



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NEOGA, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING 533 CHESTNUT
FEBRUARY 18, 2001**

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Commissioner Varner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Modglin to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 4, 2002. Yeas, Commissioners Warner, Varner, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to approve the executive meeting minutes of February 4, 2002. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Modglin, Warner, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

JOINT MEETING BETWEEN CITY COUNCIL & ZONING BOARD

It was noted that the Zoning Board has requested a joint meeting with the City Council so that the Zoning Board can gain insight from the Council on policy and the intent of the City Council on various issues. The City Clerk was instructed to set up a joint meeting.

Mayor Mercer reported that the Central Illinois Municipal Officials Association dinner meeting will be held on Thursday, March 21 at Urbana-Champaign. Any Council member wishing to attend should notify the City Clerk.

FINANCE

MONTHLY BILLS

After review of the monthly bills Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to pay the bills in the amount of \$38,820.82. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Warner, Modglin and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

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.

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AMENDMENT TO FLEXIBLE BENEFITS PLAN "AFLAC"

Commissioner Modglin reported that the IRS has made some changes in the employees AFLAC Plan mostly in regard to change in status events and cost or coverage changes as well as FMLA leaves of absence. He noted that the plan is covered by employee payment, the City does not share in the cost. Motion: Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Warner, that the City adopt the Amendment to The Flexible Benefits Plan. Yeas, Commissioners Warner, Varner, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

COMPUTER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Warner, to approve payment of the Computer Maintenance Contract with Team Technology for the 2002 year in the amount of \$2100. Yeas, Commissioner Varner, Modglin, Warner, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

PUBLIC PROPERTY

REPORT FROM DAILY & ASSOCIATES ENGINEERS, INC.

Tom Overmyer an Engineer with Daily & Associates told the City Council that the Review Letter from EDA has finally been received and the City can now go out for bids for construction of the road, water main loop, and gravity flow sewer main, for the Industrial Park. He noted that an advertisement for bids will be placed in newspapers, the Dodge Report, and with IDOT. Additionally, he said there were certain women and minority requirement that must be met while letting the contract.

Overmyer reported that Superintendent Douglas had contacted him about sizing a culvert for under 10th street. He said they had looked at varying situations and sizing for a 50 year event. He noted that existing capacity is 297 CFS which is somewhat less than a 25 year flood event. Overmyer said he thought they should have a field crew shoot elevations and establish what elevation water overflows 10th street in order to make sure we will not cause more water back up on homeowners. He noted that the capacity at 8th street is less than 10th street. Additionally, he said that the culverts on 10th currently acts in somewhat of a holding capacity. Superintendent Douglas will get cost estimates for the culverts.

Overmyer said he would get with Superintendent Douglas to work out a MFT program for this year. Council told him that 6th street is a priority. Overmyer will contact the County about ownership of 6th.

Discussion was held about a problem with the back up pump at the sewer plant. It was noted that this particular pump is 40 years old and the employees have been nursing it along. However, the wear & tear is so extensive that packing will no longer hold in the pump. It was

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explained that if this pump fails and we have a big rain, water will back up over the electrical parts down in that pit, thereby causing a very dangerous situation for employees. After discussion Council instructed Overmyer & Superintendent Douglas to proceed with sizing a new pump and then to look for remedies to employees need to climb down in the 18 foot pit to work on pumps. Possibly house the pumps in a new building.

STREET'S & ALLEY'S

WATER DRAINAGE PROBLEM IN ALLEY BEHIND PROFESSIONAL BUILDING

Jeff and Sarah Stepp were present to express concern over the continuing water problem in the ditch north of their property since construction of the professional building. Commissioner Warner said he has contacted Ken Walk about this situation and there are extenuating circumstances surrounding this problem. It was noted that Warner would discuss the situation with Stepp after the meeting.

REPORT ON SHELBY COUNTY BOARD MEETING

Commissioner Warner reported that he and Commissioner Varner attended the Shelby County Board meeting to address the proposed construction of a wean to finish hog facility west of Neoga. Warner said that he introduced himself and stated that as a representative of the Neoga City Council that we had one objective and that was to protect our citizens and seek zoning from Shelby County that would protect the 1.5 mile jurisdiction outside our city limits from a hog facility being able to be constructed. Warner said he stated that this particular facility was the City's only issue, that the City is not in agreement with CURL on any other issue. Warner told the Shelby County Board that he felt they should look to protecting all of the communities in their County as well as Neoga from a hog facility being able to be built this close to a municipality. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that a letter should be written, and hand carried to the Shelby County Zoning Board, clarifying the City's position on this matter and a copy should be sent to the Shelby County Board.

ZONING VIOLATION

City Clerk Ehrhart reported that she has received several complaints about a Lawn Care Business being operated out of a residence at 845 Locust. After discussion it was the consensus of the Council to have City Attorney Braden notify them that they are in violation of the Zoning Ordinance and they must remove all equipment and stop operation at that location.

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ADJOURN

Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Warner, to adjourn the regular meeting of February 18, 2002, at 8:45 p.m. Yeas, Commissioners Warner, Modglin, Varner, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

Gary A. Mercer, Mayor

Patricia D. Ehrhart, MMC, City Clerk

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Approved by City Council