORT

The treasurer's report was given to the council and after review Mayor Russell ordered the financial report to be placed in the files of the City Clerk.

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PUBLIC PROPERTY

SUPERINTENDENT HAGERSTROM REPORT

Superintendent Hagerstrom reported to the Council that Joe Wiltermood will be attending pest control training within the next week while Jim Smyser and Bill Swank will be attending the same meeting in April. The public works employees removed the flag pole next to the Municipal building, refurbished it and is back in place. Hagerstrom also reported that they had put some rock on the road ways in the cemetery and had to replace the clear well hatchway cover at the water plant.

STREET'S AND ALLEY'S

6TH STREET PROJECT

Commissioner Warner explained that according to Cumberland County Engineer Ben Bland, although Cumberland County owns from the middle of Walnut and 6th to the Trowbridge road, the county is unable to assist in funding the 6th street project. So at this time, the project is at a stand. It was the consensus of the Council to attend the County Board meeting on February 10th and discuss other option with the County Board.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

No reports were given.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m. seconded by Commissioner Modglin. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Varner, Stewart, Warner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Jay Russell, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date