

City of Neoga

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEOGA, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS MUNICIPAL BUILDING 533 CHESTNUT JUNE 18, 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 Warner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Modglin, to approve the special meeting minutes of May 15, 2001. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Modglin, Warner, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to approve the regular and reconvened meeting minutes of June 4, 2001 and June 6, 2001. Yeas, Commissioners Altman, Varner, Modglin, Warner, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

Commissioner Warner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, to approve the executive minutes of the June 4, 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 Modglin, to approve the special meeting minutes of June 9, 2001. Yeas, Commissioner Warner, Altman, Modglin, Varner, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

INTRODUCTION OF DR. HUSSAIN

Dr. Hussain was present to introduce himself to the Council and the Neoga community. Dr. Hussain will be working at the Neoga Community Medical Center and welcomes all new patients.

LOCAL #171 REPRESENTATIVES

Kathy Wake and other representatives of Local #171 were present to address the Council. Ms. Wake told the council that they were in Neoga on May 19th collecting for charity. She explained that the Local had called the city offices and asked

permission to collect on that day, and they were given permission. Wake said the American Legion was also selling poppies on the same day. Ms. Wake told the council that Jane Erwin had pulled up beside one of their workers and yelled at them telling them they had no right to be there collecting. Ms. Wake explained that she has been told that people from the Legion are saying that someone from Local #171 was rude and used bad language toward the Legion people. She noted that they wanted to clear up this matter with the council and assure them that no one from Local #171 had acted in an improper manner. She said they had permission to be there on that day and it was her understanding the American Legion had not notified the city that they would be selling poppies. Mayor Mercer told them that it was unfortunate that this conflict happened. He noted that the American Legion does much good for this community but conflict like this could be avoided if everyone would follow the City's ordinance and notify the city when they plan this type of event.

Jeff Stepp was present to address the council in regard to water backing up on his property from the construction site for the Neoga Professional Building.

Commissioner Warner told him that this situation will be taken care of during the construction of the new parking and sidewalks. If after that construction is done the problem is not alleviated then the city will take steps to address the problem.

Commissioner Warner noted that he had previously explained this exact matter to Mr. Stepp.

ORDINANCE NO 709-06-01

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE PREVAILING RATE OF WAGES IN THE CITY OF NEOGA.

Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Modglin to approve Ordinance No.709-06-01. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Altman, Modglin, Warner, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

FINANCE

MONTHLY BILLS

After reviewing the monthly bills Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to pay the bills totaling \$54,624.99. Yeas, Commissioners Modglin, Warner, Varner, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

DONATION PEACE MEAL

Motion: Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, to donate \$1250.00 to Peace Meal. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Warner, Modglin, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

DONATION LIFE CENTER

Corinthia Croy from the Life Center was present to request the City give a donation to the Life Center. She reported that 120 senior in the Neoga area were served in the outreach program, 64 in the Circuit Breaker Program, they transported 5 seniors for various reasons and assisted 12 their transportation needs.

Motion: Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to donate \$2500 to the Life Center. Yeas, Commissioners Warner, Modglin, Altman, Varner, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Commissioner Modglin explained that the tentative Budget & Appropriation Ordinance will be in next meeting packets. Additionally, he noted that the Levy Ordinance this year will probably remain under a 5% increase.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-06-01

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AMEREN TURN-KEY LEASING PROGRAM OF AMEREN CIPS AND TO ENTER INTO A LEASING AGREEMENT.

Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman to approve Resolution No.13-06-01. Yeas, Commissioners Modglin, Altman, Varner, Warner, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

PUBLIC PROPERTY

NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT

Motion: Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Modglin, to approve Notice of Award for G.R.R. Construction for construction of the South Rt. 45 water main. Additionally, to approve the Mayor and City Clerk signing of the contract with G.R.R. Construction upon receipt of bonds, insurance and signed agreement from G.R.R. Construction. Yeas, Commissioners Altman, Varner, Warner, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

STREET'S AND ALLEY'S

TARP ADDENDUM

Commissioner Warner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Modglin, to approve and Addendum to the TARP agreement with IDOT for the \$174,000 grant for construction of the road at the Industrial Park. The Addendum will extend construction date to July of 2002. Yeas, Commissioners Warner, Modglin, Altman Varner, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

NEEDED REPAIRS TO SIDEWALK ON 6TH ON EASTERN IL. RAILROAD TRACK

Discussion was held on the unsafe condition of the sidewalk on 6th street on the Eastern Illinois Railroad tracks. The City Clerk was instructed to have the City Attorney send a letter telling them they must repair this section of sidewalk.

ESDA COORDINATOR

Commissioner Altman told the Council that it is her understanding from Bob Thomas that John Clinton would be willing to serve as ESDA Coordinator. It was the consensus of the Council that they would be happy to have him serve. Commissioner Altman will contact him to see if he is willing to do so.

STREET'S AND ALLEY'S AND PUBLIC PROPERTY

REPORT FROM DAILY & ASSOCIATES

Tom Overmyer and Larry Johnson were present to update the Council on some ongoing projects. Overmyer reported that the plans and project cost estimates for the Industrial Park have been submitted to USDA for approval. Also, he has submitted the final plans to IDOT for the road to be constructed in the Industrial Park.

Larry Johnson reviewed with the Council a punch list of things to be finished at the raw water pump station. He noted that the project is functional, however, they have met with representatives from Reliant Energy to review the needed corrections at the pump station. Johnson said most items are National Electrical Code violations and Reliant should be notified that they have not lived up to the original contract agreement. Also, tell them that here is the needed scope of work and when can the City expect completion.

RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Modglin, to move into executive session at 8:45 p.m., for the purpose of Section 2 (c)(5) purchase of real estate. Yeas, Commissioners Altman, Varner, Warner, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

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

Council briefly discussed the derelict condition of houses located at 709 Grove and 634 Elm. The City Clerk was instructed to have the City Attorney begin demolition procedures against the properties.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Warner made the motion seconded by Commissioner Altman, to adjourn the regular meeting of June 18, 2001, at 9:50 p.m. Yeas, Commissioners Altman, Varner, Warner, Modglin, 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.