

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS MUNICIPAL BUILDING 533 CHESTNUT
DECEMBER 2, 2002, 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was call to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro-tem Modglin, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were: Commissioners Varner, Altman and Mayor Pro-tem Modglin. Mayor Mercer arrived at 7:06 p.m..

MINUTES

Commissioner Varner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, to approve the regular meeting minutes and the executive meeting minutes of December 2, 2002. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Altman and Mayor Pro-tem Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0

FINANCE

BILL

A bill in the amount of \$34,344.36 submitted by Daily & Associates Engineers for the Industrial Park Project was reviewed and recommended for payment. Motion: Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to approve payment in the amount of \$34,334.36 to Daily & Associates in the following manner: \$16,244.27 to be paid from MFT funds and \$18,120.09 to be paid from local funds. Yeas, Commissioner Varner, Altman, and Mayor Pro-tem Modglin. Nays, None. Motion carried. 3-0

Mayor Mercer arrived at this time.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

DAILY & ASSOCIATES ENGINEERS, INC.

David Happ presented documents already approved by the Council for signature by Mayor Mercer.

Happ presented Change Order No. 4 on IDOT forms for a change in material for stripping with a savings of \$905.00. Motion: Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to approve IDOT Change Order No. 4. Yeas, Commissioners Modglin, Varner, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

David Happ told the Council that the sanitary sewer for the Industrial Park project is finished to the Industrial Park road. Additionally, Happ presented a pay estimate request to reduce the retainage on the roadway and water main from 10% to 2% because these projects are

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substantially complete. Motion: Commissioner Varner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman to approve the pay estimate and reduce the retainage from 10% to 2% on the roadway and watermain. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Modglin, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

Bill Douglas told the Council that Verizon Telephone Company and city resident Jim Banning had dug up and broke the City's watermain's. Douglas said that Verizon did not notify the city that they were going to bore. He noted that they notified the Township not the City. Banning did a JULIE call and the City did locate the line for them. However, they broke the line anyway because they continued to use a backhoe instead of shovels when they got close to the marked line. Douglas said that around 10,000 gallons of water was lost from this main break. Motion: Commissioner Varner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, to set Council Policy that whenever someone digs and causes a water or sewer line break they will be responsible for the cost of repairs and any lost water. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Altman, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

STREET'S AND ALLEY'S

AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Altman reported that the Committee felt that more information was needed with more detailed financial information before the committee could move forward. Additionally, City Attorney Glenn Braden is looking into the legal way that a Referendum could be placed on the ballot to move the Ambulance Department to the Fire Department control. The committee will continue looking into getting more help from Shelby County for Shelby County residents that are covered by Neoga Ambulance district because they pay a tax for ambulance service that now goes to the City of Shelbyville ambulance service.

Motion: Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Modglin, to add a \$75.00 fee for refusal of service after the ambulance has been called and responded to that call, if the person then refuses to go to the hospital. Yeas, Commissioners Modglin, Varner, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, 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 Varner, Modglin, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

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

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Mercer.

SALARY SCHEDULE AND CHRISTMAS BONUS

Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Modglin, to have the salary schedule placed in Ordinance form for passage at next council meeting and to approve the following Christmas Bonus schedule: Department Heads will receive \$200 and all other full time employees will receive \$100. EMT's will receive \$25 bonus. Yeas, Commissioners Altman, Modglin, Varner, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

HIRING OF SUPERINTENDENT

Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to hire Stan Hagerstrom as Public Works Superintendent with a salary of \$42,000 per year, with 1 week vacation after June 30, 2003 and 2 weeks vacation beginning January 2, 2004. Yeas, Commissioners Altman, Varner, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

ADJOURN

Commissioner Varner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, to adjourn the regular meeting of December 2, 2002, at 10:26 p.m. Motion carried via voice vote.

Gary A. Mercer, Mayor

Patricia D. Ehrhart, MMC, City Clerk