



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF NEOGA, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING 533 CHESTNUT  
APRIL 15, 2002, 7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Warner, to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 1, 2002. Yeas, Commissioners Warner, Varner, Altman, and Mayor Pro-Tem Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to approve the executive meeting minutes of April 1, 2002. Yeas, Commissioners Altman, Varner, Warner, and Mayor Pro-Tem Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 02-04-02**      A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH GLENN A. BRADEN.

Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to approve Resolution No. 02-04-02. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Altman, Warner, and Mayor Pro-Tem Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

**FINANCE**

**MONTHLY BILLS**

After review of the monthly bills Commissioner Warner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, to pay the bills in the amount of \$22,050.26. Yeas, Commissioners Altman, Varner, Warner, and Mayor Pro-Tem Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The previous month statement of fund balances was given each Commissioner. After review of the same, Mayor Pro-Tem Modglin ordered that the statement of fund balances be placed in the files of the City Clerk.

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## **PUBLIC PROPERTY**

### ENGINEERS REPORT, DAVID HAPP, WITH DAILY & ASSOCIATES

David Happ reviewed the bid for construction of the new 8" water main loop, gravity flow sewer main, and road for the Neoga Industrial Park with the Council. Happ explained that only one bid was received. He indicated that he had contacted USDA to make sure there would be no problem with the grant since only one bid was received. USDA stated that as long as it was a qualified Contractor and the bids were within range of Engineer estimates they had no problem with it. Happ said the Contractor (G.R.R. Construction) is still giving the Engineers information on his sub contractors, when Daily & Associates have received all required information and reviewed it they will come to Council for final approval. Motion: Commissioner Warner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to approve the contract for the base bid with bid alternate B, in the amount of \$680,195.00. Yeas, Commissioners Warner, Varner, Altman, and Mayor Pro-Tem Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

Commissioner Warner left the room temporarily to speak to Engineering Firm representative.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-04-02                    A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH WHITE'S LAWN SERVICE TO PERFORM MOWING AND OTHER SERVICES AT THE NEOGA MEMORIAL CEMETERY.

Commissioner Varner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, to approve Resolution No. 03-04-02. Yeas, Commissioners Altman, Varner, and Mayor Pro-Tem Modglin. Commissioner Warner absent. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

RESOLUTION NO. 04-04-02                    A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR CEMETERY MANAGEMENT SERVICES WITH SWENGEL O'DELL FUNERAL HOME, INC.

Commissioner Varner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, to approve Resolution No. 04-04-02. Yeas, Commissioners Altman, Varner, and Mayor Pro-Tem Modglin.

Commissioner Warner absent. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

Commissioner Warner returned to the Council Chambers.

### REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT DOUGLAS

Superintendent Douglas told the Council that IEPA inspected the sewer facilities last week. He said that it went very well. IEPA suggested they would like to see a power back up generator on the new pumping stations. Douglas noted that IEPA is now requiring more tests to be run which will generate more paperwork. Also, they said the return sludge collector box was rusting and

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needed to be repaired. Employees are getting ready to take it off line and paint it. Larry Johnson from Daily & Associates Engineers is coming down to inspect the sewer plant to review options for replacement of pumps and to begin the process of prioritizing of needs for implementation of the Grant Application process.

### **STREET'S AND ALLEY'S**

#### DISCUSSION ABOUT TURNING RADIUS ON 4<sup>TH</sup> AND LOCUST

Commissioner Warner explained that the trucks coming from the grain elevator and turning west on 4<sup>th</sup> street are mudding out the shoulder of the road because the turning radius is too small to accommodate them. Brief discussion was held on possible ways to address this problem. No action was taken at this time.

#### REQUEST FROM FIRST NATIONAL BANK NEOGA

Building Inspector Gary Kastl told the Council that representatives from the First National Bank had contacted him about placing a 100 ft. communication tower at the Neoga Professional building. A picture of a similar tower was supplied for review. Several Commissioner stated concerns over the esthetics of this type of structure being placed on the Profession Building Property. Mayor Pro-Tem Modglin said he did not like to be too restrictive on businesses, however, he did have some concerns. Representatives from First National will be asked to attend the next council meeting to discuss their proposal.

#### EASEMENT ON THE JAMES STEWART PROPERTY AT 1002 WALNUT

Mr. & Mrs. Stewart told the Council that they have some concerns over losing trees in their front yard when the city lays piping through their front yard. Council said they understood their concerns. However, it was explained that was why the City needed a 30 foot easement so trees could be avoided during construction. Mrs. Stewart said she was told that if a tree root was damaged it would kill the tree. Commissioner Warner will check with CIPS about how they address this issue.

### **PUBLIC AFFAIRS CONTINUED**

#### TERRY BIGGS PRESENTATION ON TEEN DATING VIOLENCE

Terry Biggs told the Council that she was here to talk about a Grant that Neoga High School received on the teen dating violence. She stated that as a part of the Grant they were trying to raise awareness of parents and the community in general on this issue. She said that it is estimated that one out of three teenagers will experience some type of dating violence. Biggs said 40% of all teen dating violence occurs on school grounds. This grant is a safe to learn mini grant administered under the Attorney General Office in the amount of \$7500.

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RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to move into executive session at 8:15 p.m., for the purpose of Section 2 (c)(1) Personnel - The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity. Yeas, Commissioner Varner, Altman, Warner, and Mayor Pro-Tem Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

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

ADJOURN

Commissioner Warner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to adjourn the regular meeting of April 15, 2002. Approved by viva voice vote.

The Council meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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Gary a. Mercer, Mayor

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Patricia D. Ehrhart, MMC  
City Clerk of Neoga, Illinois