



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NEOGA, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING 533 CHESTNUT
MAY 20, 2002, 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 6, 2002. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Modglin and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

Commissioner Varner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Modglin, to approve the executive meeting minutes of May 6, 2002. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to approve paying the full time police officers ½ time pay for holidays. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

ORDINANCE NO. 716-05-02 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE NEOGA LAND
USE ORDINANCE AND THE ZONING DISTRICT
MAP OF THE CITY OF NEOGA.

Commissioner Varner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Modglin, to approve Ordinance No. 716-05-02. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried 3-0

FINANCE

MONTHLY BILLS

After review of the monthly bills Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to pay the bills in the amount of \$29,579.10. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The previous month statement of fund balances was given each Commissioner. After review of

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the same, Mayor Mercer ordered that the statement of fund balances be placed in the files of the City Clerk.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH/DENTAL/VISION/INSURANCE

Commissioner Modglin explained that the employee health, dental and vision insurance has had an increase of 16% for the coming year. Commissioner Modglin said he would look into other options such as co-insurance, co-pays, preventive care, and prescription drugs. The insurance agent suggested that maybe the employees start paying a portion of the premium or a larger deductible. It was the consensus of the council, that before a vote was taken, that all council members see cost proposal by the insurance company and than take action at the next council meeting.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

Commissioner Varner ask the council for their input into a sign out at the Neoga Cemetery regarding the rules and regulations. After input from everyone, Commissioner Varner will draft a list of items to put on the sign for the council to approve at the next meeting.

Commissioner Varner also informed the council that the City received a non-compliant letter from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Superintendent Douglas has sent a reply letter addressing how the city will respond to the exceptions noted.

Commissioner Modglin made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the notice to proceed, contracts for Industrial Park and the letter of award. Seconded by Commissioner Varner. Note: the letter of award will not be effective until it is approved by the EDA. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

The Council questioned Norm from GRR Construction whether Fuller - Wentz were pre-qualified by IDOT. Norm reported that they are now, and would be his choice for the subcontractor to construct the road at the Industrial Park . The next step is to set a pre-construction meeting and then sign contracts. Dave Happ with Daily & Associates Engineers asked that Commissioner Warner attend the pre-construction meeting to help make a decision about subcontractors. The meeting will be held the last week of May.

The following was discussed with Norm Penseneau and David Happ about punch items remaining from the South Rt. 45 construction project. 1. Water line settlement problems. 2. Problems with the culvert continuing to wash out at the Kenworthy property. Recommendation to rip-rap the ditch on the north side. Penseneau and Happ will look at the culvert and report back to the Council on their findings. The City is to remove some remaining stumps from the Kenworthy property.

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STREET'S AND ALLEY'S

Easement for the Stewart's property is to be placed on the Agenda for next meeting. Commissioner Warner is to discuss the tree situation with CIPS representatives.

Mayor Mercer explained to Sara Stepp and Joyce Baker that he is researching their problem with the water in the ditch to the North of their property.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

CITY WIDE CLEANUP

Council reviewed bids from various trash haulers for the city wide cleanup. Motion: Commissioner Varner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Modglin, to accept the bid from Prairie State for the annual cleanup to be held on June 8th and June 15th per stipulations in the proposal with curbside pickup with packers only, (No roll offs). Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

Brief discussion was held about a problem with abandoned vehicles on various properties in town. Consensus to have Chief Mattern check on this and to possibly notify residents in the paper that the City will be addressing this issue and they must remove these cars.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Warner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to adjourn the regular meeting of May 20, 2002. Approved by viva voice vote.

The Council meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Gary a. Mercer, Mayor

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