



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NEOGA, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING 533 CHESTNUT
JUNE 17, 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, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer.

MINUTES

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

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

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

DONATION TO PEACE MEAL

After review of a request from Peace Meal, Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, to donate \$1250 to Peace Meal. Ayes, Commissioners Altman, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

WEB SITE

City Clerk Ehrhart discussed with the Council the possibility of putting together a web site for the City. Having a web site would provide the opportunity for citizens to download various forms and applications from the web. Additionally, minutes, agendas, some ordinances, and other items of interest to local residents could be made readily available on the site. Having a web site would also allow the city to put site and building information on the web for companies looking to expand and allow for linkage to other sites such as AmerenCIPS Location One and DCCA. After discussion it was the consensus of the council for Ehrhart to pursue bids for creation of a web site.

ILLINOIS COALITION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

After reviewing a request from the Illinois Coalition for Community Services to consider participating in a Rural Community Development Initiative. Commissioner Altman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Modglin, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**



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assurance forms, upon approval of the City Attorney, to allow the City to participate in the program at no cost to the City. Yeas, Commissioners Modglin, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

MONTHLY BILLS

After review of the monthly bills Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, to pay the bills in the amount of \$27,059.29. Yeas, Commissioners Modglin, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

TREASURER'S REPORT

The previous month statement of fund balances was given to all council members. After review of the same, Mayor Mercer ordered that the statement of fund balances be placed in the files of the City Clerk.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

SUPERINTENDENT DOUGLAS REPORT

Douglas reported on the following items:

1. Still waiting for pump to come in for the No. 3 pump at the sewer plant.
2. Has completed putting drain in for retention pond at Power Loc site and will be connecting the new ditch into the state right of way at the Industrial Park.
3. Discussed need to replace 180 ft. of curb and gutter on Wilson Ave. Has a price quote from Fuller & Wentz for \$2556. This item to be on agenda for next meeting.

CONSTRUCTION MEETING

Commissioner Modglin told the Council that he and City Clerk Ehrhart had met with Daily & Associates about the Industrial Park and the increase in costs from the original estimates for construction of the infrastructure. Increased cost were associated with unplanned replacement of the sewer line from the trailer park pump station south to the first manhole, delays in start of construction, and other requested changes. Modglin noted we had three objectives when this project started; 1. To bring water, sewer, and streets into the Industrial park. 2. To install sufficient infrastructure for other new development along that corridor. 3. To replace a failing and ageing pump station at the trailer park. It was consensus of the Council to move forward with the project as bid because any change in plans would delay the project further and the City's goals could not be met with changes in the scope of the project.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-06-02

A RESOLUTION VERIFYING THE AVAILABILITY OF AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO COMPLETE THE CONSTRUCTION OF INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE INDUSTRIAL PARK.

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Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, to approve Resolution No. 05-06-02. Yeas, Commissioners Altman, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

ELECTRICAL POWER FOR TRAILER PARK, PUMP STATION

City Clerk Ehrhart told the Council that CIPS has given the City a cost quote of around \$10,000 for bringing three phase electrical power to the pump station as apposed to \$2500 for single phase. Norm Penseneau with G.R.R. Construction told the Council that he had checked with the pump people and they were neutral on efficiency of the pump if you use single or three phase electrical. Ehrhart said she and Commissioner Modglin discussed this with Daily & Associates and they are reviewing their requirements, however, the design calls for three phase and Daily did not feel that now was the time to change design with the EDA grant finally being approved.

CEMETERY RAILROAD CROSSING

Ehrhart told the Council that she has been contacted by some concerned citizens about the danger of the railroad crossing at the cemetery. It was explained, with the switching track being located south of Neoga, rail cars sitting on the switching track block the view of vehicle drivers trying to cross the track. It was noted that the Illinois Commerce Commission has included safety improvements for that crossing in the FY 2003-2007 Crossing Safety Improvement Program, with a designation of Signals and Lights/Closing of Crossing. Ehrhart told the Council that she has e-mailed the Commerce Commission about the Council's concerns about this crossing. Also, she explained that letters will probably be coming to the Council expressing the concern of various citizens.

RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Modglin, to move into executive session at 8:05 p.m., to discuss Section 2 (c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. And Section 2 (c)(5) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body. Yeas, Commissioners Altman, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

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

RESOLUTION NO. 06-06-02

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN
OPTION AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE REAL
ESTATE WITH WANDA M. ELSON.**

Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, to approve
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Resolution No. 06-06-02. Yeas, Commissioners Altman, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

ADJOURN

Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Modglin to adjourn the regular meeting of June 17, 2002, at 9:30 p.m. Motion carried, via voice vote.

Gary A. Mercer

Patricia D. Ehrhart, MMC, City Clerk