

City of Neoga

Regular Meeting Minutes of the City Council
of the City of Neoga, City Council Chambers
Municipal Building 533 Chestnut
August 6, 2001, 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 2, 2001. Yeas, Commissioners Modglin, Varner, and Mayor Mercer. Commissioners Warner and Altman abstained. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Modglin, to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 16, 2001. Yeas, Commissioners Modglin, Warner, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Commissioner Varner abstained. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

STREET'S AND ALLEY'S

CITIZEN CONCERNS

Jeff and Sarah Stepp and Joyce Baker were present to discuss with the Council their concern over standing water in a ditch to the North side of their property. It was noted that due to a sump pump being installed in the basement of the new Professional Building water pumped from there drains to the ditch in question. Superintendent Douglas told the Council that he had been in contact with Milano & Grunloh about the diameter of pipe needed if the Council should decide to install pipe in the ditch to alleviate the water problem. Milano & Grunloh told Bill Douglas that an 8 inch diameter pipe would be sufficient. The Council explained to the Stepp's and Baker that they were aware of the situation and will decide how they will address this matter after they have had time to review alternatives.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

REVIEW OF IMRF EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Bill Pettry with Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund was present to explain and review the IMRF Early Retirement program with the Council. Mr. Pettry reviewed the

statement estimate evaluating the EM for the City of Neoga in terms of increased IMRF employer costs against offsetting payroll and fringe benefit savings. He explained that the report was based on 4 employees of the City of Neoga being eligible for EM in the year 2003 if the City Council chooses to adopt EM. Pettry reviewed two actuarial analysis's of the potential effect of EM for the City of Neoga which was based on data for those same 4 employees. Pettry explained the cost is based upon the highest 48 months of salary for the employee. Also, the employer can pay their cost for EM over a ten year period. It was the consensus of the Council that they would like to discuss retirement plans with the 4 employees involved, in order to make a more informed decision. This will be an item on the next agenda.

PUBLIC PROPERETY

REPORT FROM ENGINEER

David Happ an Engineer with Daily & Associates explained to the Council that a pay request and change order has been received from the contractor installing the water main on South Rt. 45. He noted that the change order was to add tracer wire to the installation of the water main and the pay request was for \$66,285.76. Happ recommended approval of both items.

Motion: Commissioner Warner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Modglin, to approve the change order request for installation of tracer wire. Cost of said item to be \$3251.75. Yeas, Commissioners Warner, Modglin, Varner, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

Motion: Commissioner Varner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, to approve the pay request from GRR Construction in the amount of \$66,285.76. Yeas, Commissioners Altman, Varner, Warner, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

Happ reported on the following:

1. They have approved shop drawings for the pump station construction on Cedar Street.
2. Plans have been sent to 'DOT and to EPA for the Industrial Park development. They have been reviewed by those agencies and all requested changes have been made and sent back to them for approval.
3. Work on obtaining easements for the water and sewer main for the industrial park is progressing well.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS CONTINUED

ZONING ORDINANCE CHANGE RECOMMENDATIONS

Building Inspector Gary Kastl was present to discuss with the City Council various Zoning Ordinance changes recommended by the Zoning Board. Kastl gave a brief summation of each recommended change. Motion: After discussion, Commissioner

Warner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Modglin, to approve the recommended changes. Yeas, Commissioners Modglin, Warner, Varner, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

DISCUSSION ON STEP DOWN FROM ENTRANCE TO MERCER'S PHARMACY

Brief discussion was held about the step down from the west entrance to Mercer's Pharmacy onto the city sidewalk. Mercer explained that he would like to eliminate the step down for the elderly entering his building. Various options were discussed. It was noted that any remedy considered would need to meet ADA standards. Commissioner Warner will review this and make some possible recommendations.

STREET'S AND ALLEY'S

Motion: Commissioner Warner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman to approve the change order in the amount of \$695.90 and Final Pay Request from Fuller & Wente for construction of sidewalk and on street parking at 6th and Locust in the amount of \$41, 914.20. Yeas, Commissioners Modglin, Warner, Varner, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

A request from Milano and Grunloh for additional pay for extra engineering work they feel they were requested to perform will be reviewed by Commissioner Warner. Additionally, Superintendent Douglas was instructed to put together some cost estimates to address the drainage problem in the ditch on the north side of Jeff and Sarah Stepp's and Joyce Baker's residence.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

REQUEST FOR HEART MONITOR

Commissioner Altman reported that Ambulance Coordinator Alan Baker has made her aware of the need to consider purchasing a new heart monitor for the backup ambulance. Baker has located a source to purchase refurbished monitors. Commissioner Altman will review options and cost with Baker and report back to Council.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Modglin, to adjourn the regular meeting of August 6, 2001, at 9:17 p.m. Yeas, Commissioners Altman, Modglin, Warner, Varner, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

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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.