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**SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2002**

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**ROLL CALL**

Mayor John Swedberg called the meeting to order and Clerk Candy Smith called the roll. Those Alderpersons present were: Alan Bauer, Pam Blickem, Andrew Larson, Cheryl Maness, Pete Paulsen, Chuck Stowe, and Janice Tripp. Alderperson Michael Chambon was absent.

**INVOCATION**

Steve Persson of the First Baptist Church gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Swedberg added Consideration 13B. Consideration to go into closed session to discuss land acquisition.

**Motion**

Alderperson Tripp moved to approve the agenda with the addition and Alderperson Maness seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderpersons present voted aye. Motion carried 7 - 0.

**AUDIENCE TO VISITORS**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the City Council Workshop Meeting of January 7, 2002;
- B. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of January 7, 2002;
- C. Payment of the Bills for January 21, 2002 in the amount of \$798,639.83;
- D. Plan Commission Minutes for December, 2001.

**Motion**

Alderperson Blickem moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Alderperson Maness seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderpersons present voted aye. Motion carried 7 - 0.

**PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND BILLS.**

- A. Swearing-in of Sycamore Police Explorer Post #133 Officers.

Chief Thomas explained that Explorer Post members were volunteers interested in police work. Explorer Post 133 advisors present were Officers Tom Scott and Lisa Pazin; Jeff Wig was not in attendance. Officer Scott introduced members Mike Loptein, Nathan Miller, and John O'Toole. Officer Scott then presented Post Officers Dave Christianson, President; Jay Kramer, Vice-President; Tina Brescia, Secretary; and Treasurer Ryan Calligan who was not in attendance. Chief Thomas swore in the three attending Explorer Post Officers.

Alderperson Blickem congratulated the parents of the Explorers for encouraging their children to become involved with the community in such a manner.

## **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

Administrator – Bill Nicklas thanked Superintendents Busse and Smith, Assistant Superintendent Swedberg, and the engineering team for the GPS/GIS presentation earlier in the evening.

Engineer – John Brady – no report

Building & Zoning - Lyle Doty reported that since the last meeting he had written 6 building permits: 3 single-family residential, 1 miscellaneous residential, and 2 miscellaneous commercial.

Treasurer – Ken Mundy explained that of the \$800,000 bills that were approved, only \$132,000 was actual operating cost. Treasurer Mundy stated that \$95,000 was debt service, \$77,000 was for the new Public Works building, and \$494,000 was remittance for United Aviation program that passes through the City's books.

Fire Chief –Bill Riddle reported that IAFF Local 3046 gave the Fire Department \$1000 to upgrade the computer workstation area in the living quarters. Chief Riddle explained that one of the computers housed in that area was from Kishwaukee Hospital enabling the firefighters to write reports in house. Chief Riddle also reported that the department received two grants for the purchase of paramedic medical equipment. One grant was from Kishwaukee Medical Associates for \$900 and the other was from Midwest Sports Medicine for \$1000.

Police Chief – Don Thomas commented that the high degree of volunteerism from the department was incredible. Chief Thomas reported that the Police Department received a \$1000 donation from Wal-Mart to spend on the D.A.R.E. Program.

Public Works Supt. -- Fred Busse reported that the Public Works building was taking shape and the walls and roof should be completed within 3 weeks.

Water Supt. – Ebe Smith reported that the City was still functioning on 2 wells and the 3<sup>rd</sup> well should be back in operation the following week.

## **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Finance – Chairperson Pam Blickem reported that the Committee had met earlier to discuss a new Restaurant & Bar tax and voted unanimously to recommend a 2% R & B tax.

Ordinance – no report

Police & Fire - no report

Sewer & Water –Chairperson Bauer said the Committee met earlier to view the new GPS/GIS system.  
Streets & Walks –no report

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

## **ORDINANCES**

- A. Ordinance No. 2001.57—An Ordinance Amending Title 6, “Motor Vehicles and Traffic,” Chapter 2, “Parking Regulations,” Section 7, “Parking After Snowfall,” Subsection A, Parking Restricted, of the City Code of the City of Sycamore, Illinois. Second Reading.**

Administrator Nicklas explained that Superintendent Busse suggested not proceeding with the new approach for dealing with parked cars after a 2” snowfall until next fall.

Ordinance died for lack of motion.

- B. Ordinance No. 2001.59—An Ordinance Amending Title 6, “Motor Vehicles and Traffic,” Chapter 4, “Traffic Schedules,” Section 8, “Speed Limits,” to Create a 45 Mile Per Hour Speed Zone on Mercantile Drive From DeKalb Avenue to Peace Road. First and Second Reading.**

### **Motion**

Aldersperson Maness moved to hear Ordinance 2001.59 on first and second reading and Aldersperson Bauer seconded the motion.

