

City of Neoga

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEOGA, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS MUNICIPAL BUILDING 533 CHESTNUT MAY 21, 2001, 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Modglin, to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 7, 2001. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Modglin, Warner, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

Commissioner Varner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Warner, to approve the executive minutes of the May 7, 2001 meeting. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Warner, Modglin, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to approve the executive minutes of the May 7, 2001 meeting. Yeas, Commissioner Warner, Altman, Modglin, Varner, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

INTRODUCTION OF NEW OFFICERS

Police Chief Gerry Mattern introduced to the City Council Officer Lonnie Holmann, and Chris Nichols who had recently graduated from PTI school. Mayor Mercer than gave the sworn oath to the officers and congratulated them.

RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Warner, to move into executive session at 7:15 p.m., for the purpose of Section 2 (c)(1 1) Litigation. Yeas, Commissioners Warner, Altman, Modglin, Varner, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

This meeting reconvened on motion by Commissioner Altman, seconded by

Commissioner Modglin. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Altman, Varner, Warner, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer.

FINANCE

MONTHLY BILLS

After reviewing the monthly bills Commissioner Modglin made a motion to pay the bills totaling \$46,278.84, seconded by Commissioner Altman. Ayes, Commissioner Modglin, Altman, Varner, Warner, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

FIREWORKS DONATION

Uptown Food and Spirits will be holding a fireworks display on July 1st and would like a donation. However, due to lack of information, no motion was made and issue was tabled.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE

Commissioner Modglin reported that he has spoken to the city's insurance agent Dan Ingle about the insurance premium and it was his recommendation to remain with Right Choice. City employees are satisfied with the company and we will look at rebidding next year. Commissioner Modglin made a motion to stay with this company and look at the rates in the following years. Seconded by Commissioner Warner. Ayes, Commissioner Varner, Modglin, Warner, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

Ken Righter, owner and operator of the Neoga Coin Wash wanted to voice his feeling regarding the water rate increase and the impact it may have on his business. He also feels that the rate inside the city limits are unfair compared to the rate that Walk Stock Farms will be paying. Mayor Mercer assured Mr. Righter that the council will take his comments into consideration.

STREET'S AND ALLEY'S

BID LETTING

Commissioner Warner reviewed the bid proposal for the sidewalk and parking along 6th and Locust Avenue in Neoga. Fuller and Wentz was the only bid received and that proposal was for \$41,322.30. They also have only 15 working days to complete the work. Commissioner Warner will look the bid over and the council will award it at the next meeting.

REQUEST FROM VERIZON

Verizon made a request to take out utility poles and replace the lines under ground in the vicinity of 8th and Cedar. Commissioner Warner looked over the information and

felt that this would not only make that area look better but also be a safety improvement. Commissioner Warner made the motion to allow Verizon to replace overhead lines with under ground lines in the area of 8~ and Cedar. Seconded by Commissioner Altman. Ayes, Commissioner Altman, Varner; Warner, Modglin and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Commissioner Altman shared the bid information from both Sutters Sanitation Service and Prairie Waste. However; some items were not clear and she will get more information before the Council should make a decision.

Just for Council information, Cumberland County Sheriff's Office has released a "Policy and Procedures" for the early warning siren. Commissioner Altman will give to the new ESDA coordinator.

Commissioner Varner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Modglin, to adjourn the regular City Council Meeting of May 21,2001, at 8:55 p.m. Yeas, Commissioners Modglin, Warner, Varner, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

** 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.