

City of Neoga

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEOGA, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS MUNICIPAL BUILDING 533 CHESTNUT FEBRUARY 19, 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, Altman, Warner, and Mayor Mercer.

MINUTES

Commissioner Warner made a motion to approve the regular minutes of the January 15, 2001. Seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Commissioners Varner, Warner, and Mayor Mercer. Commissioner Altman abstained. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Commissioner Warner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to approve the executive minutes of the January 15, 2001 meeting. Ayes, Commissioners Warner, Varner and Mayor Mercer. Commissioner Altman abstained. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

A motion made by Commissioner Altman, seconded by Commissioner Varner to approve the regular minutes of the February 5, 2001 meeting. Ayes, Mayor Mercer, Commissioners Altman, and Varner. Commissioner Warner abstained. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Commissioner Altman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner to approve the executive minutes of the February 5 ,2001 meeting. Ayes, Commissioners Altman, Varner, and Mayor Mercer Commissioner Warner abstained. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

PERSONNEL POLICY

After a brief discussion regarding the current personnel policy not addressing sick and personal days for new employees, Commissioner Varner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, to pro-rate from the date of hire, one (1) sick and one (1) personal day per two (2) full months of employment until December 31st of that year. After January 1 of the next calendar year the employee will receive the normal sick and personal days as stated in the personnel policy (five (5) sick and five (5) personal days on January 1st of each calendar year). Also, delete the second sentence in section

4.07 that says "this leave is designed for use in emergencies, funerals (not covered under section 4.07A) etc., and does not accumulate. Ayes, Commissioners Warner, Altman, Varner, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

BILLS

Commissioner Warner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner to approve monthly bills in the amount of \$42,935.74. Ayes, Commissioner Warner, Vamer, Altman and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

REPORT FROM MAYOR MERCER

Mayor Mercer stated that the City Clerk Pat Ehrhart and Cumberland County Engineer Gary Krueger met with rail road representatives and City Clerk Ehihart will have a full report at the next meeting.

FINANCE

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.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO CCDC BOARD

This item was tabled until next council meeting.

COMPUTER AND SOFTWARE FOR SUPERINTENDENT BILL DOUGLAS

Superintendent Douglas asked to purchase a used computer and software that will enable him to keep up to date with EPA rules and regulations and submit monthly reports. Mayor Mercer recommended purchasing a new computer to avoid problems with used equipment and possible loss of information if a computer from the City Clerks office was converted for his use. Commissioner Warner made a motion for Superintendent Douglas to purchase a computer and software for up to \$2,000, seconded by Commissioner Varner. Ayes, Mayor Mercer, Commissioner Varner, Warner, and Altman. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

APPROVAL OF WATER TESTING CONTRACT WITH IEPA

Superintendent Douglas updated the council on various projects and notified them of the IEPA contract that was due again. The price for that contract is based on how many water customers the city has. Therefore, the total cost will be \$7,295.74.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

Commissioner Varner made a motion to renew theIEPA contract for \$7,295.74.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Warner. Ayes, Mayor Mercer, Commissioner Altman, Varner, and Warner. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

STREETS & ALLEYS

Discussion was held about a complaint Superintendent Douglas received regarding alleys. Douglas noted that the City will be unable to do anything with them until the frost is out of the ground. Commissioner Warner recommended to the council that they consider maintaining the heavily used alley's. However, funding sources to maintain alleys would need to be determined.

VERIZON INFRASTRUCTURE

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Warner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, for Mayor Mercer to sign Work Order #9P013GR-001 authorizing Verizon to install infrastructure within the city limits of Neoga. Ayes, Mayor Mercer, Commissioners Altman, Warner, and Varner. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

Commissioner Warner will be contacting Milano & Grunloh to request they revise the off street parking plans in front of the professional building to match parking in front of Mercer's Pharmacy.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Commissioner Altman reported that the City only received two people who were interested in the animal control warden position. She made a motion the City hire both parties to be on call (not patrol) at the current rate of pay. Motion seconded by Commissioner Warner. Ayes, Commissioners Altman, Warner, Varner, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to recess into executive session at 7:50 p.m., for the purpose of purchase of real estate - Section 2(c)(5). Ayes, Mayor Mercer, Commissioners Varner, Warner, and Altman. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

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

ADJOURN

Commissioner Varner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, to adjourn the regular City Council Meeting of February 19, 2001, at 8:45 p.m. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Altman, 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.