

City of Neoga

OF THE CITY OF NEOGA, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING 533 CHESTNUT
MARCH 5, 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, and Mayor Mercer.

MINUTES

Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 19, 2001. Yeas, Commissioners Altman, Vamer, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

Commissioner Varner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, to approve the executive minutes of the February 19, 2001 meeting. Yeas, Commissioner Altman, Varner, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none Motion carried. 3-0

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

RESOLUTION NO. 02-03-2001

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE FROM
THE NEOGA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

Commissioner Altman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to approve Resolution No.02-03-2001. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

PROCLAMATION

Motion: Motion: Commissioner Varner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, to approve publication of a Proclamation to proclaim the Month of March as Red Cross month. Yeas, Commissioners Vanier, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

WEB SITE

Motion:Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to allow City Clerk Ehrhart to hire Bill Dugan to create a Web Site for the City of Neoga that will allow the City Clerks Office to post forms for citizens to download as well as posting the minutes, agenda, Ordinances, Resolution, and various other items

of interest to the community for a cost of \$100 for the design and \$50 per page. Yeas, Commissioners Altman, Varner, and Mayor Mercer Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

DUES FOR SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MAYOR'S ASSOCIATION

Commissioner Varner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman to pay the Mayor's dues for membership in the Souther Illinois Mayor's Association. Yeas, Commissioner Vanier, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

UPTOWN FOOD AND SPIRITS RESTAURANT

Mike Tennant owner of Uptown Food and Spirits was present to tell Council that it is his intention to purchase the building next door to his present establishment. Tennant stated that they would like to put pool tables, game machines etc. over there in addition to adding more dining tables. He noted they would like to provide a place where a 19 or 20 year old could bring a date for dinner and possibly spend some time playing pool etc. Council explained that as the Ordinance now stands this would not be possible because it prohibits anyone under 21 being in the establisliment without having a parent with them. However, Mayor Mercer stated that in light of their good record the Council would be willing to review and possibly revise the Ordinance. Also, Mr. Tennant told the Council that they would like to put on a fireworks display around the 4th of July and asked for assistance from the Council on possible places to hold such a display. Tennant said they would put in \$4000 for this display and would approach other businesses and organization to donate also. Termant said they would have professional put on the display and the company carries five million in liability coverage, as well as, Tennant would have a policy with one million liability coverage as well. Council told Tennant they would be in favor of the display but he would need to contact the Neoga Park Board or Neoga Schools to see if either entity would allow such a display on their property.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

PERMIT TO BORE UNDER EASTERN ILLINOIS RAILROAD

Motion: Commissioner Varner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Attman to pay the \$100 fee to Eastern Illinois Railroad allowing the city to bore under Eastern Illinois Railroad to lay a watermain loop Out to the Industrial Park. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays7 none. Motion carried. 3-0

EPA PERMIT

Motion: Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the EPA Permit for construction of the sanitary sewer lift station on Cedar Street. Yeas, Commissioners Varlier, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

POTABLE WATER SYSTEM REPORT

Al Peterson with Daily & Associates Engineers was present to discuss with the

Council the results of the Neoga Potable Water System study conducted by Daily & Associates. Peterson said they felt there was a flow meter calibration problem and we were making and treating water that we are not getting paid for. Lengthy discussion was held. Council felt the report contained extremely valuable information for future and immediate planning. Peterson stated that an immediate need for the city, and something they strongly recommend, is a new separate structure attached to the water plant building to be constructed for the feed of chlorine gas. Additionally, Peterson reviewed with the Council the map of the fire hydrant flows which identify locations that could not supply 500 gallons a minute during a fire situation. Council will continue to review the report and consider recommendations.

SHORING CAGE

Council told Superintendent Bill Douglas to proceed with purchasing a Shoring Cage for the protection of City Employees when working in deep trenches.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Commissioner Altman reported that the Early Warning Siren should be delivered next week at Greenup and Neoga's siren should be ready to install sometime soon. ESDA Coordinator Bob Thomas will work with County ESDA to decide where the siren should be installed.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to adjourn the regular City Council Meeting of March 5, 2001, at 8:55 p.m. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

** 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.