### **Voice Vote**

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote. All Alderspersons present voted aye. Motion carried 7 - 0.

### **Motion**

Aldersperson Maness moved to approve Ordinance 2001.59 and Aldersperson Bauer seconded the motion.

### **Voice Vote**

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote. All Alderspersons present voted aye. Motion carried 7 – 0.

- C. Ordinance No. 2001.60—An Ordinance Regarding the Recommendation of the Plan Commission with Regard to the Petition of Klein Properties, LLC for Approval of a Plat of Easement Vacation on Part of Lot 9 in the Midlands Professional Campus in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

Administrator Nicklas explained that the easement had been secured for water main purposed, but since the water main had been relocated the area was no longer necessary.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Tripp moved to hear Ordinance 2001.60 on first and second reading and Aldersperson Paulsen seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote. All Alderspersons present voted aye. Motion carried 7 - 0.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Stowe moved to approve Ordinance 2001.60 and Aldersperson Larson seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote. All Alderspersons present voted aye. Motion carried 7 - 0.

**D. Ordinance No. 2001.61—An Ordinance Regarding the Recommendation of the Plan Commission with Regard to the Petition of Milan Krpan for Approval of a Final Plat for Phase One of the Parkside Estates Subdivision in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

Administrator Nicklas explained that the final plat conformed to the preliminary plat that was approved in July and satisfied the City's codes and ordinances. Mr. Nicklas informed Council that the Plan Commission had suggested that Fairway Court should remain Fairway Lane.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Blickem moved to hear Ordinance 2001.61 on first and second reading and Aldersperson Maness seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote. All Alderspersons present voted aye. Motion carried 7 - 0.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Blickem moved to approve Ordinance 2001.61 with the name of Fairway Court changed to Fairway Lane and Aldersperson Tripp seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote. All Alderspersons present voted aye. Motion carried 7 - 0.

**E. Ordinance No. 2001.62—An Ordinance Regarding the Recommendation of the Plan Commission with Regard to the Petition of National Bank & Trust Co. Trust No. 40-387400 to Rezone Certain Property Located at the Southwest Corner of Somonauk Street and Borden Avenue to "R-3" Multiple Family Residence District with a Special Use for a Planned Unit Development in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

Administrator Nicklas explained that the developers proposed to add five buildings with four townhomes each. Mr. Nicklas stated that the density and open space proposed were in compliance with the R-3 classification. Mr. Nicklas informed the Council that neighbors expressed concern at the Plan Commission meeting regarding the storm water runoff problems. He said the City Engineer thought the development might remedy some of the runoff problems previously experienced, but would not increase the problem.

Aldersperson Tripp read a letter from a constituent expressing concern that the roadways into the development would cause headlights to shine into her living room. City Engineer John Brady said they would take a look at that.

Developers Bill Olsen and Jim Yagen displayed architectural renderings of the townhouses that ranged from 1400 sq. ft. to 1600 sq. ft.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Maness moved to hear Ordinance 2001.62 on first and second reading and Aldersperson Bauer seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote. All Alderspersons present voted aye. Motion carried 7 - 0.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Blickem moved to approve Ordinance 2001.62 and Aldersperson Larson seconded the motion.

Administrator Nicklas suggested restricting the list of commercial uses to those that would not create a lot of foot traffic for the C-1 zoning of the existing home

**Voice Vote**

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote. All Alderspersons present voted aye. Motion carried 7 - 0.

**F. Ordinance No. 2001.63—An Ordinance Regarding the Recommendation of the Plan Commission with Regard to the Petition of Keven Dahl to Amend the Landahl Annexation Agreement in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

Administrator Nicklas explained that this amendment outlined the obligations of the developer regarding intersection improvements at Maplewood and IL Route 23.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Maness moved to hear Ordinances 2001.63, 2001.64, and 2001.65 in omnibus fashion on first and second reading and Aldersperson Blickem seconded the motion.

**Discussion**

Mayor Swedberg requested Council to insist on a sidewalk along Maplewood Drive in the amendment. Administrator Nicklas said the developer was obligated to install a sidewalk that a timing issue was at hand.

Jim Stoddard, 133 Locust St., representing Mr. Dahl, said that the developer was waiting for the commercial business to get in before installing the sidewalk otherwise there would be a question of liability regarding its maintenance.

Mayor Swedberg stated that Council was sincere four or five years ago insisting on the sidewalk, and he believed that the sidewalk needed to be installed. Aldersperson Maness said that they should wait for the commercial to be developed before the sidewalk was installed. Ms. Maness said the City should not take on the safety issue.

