



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NEOGA, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING 533 CHESTNUT
JULY 15, 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, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Commissioner Varner was absent.

MINUTES

Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman to approve the July 1, 2002 minutes of the Joint Governing Boards meeting, and the Regular and Executive meeting of that same date. Yeas, Commissioners Altman, Modglin, Warner, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

POLICE DEPARTMENT'S ETHICS POLICY

After review, Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Modglin, to approve the proposed Code of Ethics Policy submitted by Chief Mattern contingent upon review and approval of the City Attorney. Ayes, Commissioners Warner, Modglin, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

SUPPORT OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Commissioner Warner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman to approve a Resolution No. 07-07-02 in support of Cumberland County Development Corporation and the continued payment of the City's dues in the amount of \$1000 and payment of the \$5000 stipend contingent upon all Governing bodies sharing in the participation. Yeas, Commissioners Warner, Altman, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

WORKMEN COMPENSATION

Workmen Compensation reports were provided for the Council's review.

MEDIACOM LETTER

Council reviewed a letter from Mediacom asking to renew their Franchise agreement with the City and asking the City to begin renewal proceedings as set forth in the franchise agreement. Additionally, they requested the City consider beginning informal negotiations. It was the Consensus of the Council for Mayor Mercer to write a letter agreeing to an informal procedure and to begin to compile a list of desired improvements to the system.

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FINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 719-07-02

AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH BUDGET OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CITY PURPOSES OF THE CITY OF NEOGA, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2003 COMMENCING ON MAY 1, 2002 AND ENDING ON APRIL 30, 2003.

Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, to approve Ordinance No. 719-07-02. Yeas, Commissioners Warner, Altman, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

EMPLOYEE INSURANCE

Commissioner Modglin reviewed with the Council the letter from the City Employee Insurance Company, Right Choice, stating that they will no longer carry Medical Insurance after December 31, 2002. Modglin noted that the City Clerk called the Insurance Agent and he did not recommend using Unicare which was proposed by Right Choice. Agent Ingle is gathering quotes from various Medical Insurance carriers and will review them with the Council when they have all been received.

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 \$27,440.36. Yeas, Commissioners Modglin, Altman, Warner, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

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 REPORT

Superintendent Douglas told the Council that the EPA inspection of the water plant came out fairly well. He feels there will be some small suggestions for improvements, not findings, but suggestions coming in letter form after the inspection.

Norm Penseneau told the Council that US Filter secured the pipe and the bill for the pipe will be coming within the scope of the contract. It was noted that Penseneau will be digging up the

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Gas pipe line and Daily & Associates will be at the dig site to oversee and make the decision exactly where the water main will be installed.

CEMETERY SIGN

After review of the proposed sign for the Cemetery submitted by Clean Cut Signs Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, for Commissioner Varner to proceed with approval of the design and purchase of the proposed sign. Yeas, Commissioners Modglin, Altman, Warner, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

STREET'S AND ALLEY'S

ORDINANCE NO. 720-07-02 AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE SPEED LIMIT ON TROWBRIDGE ROAD.

Commissioner Warner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, to approve Ordinance No. 720-07-02. Yeas, Commissioners Altman, Warner, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

6TH STREET MOTOR FUEL PROGRAM

Brief discussion was held on 6th Street and a possible MFT program for this year. The City Clerk is to contact Tom Overmyer about the possibility of getting a program started for this year.

Commissioner Warner will call Daily & Associates for clarification on the need to use three phase electrical at the Pump Station by the trailer park.

ROAD BY NEW SCHOOL

The City Clerk was instructed to set up a meeting between School Superintendent Bill Steichman, City Superintendent Douglas, and Commissioner Warner in regard to this road.

SUPERINTENDENT DOUGLAS

Douglas reported that employees will be finishing installing the drainage pipe in the alley behind Walk Professional Building this week. Discussion was held about the leak in the Municipal Building roof. Superintendent Douglas will contact Drake Roofing to see if they will take a look at the roof and give some guidance on possible repair needs.

Commissioner Warner wanted it recorded in the Minutes that Greg White has made no effort to tear down the house at 5th & Walnut, or to repair or tear down the house at 7th and Grove. Additionally, there are more cars on White's property on Chestnut. The City Attorney will be instructed to begin legal procedures against White about the above stated properties.

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ORDINANCE NO. 721-07-02

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE
COLLECTION OF A FEE FOR GARBAGE
COLLECTORS WHO DEPOSIT A DUMPSTER
WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS FOR THE COLLECTION
OF REFUSE.

Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Warner, to approve Ordinance No. 721-07-02. Yeas, Commissioners Warner, Modglin, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Modglin, to move into executive session to discuss Section 2 (c)(1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. Yeas, Commissioner Altman, Warner, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

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

ADJOURN

Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Warner, to adjourn the regular meeting of July 15, 2002, at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried, via voice vote.

Gary A. Mercer, Mayor

Patricia D. Ehrhart, MMC, City Clerk