
**SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 18, 2002**

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, Michael Chambon, Andrew Larson, Cheryl Maness, Pete Paulsen, Chuck Stowe, and Janice Tripp.

INVOCATION

William A. Mills of Bethel Assembly of God gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

Alderperson Maness moved to approve the agenda Alderperson Larson seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderpersons voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Workshop Meeting of the City Council on February 4, 2002;
- B. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 4, 2002;
- C. Approval of the Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the City Council, School Board, and Park Board of February 5, 2002;
- D. Payment of the Bills for February 18, 2002 in the amount of \$312,915.23.
- E. Plan Commission Minutes for January 14, 2002.

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 voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND BILLS.

None

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Administrator – Bill Nicklas reported that the City’s email system was down and would be patched together until the end of the current fiscal year. Mr. Nicklas said the City would look at a couple of options for next fiscal year.

Engineer – John Brady – no report

Building & Zoning - Lyle Doty reported that since the last meeting he had written 11 building permits: 5 single-family residential, 3 miscellaneous residential, and 3 miscellaneous commercial. Commissioner Doty said he was working on updating the codes.

Treasurer – Ken Mundy handed out a revised Police and Fire Pension report that indicated a nice return in the equities market. Mr. Mundy said that the reports were good and the market was slowly recovering. Treasurer Mundy said that he would submit for recertification at the IMTA Institute held in Urbana, IL.

Fire Chief –Bill Riddle acknowledged Kishwaukee Hospital for donating and installing a computer station to report ambulance carries and refusals.

Police Chief – Don Thomas said that he was honored to be an official resident of the City of Sycamore.

Public Works Supt. -- Fred Busse reported his item was on the agenda.

Water Supt. – Ebe Smith reported that well #7 was back on line with increased pumpage of 200 gallons/minute.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance –no report

Ordinance – no report

Police & Fire - no report

Sewer & Water –no report

Streets & Walks –no report

PUBLIC HEARING

None

ORDINANCES

- A. Ordinance No. 2001.67—An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Sycamore and the County of DeKalb to Cooperate in a Regional Planning Commission in DeKalb County, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

Mr. Nicklas said that the version before the Council was close to the “Sycamore” version that he had authored and proposed earlier. Mr. Nicklas stated that the Regional Planning Commission would review development concerns relating to cross jurisdictional transportation corridors, storm water management issues, large-scale development outside of, but affecting, municipal planning areas, and proposals for new landfills, race tracks, quarries, or interstates. Mr. Nicklas explained that the municipal planning authorities

would still be the only advisory bodies with respect to the annexation, subdivision, or rezoning of land within each municipality's corporate limits and mile-and-a-half planning area.

Motion

Aldersperson Bauer moved to hear Ordinance 2001.67 on first and second reading and Aldersperson Blickem seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote. All Alderspersons voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

Motion

Aldersperson Bauer moved to approve Ordinance 2001.67 and Aldersperson Chambon seconded the motion.

Mayor Swedberg thanked Administrator Nicklas for his hard work in making the Regional Planning Commission more palatable for our Community and many others in the County.

Voice Vote

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote. All Alderspersons voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

B. Ordinance No. 2001.69—An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Easement Agreement Between the City of Sycamore and the Sycamore Community Unit School District 427 to Construct Sanitary Sewers in the City of Sycamore and in DeKalb County, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

Administrator Nicklas explained that this was the fifth and last easement needed to extend a new trunk sewer to reach Heron Creek subdivision. Mr. Nicklas said that this would provide a legal path across the North School property.

Motion

Aldersperson Chambon moved to hear Ordinance 2001.69 on first and second reading and Aldersperson Stowe seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote. All Alderspersons voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

Motion

Aldersperson Larson moved to approve Ordinance 2001.69 and Aldersperson Blickem seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote. All Alderspersons voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

Mayor Swedberg took a moment to thank Aldersperson Blickem for conducting the last meeting in his absence.

C. Ordinance No. 2001.70—An Ordinance Regarding the Recommendation of the Plan Commission with Regard to the Petition of Brian Grainger Construction, Inc., for a Special Use Permit and Subdivision Plat for the Property Known as 1165-1167 Penny Lane and 1157-1159 Penny Lane in the Townsend Woods Planned Unit Development in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

Administrator Nicklas explained that this allowed for the transfer of duplex and townhouse units in fee simple under certain conditions. Mr. Nicklas said that often times this action could take place as an administrative review which would eliminate these routine procedures from the Plan Commission and Council agendas. Mr. Nicklas said he would provide Council with a model for review.

