



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEOGA HELD IN  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT  
FEBRUARY 2, 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, Varner, Mayor Russell and City Clerk Evans.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Warner to accept the regular session. Seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioners Warner, Stewart, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

CHIEF MATTERN REPORT

Chief Mattern reported that during the month of January, the police department wrote 8 traffic warnings, 3 traffic citations, investigated 3 vehicle accidents and opened 8 miscellaneous case files. Officer Fuller will report to PTI on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February.

ARAMARK CONTRACT

To keep the cost of the Public Works department uniform rental to a minimum, the City of Neoga requested that Aramark reduce their weekly fee. In response, Aramark sent the City a new contract with lower rates. However, due to the length of the new contract (7 years) it was the consensus of the council to not accept the contract and send a letter to Aramark informing them that at the end of the current contract the City will not be renewing it.

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**PUBLIC PROPERTY**

**SUPERINTENDENT HAGERSTROM REPORT**

Superintendent Hagerstrom reported to the Council that Joe Wiltermood attended the Pest Control training and passed the required testing. Hagerstrom also informed the Council that House Bill 3828 repealing the EPDES permit fee is currently being reviewed and he is requesting the City send letters to the appropriate Senators, explaining the hardship to our community. The Council agreed, and asked the City Clerk to write the letters.

**EPA / PDC CONTRACT**

Superintendent Hagerstrom explained to the Council that the water plant must have certain test done throughout the year, and in the past IEPA has done those tests for a fee. After researching a different company, Superintendent Hagerstrom recommended signing a contract with PDC, a company that does the same testing as IEPA. Hagerstrom explained that over a three year contract, the City could save as much as \$13,035, unless something would show up in our water supply and additional testing would be required. Commissioner Warner made a motion to sign a three year contract with PDC for water testing. Motion seconded by Commissioner Warner. Ayes, Commissioner Warner, Stewart, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion Carried. 4-0.

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Ambulance Coordinator Baker informed the Council that the department received two thank you cards from Advanced Ambulance Service for the excellent way the Neoga emergency response team handled a van rollover on I-57. Also reported the 2003 yearly totals, as well as January 2004 totals. Baker said that he still has no new information from the manufacturer regarding the discontinuance of the heart monitors/defibrillators that are currently being used.

**ORDINANCE #738-02-04                      AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION  
**34-31 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO INCREASE AMBULANCE FEES****

A motion was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Warner to approve ordinance #738-02-04, amending section 34-31 of the Code of Ordinance to increase ambulance fees. Ayes, Commissioner Warner, Stewart, Varner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion Carried. 4-0.

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**ADJOURN**

Commissioner Warner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Stewart, Warner, and Mayor Russell. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

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Jay Russell, Mayor

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Brenda Evans, City Clerk

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Date