

City of Neoga

- Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month.
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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NEOGA, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING 533 CHESTNUT
DECEMBER 18, 2000, 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mercer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Those present were:
Commissioners Altman, Varner; and Mayor Mercer.

MINUTES

Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 4, 2000 Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to approve the minutes of the executive meeting of November 20, 2000. Yeas, Commissioner Varner, Altman, and Mayor Mercer Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

Commissioner Varner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, to approve the minutes of the executive meeting of December 4, 2000. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ORDINANCE NO 703-12-00

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO.515-12-37 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF EMPLOYEES OF TIE CITY OF NEOGA".

Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to approve Ordinance No. 703-12-00. Yeas, Commissioner Varner, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

TREASURER'S REPORT

The previous month statement of fund balances was given each Commissioner. After review of the same, Mayor Mercer ordered that the statement of fund balances be placed in the files of the City Clerk.

BILLS

Commissioner Varner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, to pay the monthly bills in the amount of \$92,597.58. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

PURCHASE OF SQUAD CAR

Council reviewed with Chief Mattern the cost to purchase a new squad car from the State Purchase Program. Mattern noted that the City has been in a rotation of purchasing a squad every two years which will rotate out the six year old squad. Motion: Commissioner Varner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, to purchase a 2001 Squad Car on the State Purchase Program for \$21,918.00. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

PUBLIC PROPERTY

DISCUSSION AND REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT DOUGLAS

Superintendent Douglas discussed with the Council the possibility of city employees picking up Christmas trees that citizens leave out on the boulevard after Christmas and disposing of them. It was noted that Gary Hartke picks up the trees for his pheasant and quail pens. Superintendent Douglas will notify Hartke that the City will be disposing of any trees left of the boulevard longer than ten days after Christmas. The City Clerk will notify residents through the newspaper that the City will pick up the trees for the first ten days of the year.

PURCHASE OF RADIO'S FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT VEHICLES

After discussion, Superintendent Douglas was instructed to obtain bids/price quotes for installation of six radio's in the city's pickup trucks, dump trucks, and backhoe.

3 PHASE ELECTRICAL POWER FOR CEDAR STREET LIFT STATION

After reviewing the \$7,098.72 cost estimate received from CIPS for bringing 3 Phase electrical power to the lift Station on Cedar Street Commissioner Varner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, to authorize CIPS to begin the process of installing 3 phase power to the Lift Station. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

ORDINANCE NO.704-12-00

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 82-57 AND 82-59 OF DIVISION 2 OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 82 TO ESTABLISH TAP ON FEES AND WATER RATES FOR USERS RESIDING OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS

Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner to approve Ordinance No. 704-12-00. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

STREET'S AND ALLEY'S

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH MILANO & GRUNLOH ENGINEERS

After review Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to approve an Agreement for Engineering Services with Milano & Grunloh Engineers in the amount of \$2500, for the Parking and Sidewalk Improvements for Locust Avenue and 6th Street at the Neoga Professional Building. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

RESOLUTION NO 10-12-00 AN RESOLUTION FOR THE ADDITION OF STREET LIGHTING WITH AMEREN CIPS

Commissioner Varner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, to approve a Resolution with AmerenCIPS for the addition of street lights. Yeas, Commissioners Altman, Varner, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

ANIMAL CONTROL WARDEN

Commissioner Altman reported that she has received two applications for the Animal Control Warden position. Commissioner Altman will contact the candidates and have some recommendations at the next meeting.

POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF JACKETS FOR EMT'S

Commissioner Altman told the Council that Ambulance Coordinator Alan Baker had contacted her about the City purchasing some jackets for the EMT's that would carry the City's logo and markings for the EMT's designation. Baker had told Commissioner Altman that sometimes Police Officers have asked them to step back out of the way at accidents scenes because they are not easily recognizable as EMT's. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Council for Commissioner Altman to get with Baker to clarify what type of jackets they wish to purchase. Also, it was noted that any jackets purchased by the City would remain the property of the City.

RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to recess into executive session at 8:35 p.m. for the purpose of Section 2 (c)(1) employee compensation. Yeas, Commissioners Altman, Varner, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

This meeting reconvened on motion by Commissioner Altman, seconded by Commissioner Varner. Those present for roll call were. Commissioners Altman, Warner, Altman, and Mayor Mercer.

Motion: Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to hire Lonnie Homann and Christopher Nichols as Patrolman for the Neoga Police Department, with a starting salary of \$22,000. Yeas, Commissioners Altman, Warner, Varner, and Mayor Kepp. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

Motion: Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to change the next meeting date from January 1st to Tuesday, January 2, 2001, because of the News Years Day Holiday. Yeas, Commissioners Warner, Altman, Varner, arid Mayor Mercer Nays, none. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Varner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, to adjourn the regular City Council Meeting of December 18, 2000, at 9:10 p.m. Yeas, Commissioners Altman, Varner, Warner, and Mayor Mercer, Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

** The "Official Minutes" are on public record at the City of Neoga Municipal Building - 533 Chestnut - Neoga, IL. I, Bill Dugan, have scanned and formatted the minutes as presented to me and ask forgiveness for any honest errors or typos that I may have made in the preparation.