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to hear Ordinance 2001.70 on first and second reading and Aldersperson Paulsen seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote. All Alderspersons voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to approve Ordinance 2001.70 and Aldersperson Paulsen seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote. All Alderspersons voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

D. Ordinance No. 2001.71—An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission with Regard to the Petition of Nancy Edwards for the Re-Subdivision of the Property at 204 W. Elm Street in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

Administrator Nicklas explained that the former Elm Street Clinic was sold as two separate buildings. A resubdivision was necessary for the transfer in fee simple and an easement was needed to satisfy a common entrance.

Motion

Aldersperson Chambon moved to hear Ordinance 2001.71 on first and second reading and Aldersperson Larson seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote. All Alderspersons voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

Motion

Aldersperson Blickem moved to approve Ordinance 2001.71 and Aldersperson Tripp seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote. All Alderspersons voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

RESOLUTIONS

None

CONSIDERATIONS

A. Consideration of a Recommendation from the Public Works Superintendent to Purchase a Pan and Tilt Camera.

Superintendent Busse explained that the Pan and Tilt Camera would allow his department a better view of the underground systems. Superintendent Busse stated that through a demonstration they realized that the company submitting the lowest bid did not offer equipment compatible with the City's existing camera system. Superintendent Busse recommended accepting the bid of Aries Industries, Sussex WI for \$14,498.00.

Aldersperson Bauer said they had gotten a lot of use out of the system and inquired if this expenditure was in this year's budget. Superintendent Busse said it was in this year's budget.

Motion

Aldersperson Bauer moved to approve Aries Industries bid of \$14,498 and Aldersperson Tripp seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote. All Alderspersons voted aye. Motion carried 8 – 0.

B. Consideration of an Administration Report on the FY03 Budget.

Administrator Nicklas reviewed his projections for the FY03 Budget. Mr. Nicklas explained that the general fund was supported mostly by sales tax (35%), property tax (25%), and state-shared income tax (13.5%). Mr. Nicklas has projected that the FY03 General fund increase would be \$184,490 or 2.57% over the projected year-end FY02 revenues. Because of a new federal mandate prohibiting hospitals from exchanging or giving medical supplies to ambulances, Mr. Nicklas proposed raising ambulance fees by \$25.

Administrator Nicklas proposed the following FY03 General Fund expenditures:

- two new firefighters in September 2002,
- possible police personnel to be proposed by Police Chief Thomas,
- \$200,000 for debt service on the new 2002 capital bond,
- \$160,000 in economic incentives,
- 20% increase in the City's health insurance premium September 2002,
- a cost-of-living wage increase for FOP and AFSCME contracts.

Aldersperson Tripp inquired if a 20% increase for insurance premiums was enough.

Administrator Nicklas said that the key operational and capital expenditures for the Water and Sewer Funds would be \$42,500 to enhance G.I.S. Mapping capabilities. Mr. Nicklas said that the Water Department would spend \$36,000 for electricity for the new well, \$55,000 for existing well improvements, and \$35,000 for building improvements to the metal building next to the Water Department. Mr. Nicklas said that the Treatment Plant would spend \$18,000 for a new two-wheel drive, ¾ ton pickup.

Administrator Nicklas briefly reviewed the Capital Spending for major projects and street maintenance.

C. Consideration of a Closed Session to Discuss Collective Bargaining and Personnel Matters.

Motion

Aldersperson Bauer moved to go into Closed Session at 8:30 p.m. and Aldersperson Blickem seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderspersons voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to return to Open Session at 8:59 p.m. and Aldersperson Chambon seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderspersons voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Swedberg appointed Sue Elsner and Sarah Tobias to the Impact Fee Ad Hoc Committee to represent area realtors and the library respectively. Mayor Swedberg also appointed Administrator Bill Nicklas to the Regional Planning Commission.

Motion

Aldersperson Chambon moved to accept the appointments and Aldersperson Larson seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderspersons voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. and Aldersperson Blickem seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderspersons voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

Approve:

Mayor – John L. Swedberg

Attest:

City Clerk – Candy Smith