

City of Neoga

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEOGA, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS MUNICIPAL BUILDING 533 CHESTNUT DECEMBER 3, 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, Modglin, Varner, Altman and Mayor Mercer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES

Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 19, 2001. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Modglin, Warner, and Mayor Mercer. Commissioner Altman abstained. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

Commissioner Warner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to approve the executive meeting minutes of November 19, 2001. Yeas, Commissioners Modglin, Warner, Varner, and Mayor Mercer. Commissioner Altman abstained. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

RESOLUTION NO. 19-12-01

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE RELEASE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES.

Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman to approve Resolution No.19-12-01, upon recommendation of the City Clerk to release said Executive Session Minutes. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Altman, Warner, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ZONING CHANGE REQUEST

Jeff Morrison representing ROMOR Construction was present to request a zoning change of a 10 acre tract of land they purchased from the American Legion. It was noted that the Zoning Board had recommended the zoning change from Residential Estates to C2 Highway Business District. After review and consideration it was the consensus of the Council that before they can consider this request they must have a

site plan showing the proposed use of the acreage. Additionally, the Council noted they would not blanket re-zone the full 10 acres, they will only consider rezoning the portion of the acreage that ROMAR submits site plans for.

BILLS

Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman to pay the bill to AmerenCIPS for bringing 3 phase electric to the new pumping station in the amount of \$7098.72. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Warner, Altman, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

PUBLIC PROPERTY

REPORT FROM DAILY & ASSOCIATES ENGINEERS

David Happ from Daily & Associates reported that the construction of the Cedar Street Pumping Station is complete. Seeding and mulching has been done. Change Order No.1, which was for repair of an 8" diameter storm sewer, increasing the structure diameters, and tree removal in the amount of a \$4540.00 decrease is recommended for approval. Additionally, change order No.2 for extra gravel, fencing etc. in the amount of \$6475.00, which results in an overall total of \$1935.00 total over bid is recommended for approval.

Motion: Commissioner Varner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Modglin to approve Change Order No 1 & 2, for the Cedar Street Pump Station. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Altman, Warner, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

David Happ reported that the Cedar Street Pump Station construction is substantially completed with seeding and mulching done. Therefore, pay request No.1, is recommended for payment in the amount of \$85,008.06.

Motion: Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, to approve payment of pay request No.1. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Modglin, Warner, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

Change order No.3, for the South Rt. 45 water main construction was recommended for approval in the amount of \$7,953.05 decrease or credit.

Motion: Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to approve Change Order No.3. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Altman, Modglin, Warner, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

Final pay request from G.R.R. Construction for the South Rt. 45 water main was recommended for approval by Daily & Associates for the period ending November 30, 2001, in the amount of \$2,500.33. This pay request reflects completion of the remaining seeding and mulching; and payment of the remaining retainage.

Motion: Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Warner, to approve pay request No.4. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Warner, Modglin,

Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT DOUGLAS

Superintendent Douglas told the Council that the installation of new water meters is progressing. They are installing and purchasing 50 meters at a time. Douglas also reported that the new fences are installed at the water plant and two pump stations and all are under lock.

STREET'S AND ALLEY'S

DITCH BEHIND PROFESSIONAL BUILDING

Commissioner Warner reported that Ken Walk the owner of the Professional Building went to talk with Joyce Baker and Jeff Stepp and they are working together to find a remedy for the water standing in the ditch behind the Professional Building.

RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Modglin, to move into executive session at 7:55 p.m., for the purpose of Section 2 (c)(1) Personnel - compensation and performance. Yeas, Commissioners Modglin, Warner, Varner, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

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

INCREASE IN ASSESSED EVALUATION OF CITY OF NEOGA

Mayor Mercer reported that he had discussed the 12% increase in the assessed evaluation placed on the City of Neoga by the County Assessor with County Board Chairman Mike Walk. Mercer said that Walk is going to discuss this matter with Assessor Wayne Henderson and will get back to Mercer or the City Clerk about what he finds out.

DISCUSSION ON THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT FACILITY WEST OF NEOGA

Council discussed at length their concern over the proposed construction of a hog finishing facility less than a mile west of the City. It was the consensus of the Council that they are adamantly opposed to construction of the proposed facility and will work to prevent it's construction. The City Clerk has been in touch with the Illinois Department of Agriculture and the Illinois Pork Producers about this facility. The Department of Agriculture told her that as long as the Apke's comply with the Livestock Management Act they will be allowed to construct. The Executive Director of the Pork Producers told the Clerk that they will contact Apke to discuss the matter and possibly suggest they should reconsider the location of the facility, especially in

light of the situation and bad press they received about the proposed facility outside of Casey Illinois. The City Clerk will continue to contact local Legislators and keep in touch with the Department of Agriculture and the Pork Producers. Additionally, a Public Hearing will be set up to gather input from citizens.

SALARY ORDINANCE & BONUS

Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Modglin, to have the salary ordinance as proposed prepared by the City Attorney, and to give bonus pay the same as last year, with Department Heads receiving \$200, employees receiving \$100, and EMT's receiving \$25. Yeas, Commissioners Altman, Varner, Warner, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

ADJOURN

Commissioner Warner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Modglin, to adjourn the regular meeting of December 3, 2001, at 10:55 p.m. Motion carried, via voice vote.

** 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.