

City of Neoga

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEOGA, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS MUNICIPAL BUILDING 533 CHESTNUT JANUARY 15, 2001, 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Commissioner Warner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 2, 2001. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Warner, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

Commissioner Warner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to approve the minutes of the executive meeting of January 2, 2001. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Warner, and Mayor Mercer.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

PAYMENT OF DUES AND STIPEND FOR CCDC

Motion: Commissioner Warner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to pay dues to Cumberland County Development Corporation of \$1000 and additionally to pay the stipend of \$5000 to CCDC. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Warner, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

BILLS

Commissioner Varner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Warner, to pay the monthly bills in the amount of \$34,041.74. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Warner, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

PUBLIC PROPERTY

TREE REMOVAL

Superintendent Bill Douglas reported that the trees designated for removal have been cut down and stumps removed.

ENGINEERS REVIEW OF BID FOR SOUTH RT. 45 WATER MAIN EXTENSION

Tom Overmyer with Daily & Associates reviewed the bid proposals for the South Rt.

45 Water Main Extension. G.R.R. Construction had the low bid of \$216,859.90, it was noted that the Engineers estimate for the project was \$235,662.00. Overmyer and Al Peterson reported that the bid bonds of the two high bidders were sent back and the remaining three were held.

RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Warner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to recess into executive session at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of Section 2(c)(5) Purchase of Real Estate. Yeas, Commissioners Warner, Varner, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

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

SOUTH RT. 45 WATER MAIN

Motion: Commissioner Warner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to accept and review bids for the watermain with the intent to take action at a future council meeting. Yeas, Commissioners Warner, Varner, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

UTILITY PERMITS

Commissioner Varner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Warner to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign EPA Utility permits for the water main extension. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Warner, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

ENGINEERS REPORT

Tom Overmyer told the Council that the Engineers agreement for work to be performed at the Industrial Park using the EDA Grant was submitted in August to EDA. However, when Overmyer contacted EDA to find out the status of the agreement he was told the agreement is still on the EDA representatives desk and he will probably not review it until bids have been let. Overmyer told the representative that the Engineering firm needs to submit a bill for work performed. Overmyer was told to bill the City for their leverage funds to be utilized for the project. He noted that the engineering bill would be held until a future date.

Additionally, Overmyer reported that we are moving forward on the replacement of the lift station at 9th and Cedar. He explained that it would be much more cost effective to leave the lift station in it's present location, however, it is located on private property. Ken Walk the owner of the lot that the lift station is located on was present and told the Council that he would cooperate with whatever the Council needed to do.

Overmyer told the Council that Reliant has indicated a list of spare parts needed to maintain the pumping station should be compiled and submitted to Reliant before the pumping station is totally turned over to the City. Overmyer will be meeting with Superintendent Douglas later in the month to compile this list.

Council reviewed with Al Peterson and Tom Overmyer the Water Rate Evaluation for the City of Neoga which was compiled by Daily & Associates from information provided by the City Clerks office. The City's financial statements for 32 months were reviewed, as well as, operating expenses for the water system from the corresponding 32 months. It was noted that if the City desires to make the water department a financially stable utility, to operate without borrowing from it's General Fund or other City funds, an increase in water income is necessary. It was noted that the City will need between \$200,000 and \$220,000 during the next six fiscal years to simply meet operating costs and possible replacement of hydrants, valve's, watermain repair costs, and replacement cost allowances for the water plant system and equipment. The City Clerk and Superintendent of Public Works will review the Water Rate Evaluation and report back to the City Council.

STREET'S AND ALLEY'S

REVIEW OF PLANS FOR PROFESSIONAL BUILDING AT LOCUST AND 6th

Ken Walk was present and reviewed with the City Council the plans for the Professional Building being constructed on the corner of 6th and Locust. After review, it was the consensus of the Council that the plans were in order and the building will be a tremendous asset to the Neoga community. Also, the Council reviewed preliminary plans received from Milano and Grunloh for the on street parking and sidewalk construction. Commissioner Warner will contact Milano and Grunloh to discuss exactly how the plans should be finalized. It was noted that the city is participating in the construction of the sidewalks and on street parking for this project because of the jobs being created which will increase revenues to the City.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Warner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to adjourn the regular City Council Meeting of January 15, 2001, at 9:10 p.m. Yeas, Commissioners Warner, Varner, 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.