



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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-tem Modglin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were: Commissioners Varner, Warner, and Mayor Pro-tem Modglin. Commissioner Altman arrived at 7:10 p.m.

MINUTES

Commissioner Varner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Warner, to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 19, 2002. Yeas, Commissioners Warner, Varner, and Mayor Pro-tem Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ZONING ORDINANCE CHANGES

Commissioner Warner made the motion seconded by Commissioner Varner to approve the following changes to the Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Zoning Board.

1. Allow a Special Use Permit for Josh and Michelle Herring at 1243 Willow Avenue for a beauty shop in their home.
2. Change Article II, Section 2-29F Garages and Carports (page 35) Division 2A, R1/ Single Family Dwelling to read "no more than twelve (12) feet in height" instead of nine (9) feet.
3. Proposed changes to Article II, Division 5, Building Permits (page 86) 3.81 as follows:
 - A. Delete fees for churches.
 - B. In storage have, storage residential with a factor of 0.39. Also, storage business with a factor of 0.79.
 - C. Under garages change factor from 0.20 to read 0.39.

Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Warner, and Mayor Pro-tem Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

REPAIR OF MUNICIPAL BUILDING ROOF

Council reviewed quote from Curry Construction of \$9,526 to make repairs to the Municipal Building roof. They will tighten and/or replace loose fasteners, fiber coat all laps and apply a Two Coat Acrylic finish. This option has a, ten-year warranty. Motion: Commissioner Warner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to hire Curry Construction to apply the

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two coat acrylic finish for \$9,526. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Warner, and Mayor Pro-tem Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

Commissioner Altman arrived at this time.

PURCHASE OF SQUAD CAR

Council reviewed a proposal prepared by Police Chief Mattern to purchase a 2003 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor Vehicle to replace the 1996 Chevrolet squad car for a cost of \$23,144. Motion: Commissioner Varner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Warner to purchase the 2003 squad car for \$23,144. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Warner, Altman, and Mayor Pro-tem Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

LOCATION OF WINERY IN INDUSTRIAL PARK

Council reviewed a request from Terry and Peg Latch, owners of Rose Vineyards, to locate a Winery in the Neoga Industrial Park. They requested the City consider allowing them to locate on the 4 acres south of the Power Loc building. It was noted by the Council that people visiting the winery would most likely spend further dollars at restaurants and other businesses in the Neoga area. Additionally, a retail business, such as this, will increase sales tax dollars for the community and will employ Neoga residents. Council agreed to have an agreement drawn up for further consideration by both the City Council and Peg and Terry Latch.

PRINTER PURCHASE

After review of quotes for laser printers for city offices Commissioner Warner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, to approve purchase of a Hewlett Packard Laser Jet 4100, 25ppm, 16 Mb Ram, 500-Sheet Tray for \$1200 from Team Technology. Yeas, Commissioners Altman, Varner, Warner, and Mayor Pro-tem Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

PUBLIC PROPERTY

REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT DOUGLAS

Superintendent Douglas reported that the coin metered water sales is going to be open after hours for purchase of coin metered water. However, he requested that the public notify the City if they see anyone tampering with the sales machine, and said if there were anymore vandalism incidents it will be closed except during regular working hours.

Council members complimented Douglas on a job well done on the street work at the new Middle School.

GRANT APPLICATION

Larry Johnson reviewed with the Council deadlines and criteria for making application to DCCA

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for a grant to construct new sewer mains and to address some existing problems at the sewer plant. It was agreed to hold a Committee meeting on Monday September 9, 2002 to discuss the scope of work and whether to apply for a planning or construction grant. Commissioners Varner, Warner, Modglin, Superintendent Douglas, City Clerk Ehrhart, and Larry Johnson will serve on the Committee.

REQUEST FOR DRY HYDRANT AT INDUSTRIAL PARK

Council discussed a request from the Fire Department to be allowed to install a dry hydrant in the pond south of Brighton Cabinets. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to allow installation of the hydrant and for City Employees to help install the hydrant

Norm Penseneau told the Council that Fuller Wentz is working on the roadway this week and should be done by the end of the month. He said that permit changes have been sent to Springfield by Daily & Associates Engineers to change the pumping station location at the trailer park.

CHANGE ORDER REQUEST NO. 2

Commissioner Warner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to approve Change Order No. 2 for the Industrial Park Project. Yeas, Commissioners Warner, Varner, Altman, and Mayor Pro-tem Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

PAY REQUEST NO. 2

Commissioner Warner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman to approve Pay Request NO. 2, for the Industrial Park Project in the amount of \$89,982.56. Yeas, Commissioners Warner, Varner, Altman, and Mayor Pro-tem Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

DAILY & ASSOCIATES ENGINEERS

Larry Johnson with Daily & Associates explained to the Council that IDOT has approved and extension for completion of the South Rt. 45 project until December. The extension was needed so that the contractor can sow the grass seed under more favorable weather conditions.

Norm Penseneau discussed putting concrete instead of asphalt on the shoulder of the new road in the Industrial Park with Larry Johnson and the City Council. GRR Construction is to put together a proposal and submit it to Daily & Associates.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

POSSIBLE HIRING OF ANOTHER FULL TIME EMT-I

Council reviewed with Ambulance Coordinator Alan Baker his reasons for feeling another full

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EMT-I is needed for the Ambulance Service. Baker stated that another EMT-I is needed full time to allow him to get some time off. He said that he is now putting in at least 50 hours per week, every week, and often longer because of volunteer time. Commissioner Warner told Baker that he would like to know why when Linda Sudkamp was Ambulance Coordinator there were a lot of volunteers and those volunteers were mostly local people. Also, there were no full time people on staff. Since Baker has taken over as Coordinator the position has become full time and there are staffing problems. Baker told the Council that people are no longer volunteering. He explained that he has visited most businesses in town to see if people would consider volunteering to become EMT's. Also, Baker said that the amount of people taking the classes to become EMT's has decreased dramatically. He said that if more people were not found to serve or if a full time employee was not hired the Ambulance Service would have to become just a basic unit because the service cannot find enough EMT-I's to keep functioning at the higher rated level. Baker explained that EMT-I's can insert IV's, give certain medications, defibrillate, and intubate patients. EMT basic can only give oxygen and transport patients. Consensus of the Council to bring this item back at the next meeting when Mayor Mercer could be present.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Warner, to adjourn the regular meeting of September 3, 2002, at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried via voice vote.

Gary A. Mercer, Mayor

Patricia D. Ehrhart, MMC, City Clerk