



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NEOGA, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING 533 CHESTNUT
JANUARY 7, 2002, 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, Warner, and Mayor Mercer. Commissioner Varner was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES

Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Warner, to approve the regular meeting minutes and the Public Hearing minutes of December 17, 2001. Yeas, Commissioners Warner, Altman, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Warner, to approve the executive meeting minutes of December 17, 2001. Yeas, Commissioners Altman, Modglin, Warner, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

HEARTLAND CHRISTIAN VILLAGE

Norm McCormick representing Heartland Christian Village Nursing Home addressed the Council in regard to their concern over the "Wean to Finish Hog Facility", presently being to proposed for construction west of the Nursing Home. Mr. McCormick offered their assistance in any manner they could to help block construction of the facility. He stated they have obtained legal council and offered to help fund efforts, if necessary, in order to protect their investment and the Nursing Home Community. Additionally, McCormick complimented the community for their whole hearted support of the facility. Mayor Mercer suggested that their legal council meet with City Attorney Glenn Braden. A meeting was scheduled for the next day.

PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH BRIGHTON CABINETS

Motion: After review of the proposed agreement with Brighton Cabinets which incorporates agreed upon changes, Commissioner Warner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Modglin to accept the proposed agreement with Brighton Cabinets and to authorize Mayor Mercer to sign said agreement when all paper work has been prepared by the City Attorney. Yeas, Commissioners Warner, Altman, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

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FINANCE

REPORT ON NEOGA CURL

Commissioner Modglin reported that the Neoga CURL group has collected over 800 signatures on petitions to ask the Governor to impose a moratorium on the locating of any new, or expansion of any existing large scale confined livestock operation until all health and environmental problems have been studied by an independent commission. Additionally, they are asking that any such facilities be prohibited from being located within a 2 mile radius of any incorporated City, Town, or Village, or Public Water Supply. Also, the group has phoned their legislators, the Governors office, the Illinois Department of Agriculture to express their concern. They have appointed Brad Keck as their Public Relations person, and have officially named the committee "Neoga CURL." Modglin noted that per his conversation with Chris Apke, that Apke said he was 90% sure he will not be going forward with the construction of the facility. Modglin suggested the City consider reimbursing Apke for expenses to this point to encourage him to not construct, no action was taken.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

CEDAR STREET PUMP STATION

David Happ with Daily & Associates Engineering firm was present to report on the construction progress of the Cedar Street Pump Station. Happ explained that a final inspection of the project was performed on December 31, 2001, and submitted a punch list with the following items that were found to be deficient:

1. The 4" vent pipe on the new wet well needs to have bug screen installed.
2. As directed by the supplier, install neoprene gasket or equivalent on new wet well and valve vault hatches.
3. Remove concrete blocks in valve vault and replace with specified pipe supports.
4. Dispose of barrel section that was removed from old wet well.

Happ presented change order #2 from GRR Construction in the amount of \$6475.00. He noted that coupling this change order with #1 change order which was in the amount of a \$4540.00 decrease in price left a total amount of \$1900 over original contract price of \$98,993.40. Additionally, Happ presented pay request No. 2 from GRR Construction for the period ending December 31, 2001 in the amount of \$15,920.43. Happ recommended the Council approve both documents with the exception of withholding \$1000 from the pay request until the punch list is completed. Motion: Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Modglin, to approve Change Order No.2 and pay request No.2 for payment of \$15,920.34 and to withhold \$1000 until Dave Happ notifies the City Clerk that the punch list is completed. Yeas, Commissioners Altman, Warner, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

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CEDAR STREET PUMP STATION

Superintendent Douglas discussed his concern that with the new pump station on line during large rains and the larger pumping power of the pump station there could be flooding problems down stream from the larger amount of water being moved faster. Council instructed Douglas to notify them if it does present a problem, then Daily & Associates could be contacted to seek remedies to any problem.

STREET'S AND ALLEY'S

REQUEST FROM UPTOWN FOOD & SPIRITS

Commissioner Warner reviewed with the Council a request received from Uptown Food & Spirits to be allowed to construct a new entrance which would protrude out onto the sidewalk. Warner said he will need to contact the State of Illinois because he thinks their right of way extends up to the front of the bldg. Building Inspector Gary Kastl is to contact Uptown Food & Spirits to discuss this matter.

Commissioner Warner told the Council that Richard Peters felt that CIPS was setting a power pole which will supply the new schools power on his property. However, it is in the City's right of way and the City has given permission to CIPS and the School to use the alley for placement of the pole and the pole needs to be left alone.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

ANIMAL CONTROL WARDEN

Commissioner Altman told the Council that Ron Boeser might be interested in taking the position as Animal Control Warden if some things could be worked out. If citizens have animal problems now they are to call the city office.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Modglin, to adjourn the regular meeting of January 7, 2001, at 7:45 p.m. Yeas, Commissioners Warner, Altman, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

Gary A. Mercer, Mayor

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Approved by City Council

Patricia D. Ehrhart, MMC, City Clerk