

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS MUNICIPAL BUILDING 533 CHESTNUT
MARCH 3, 2003, 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 as recited. Those present were: Commissioners Modglin, Altman, Varner, and Mayor Mercer.

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 Altman, Modglin, Varner, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, to approve the regular and executive meeting minutes of February 17, 2003. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Altman, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

BID OPENING FOR SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Sealed bid were opened for the following items:

1. 1973 O'brien Sewer rodding Machine.
2. Gledhill snow plow.
3. 2- Ross Float Valves
4. 1967 Army Surplus Jeep pickup.
5. Trailer, 4 X 8 ft.

High bids were as follows:

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| 1. Mark Stodden Ross Float Valves | \$ 6.00 |
| 2. Ron Thoele 4 X 8 Trailer | \$ 28.00 |

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| 3. Ron Thoele Sewer Rodding Machine | \$ 186.00 |
| 4. Don Brown Snow Plow | \$ 100.00 |
| 5. Don Brown, Army Surplus Jeep | \$1000.00 |

Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Varner, to accept the highest bid for sale of the above mentioned personal property. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Altman, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

BARRICADE ON INDUSTRIAL PARK AVENUE

Mayor Mercer explained that a city employee brought it to the City's attention the possibility of liability if someone drives off of the end of Industrial Park Avenue into the pond. It was noted that the new Industrial Park road ends in a cull-de-sac and it is about 25 ft. away from the pond. Superintendent Hagerstrom will work with Engineer David Happ on getting a proper barricade placed to deter this possibility. Additionally, no outlet signs and possibly dead-end signs will be placed along the road.

FINANCE

PURCHASE OF SAFE FOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING

After review of bids for a safe for the Municipal Building, Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, to purchase a Fireking - KR5021-2 from Robert's Office Supply for \$2025. Yeas, Commissioners Altman, Modglin, Varner, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0

PUBLIC PROPERTY

REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT HAGERSTROM

Superintendent Hagerstrom reported the following:

1. Moved chemicals inside the water plant.
2. Is looking into a type of shop-vac that can help draw dust out of water plant when loading chemicals into feeders. This should help keep the dust down and help keep the water plant cleaner.
3. Two employees and himself attended the Illinois Rural Water Association Conference.
4. The surge protector was delivered for the water plant.
5. Ordered rock for alley's and parking lot's.

PAY REQUEST NO. 8

Engineer David Happ presented pay request no. 8 from G.R.R. Construction for sewer main and lift station construction on the Industrial Park project in the amount of \$56,683.99, and recommended payment. Motion: Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by

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Commissioner Varner, to approve pay request No. 8. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Altman, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

CHANGE ORDER NO. 6

Engineer David Happ presented and recommended for approval Change Order No. 6, from G.R.R. Construction for \$4936.22 increase. Motion: Commissioner Varner made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, to approve Change Order No. 6. Yeas, Commissioners Varner, Modglin, Altman, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

PAY REQUEST FROM DAILY & ASSOCIATES

Commissioner Altman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Modglin, to approve payment of \$7595.55 to Daily & Associates Engineers, Inc., for engineering services. Yeas, Commissioners Altman, Varner, Modglin, and Mayor Mercer. Nays, none. Motion carried. 4-0

OLD STORAGE SHED PROPERTY ON ALLEY BETWEEN CHESTNUT & AND WALNUT

Commissioner Varner told the Council that he had attended the Fire Department Board meeting. He said that the Fire Department Board was willing to allow the early warning siren to be hooked up to the Fire Hall for a power source if the City pays the cost of having the electricity hooked up. Additionally, discussion was held about donating the old storage shed property to the Fire Department. The City Attorney will review this item.

STREET'S AND ALLEY'S

MFT STREET PROGRAM

Engineer David Happ will contact Commissioner Warner to begin the process of putting together this years street program. Surveying of 6th street will be done while Daily & Associates Engineers, Inc., surveying crew is in town this week.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Modglin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Altman, to adjourn the regular meeting of March 3, 2003, at 8:30 p.m.

Gary A. Mercer, Mayor

Patricia D. Ehrhart, MMC, City Clerk