



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS MUNICIPAL BUILDING 533 CHESTNUT
NOVEMBER 4, 2002**

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 Warner, Varner, and Mayor Pro-tem Modglin.

MINUTES

Commissioner Warner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to approve the regular meeting minutes and the executive meeting minutes of October 21, 2002. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Warner, and Mayor Pro-tem Modglin Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

CIMOA MEETING

Council members were informed about the Central Illinois Municipal Officials Meeting to be held in Gibson City on Wednesday the 20th of November. Any Council Member interested in attending should notify the City Clerk.

FINANCE

RESOLUTION NO. 11-11-02

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS TO COMPLETE THE CONSTRUCTION OF INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE INDUSTRIAL PARK IN SUPPORT OF BRIGHTON CABINET.

Commissioner Warner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to approve Resolution No. 11-11-02. Yeas, Commissioners Warner, Varner, and Mayor Pro-tem Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

RISK MANAGEMENT INSURANCE

After review of the premium for the City's insurance coverage for liability, errors and omission, inland marine, etc., Commissioner Warner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to approve payment of the premium in the amount of \$21, 733. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Warner, and Mayor Pro-tem Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

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PUBLIC PROPERTY

Public Works Superintendent Bill Douglas told the Council that they dealt with two water main breaks this week. Douglas said both breaks were repaired and a boil order was issued. The need for the School to have their contractor locate and raise the raisers at the new Middle School was discussed. Douglas is continuing work with Superintendent of Schools Bill Steichman on this matter. The new watermain loop was super-chlorinated and will be put into service as soon as samples are approved.

Superintendent Douglas explained to the Council that they are having problems keeping chlorine residuals out by the east side of the Interstate. Stiles-Kem representatives were in town and tested our water main system for bacteria this week. Previous samples have shown that a bio-film is present in the watermain near the interstate which eats up chlorine. Projected cost of the product and EPA permitting to put the pumps and chemicals into the city's distribution system is \$5200 per year. This will be paid at the rate of \$1300 per quarter. Motion: Commissioner Warner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to hire Stiles-Kem to place the pumps and chemicals into the distribution system and get the EPA permitting in place. Yeas, Commissioners Warner, Varner, and Mayor Pro-tem Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

STREET'S AND ALLEY'S

REPORT FROM DAILY & ASSOCIATES ENGINEERS

David Happ was present to review progress at the Industrial Park with the Council. He said that G.R.R. Construction has re-mobilized and have begun construction again. Happ reviewed some possible changes with the council that would eliminate a large section of gravity sewer, eliminate re-routing of a water main, and eliminate a conflict with other utilities. A credit of around \$18,000 would be realized. Then it was discussed that they would take that credit and use some of it for refurbishing the old sewer lift station at the trailer park at an estimated cost of \$10,000.00 which would result in around an \$8000 savings for the City. No action taken until firmer cost estimates can be obtained.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

REQUEST FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT ASSOCIATION AND ESDA

ESDA Coordinator John Clinton told the Council that the Volunteer Fire Department Association is in the process of upgrading the computer system, printer, and purchasing a digital camera. Clinton explained that because the system is used so much for weather watching and it will be used for ESDA information storage he is requesting that the City participate with a contribution of \$500 towards this upgrade. Motion: Commissioner Varner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Warner, to contribute \$500 toward this system. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Warner, and Mayor Pro-tem Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

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RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Varner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Warner, 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, Commissioners Warner, Varner, and Mayor Pro-Tem Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

This meeting reconvened on motion by Commissioner Warner, seconded by Commissioner Varner. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Warner, Varner, and Mayor Pro-tem Modglin.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Varner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Warner, to adjourn the regular meeting of November 4, 2002, at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried via voice vote.

Gary A. Mercer, Mayor

Patricia D. Ehrhart, MMC, City Clerk