



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NEOGA, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING 533 CHESTNUT
JUNE 3, 2002, 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 20, 2002. Yeas, Commissioners Modglin, Varner, and Mayor Mercer. Commissioner Altman abstained. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

FIREWORKS DONATION

Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Modglin, to donate \$500 to the Fireworks display which will be sponsored again this year by Uptown Food & Spirits. Yeas, Commissioners Altman, Varner, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

HOMES IN NEED OF DEMOLITION OR BROUGHT UP TO CODE

Council discussed at length properties located at 609 Grove Ave., 510 Walnut, and 634 Elm. It was the consensus of the Council that legal notification should begin immediately on the above stated properties that they must be brought up to code or demolished. Also noted at this time was the ongoing problem of junk/abandoned vehicles in the city. Chief Mattern stated that he is in the process of working on this matter and has already removed several automobiles.

Discussed notifying residents by newspaper and perhaps by the water bills that the abandoned vehicle ordinance will be strictly enforced.

DONATION TO LIFE CENTER

Corinthia Croy, representing the Life Center, was in attendance to request the City Council consider giving a donation to the Life Center. She stated the Life Center had worked with many people in the Neoga area during the past year. Some of those services were as follows: 7 people were served in the transportation program; 8 people were transported to Doctors' 85 people served in the multipurpose programs; and 65 people were served in the Circuit Breaker program. Croy explained that the Life Center is partially funded by the East Central Illinois Area on Ageing. However, they must raise \$80,000 per year on their own. Motion: Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, to donate \$2500 to the Life

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Center. Yeas, Commissioners Altman, Varner, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer.
Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

FINANCE

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE

After lengthy discussion on the employee health, dental, eye, and life insurance plan Commissioner Modglin made the recommendation and motion that the City renew the Dental, Vision, & Life program with option #2 which would incorporate a 20% co-pay for employees on preventative care. Also renew the health insurance with option #6, which would carry a \$250 deductible in the Network and out, carry a family deductible of \$750 in and out of network. With a coinsurance, or out of pocket maximum of \$500 in network/\$1000 out of network. The prescription plan will be \$10 generic/\$20 preferred/\$30 non-preferred in network. Office visits will carry a \$10 co-pay with \$0 inpatient hospital admission co-pay. This motion was made with clarification to be made that the out of pocket maximum is as stated above. Commissioner Varner seconded the motion. Yeas, Commissioners Modglin, Varner, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, Commissioner Altman. Motion carried. 3-1

PUBLIC PROPERTY

GRR Construction

Norm Penseneau from GRR Construction told the Council that he has reinstalled the culvert at the Kenworthy property and put rip rap on the slope. Additionally, he told the Council of his concern over the late start date for the Industrial Park project. He noted that after the bid is let the Council has 45 days to award the bid. Also, the pipe cost was May prices so delivery of the pipe will need to be soon. Penseneau wanted the Council to understand that as soon as the bid is awarded then he will need to bill immediately for the pipe. Council said they understood the situation.

SUPERINTENDENT DOUGLAS REPORT

Douglas said he has purchased the pipe for the alley between 5th and 6th street and Locust and Maple. He said they will be installing it soon. Council reviewed letter from IEPA about the water overflowing the sewer manholes during heavy rain. Larry Johnson with Daily & Associates has a copy of the letter and is putting together some information for a reply letter. Penseneau and Douglas discussed lining 250 ft. of the existing sewer line to help prevent infiltration into that line. Douglas is working on getting a camera into that sewer line to check for infiltration.

CEMETERY RULES

Commissioner Varner is still working on putting together rules for the Neoga Memorial Cemetery.

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ORDINANCE NO. 717-06-02 AN ORDINANCE TO GRANT A ZONING VARIANCE
FOR LARRY LINDLEY FOR THE PROPERTY
LOCATED AT 695 BURROWS.

Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman to approve Ordinance NO. 717-06-02. Yeas, Commissioners Altman, Varner, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

ORDINANCE NO. 718-06-02 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF
ORDINANCE NO. 502-11-86 ENTITLED "AN
ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AMBULANCE RATES"

Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to approve Ordinance NO. 718-06-02. Yeas, Commissioners Altman, Varner, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Superintendent Douglas reported that employees have started work on the detention pond overflow at the Industrial Park Power Loc site, as well as, working on the ditch into Route 45. Also Douglas said he is waiting for the easement from Stewarts to begin work on laying water and sewer lines to the south Hartke lot. Discussion was held on the possibility of directionally boring the sewer line. Douglas is to check into the difference in cost for boring.

RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Varner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, to move into executive session at 8:45 p.m., to discuss 2 (c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Altman, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

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

ADJOURN

Commissioner Varner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, to adjourn **the** regular meeting of June 3, 2002, at 10:05 p.m. Motion carried, via voice vote.

Gary A. Mercer, Mayor

Patricia D. Ehrhart, MMC, City Clerk

