



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS MUNICIPAL BUILDING 533 CHESTNUT
DECEMBER 16, 2002, 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by mayor Gary A. Mercer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were: Commissioners Varner, Warner, Modglin, Altman, and Mayor Mercer.

MINUTES

Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 2, 2002. Yeas, Commissioners Altman, Varner, Warner, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

STORAGE SHED BETWEEN 7TH AND 8TH STREET

Council discussed the disrepair of the old storage building between 7th and 8th street. Superintendent Douglas said that several things are stored in the building and felt there was a need to either repair the existing building or build a new shed out by the Maintenance Building. After discussion, Douglas was instructed to get estimates for a new building and to hold another sale for unused equipment.

FINANCE

BILLS

Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$284,018.08. Yeas, Commissioners Altman, Varner, Warner, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

ATTORNEY'S FEES

Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to approve payment of Attorney Fees in the amount of \$1949.25. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Warner, Modglin, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

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ORDINANCE NO 725-12-02 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO 515-12-87 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF NEOGA."

Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, to approve Ordinance No. 725-12-02. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Warner, Modglin, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

COMPUTER PURCHASE

Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, to purchase three computers for the Municipal Offices for a total purchase cost of \$\$4,253.00. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Modglin, Altman, Warner, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

PUBLIC PROPERTY

PAY REQUEST NO. 6 INDUSTRIAL PARK

Council reviewed pay request No. 6 for sewer main work completed for the Industrial Park project. Motion: Commissioner Varner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Modglin, to approve pay request No. 6 in the amount of \$136,866.47. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Warner, Modglin, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Superintendent Douglas told the Council that he was recommending that the City not proceed with the contract to use Bio Purge in the water system right now. He said that when the Bio Purge chemical is put into the water main there is a need to flush the system with a good hard flush. Douglas and Hagerstrom felt that with the present dry ground conditions hard flushing might cause damage to the water lines. Discussion was held on the need to begin replacing hydrants and put a flushing plan in place.

STREET'S AND ALLEY'S

RESOLUTION NO. 12-12-02 REQUEST FOR STREET LIGHTING ADDITIONS, REMOVALS AND REPLACEMENTS.

Commissioner Warner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, to approve Resolution No. 12-12-02. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Warner, Modglin, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

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HEALTH & SAFETY

ORDINANCE NO. 726-12-02 AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE AMBULANCE FEES. Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Modglin, to approve Ordinance No. 726-12-02. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Warner, Modglin, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

Brief discussion was held on the possibility of implementing a Youth Council Member program. A Junior or Senior High School student would be picked to serve on the City Council as a non-voting member for discussion and policy decisions. The student will explore all facets of city government, including the impact of state and national government on our local community. This would be a good way to get young adults interested in serving in local government in their communities. The City Clerk will talk with school officials about the possibility of implementing this program.

RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Varner 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, Warner, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, to approve the executive session minutes of December 2, 2002. Yeas, Commissioners Altman, Varner, Modglin, Warner, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL AMENDMENT

Commissioner Varner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Warner, to amend Section 5.03 to read as follows: State Licensing Program - Employees selected by the Council shall be allowed to participate in the State Licensing Program for water and sewer classifications. When an employee advances from one water classification to another for class D, C, B, A, he/she shall receive a fifty-cent per hour increase in wage rate. When an employee advances from one sewer classification to another for class 4,3,2, he/she shall receive a fifty-cent per hour increase in wage rate. Employees shall be required to become certified in chemical spraying in the following classifications: Applicators license, right-of-way spraying, mosquito spraying, and

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aquatics spraying. An employee will receive a twenty-five cent an hour increase in wage rate when he/she obtains each license. The wage increase will be one time only for the first time passing the spraying test. It will be mandatory thereafter for employees to maintain their spraying license in each category. The City is responsible only for the employee's registration fee for the water/sewer/spraying classes, unless the final test is given during the normal work day, then the employee shall receive his normal pay for up to eight hours. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Modglin, Warner, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

ADJOURN

Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Modglin, to adjourn the regular meeting of December 16, 2002, at 9:40 p.m. Motion carried via voice vote.

Gary A. Mercer, Mayor

Patricia D. Ehrhart, MMC, City Clerk