Aldersperson Blickem suggested creating a timeline or date to have a sidewalk or hard surface in place. Administrator Nicklas recommended the sidewalk should be installed within 90 days of the date of completion of the traffic signals or June 2003 whichever came first.

Aldersperson Blickem said she felt it was unsafe to cross the students across Route 23 to the school's side of Maplewood that has no sidewalk. Mayor Swedberg said he thought the school might be willing to install a sidewalk to approach their property. Aldersperson Larson said he wanted the date of June 2003 set in the motion and Mayor Swedberg reminded them they were voting on waiving first reading.

Mr. Stoddard said he felt the sidewalk issue related to the Townsend Woods development and they would be willing to complete a sidewalk across that commercial area by June 2003.

**Voice Vote**

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote. All Alderspersons present voted aye. Motion carried 7 - 0.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Maness moved to approve Ordinance 2001.63 and Aldersperson Bauer seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote. All Alderspersons present voted aye. Motion carried 7 - 0.

**G. Ordinance No. 2001.64—An Ordinance Regarding the Recommendation of the Plan Commission with Regard to the Petition of Keven Dahl to Amend the Townsend Wood P.U.D. Annexation Agreement in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

Administrator Nicklas explained that this amendment addressed the developer's specific obligations concerning improvements to Mt. Hunger Road as well as the Mt. Hunger Rd & Rte 23 intersection. Mr. Nicklas said this amendment addressed the City's portion of the cost for the alignment of Maplewood Drive west of the intersection at Il Rt. 23. Mr. Nicklas explained that the City's portion would be about \$60,000 and would be drawn from revenue-sharing agreements with commercial retail outlets that might open in the commercially zoned frontage along IL Rt. 23.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Blickem moved to approve Ordinance 2001.64 and Aldersperson Maness seconded the motion.

**Amended Motion**

Aldersperson Stowe moved to amend the motion to require that permanent sidewalks be installed on Maplewood Drive on the commercial property by June 1, 2003 and Aldersperson Larson seconded the amended motion.

**Roll Call Vote on the Amended Motion**

Mayor Swedberg called for a roll call vote. Alderspersons Larson, Paulsen, Stowe, and Tripp vote aye. Alderspersons Maness, Bauer, and Blickem vote nay. Motion carried 4-3.

**Voice Vote**

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote on the motion to approve Ordinance 2001.65. All Alderspersons present voted aye. Motion carried 7 - 0.

Aldersperson Maness requested a letter be drafted and sent to the school district to encourage them to install a sidewalk to collect the students once they cross Rt. 23 at Maplewood Drive.

**H. Ordinance No. 2001.65—An Ordinance Regarding the Recommendation of the Plan Commission with Regard to the Petition of Keven Dahl to Approve a Final Plat for Phase One, Unit Three of the Townsend Wood Development in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

Administrator Nicklas explained that the plat conformed to the subdivision's preliminary plan and subsequent amendments.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Blickem moved to approve Ordinance 2001.65 and Aldersperson Stowe seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote. All Alderspersons present voted aye. Motion carried 7 - 0.

**RESOLUTIONS**

None

**CONSIDERATIONS**

**A. Consideration of an Administration Report on the Status of the City's Geographic Information System (G.I.S.).**

Administrator Nicklas suggested that since all had seen the demonstration the Council might be interested in the future uses for the G.I.S..

Superintendent Busse said their next step would be to buy the color digital photographs for clearer pictures. Superintendent Busse said that eventually they want to track all of the water valve shut offs, add storm sewer lines and the status of all the systems. He said another future use could be zoning and land use maps. Superintendent Busse stated that for the present they would contract out the maintenance and updating of the system.

**B. Consideration of an Administrator's Request to go into Closed Session to Discuss Land Acquisition**

After consulting with City Attorney Smith, Administrator Nicklas decided to discuss the land acquisition in open session. Mr. Nicklas explained that the acquisition in question was an Easement Agreement between the property owned by Norman Adshade and Blue Heron Creek to construct a pathway for a storm drainage facility at the expense of Mr. Adshade.

Aldersperson Bauer said there was not much choice; the easement was necessary.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Blickem moved to authorize the mayor to execute the easement agreement with Norman Adshade and Aldersperson Maness seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote. All Alderspersons present voted aye. Motion carried 7 - 0.

**APPOINTMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion**

Aldersperson Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m. and Aldersperson Blickem seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderspersons present voted aye. Motion carried 7 - 0.

Approve:

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Mayor – John L. Swedberg

Attest:

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City Clerk – Candy Smith