
**SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF JULY 1, 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, Janice Tripp, and Chuck Stowe.

INVOCATION

Treasurer Ken Mundy gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Swedberg reported that former Alderman Butch Binder had been taken to the hospital earlier in the day.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

Alderperson Blickem moved to approve the 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.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Grace Adee, 1469 Longwood Drive, expressed concern over the loss of farmland. Ms. Adee asked Council to preserve farmland for food, water, clean air, jobs, transportation, landscape diversity, wildlife habitat and quality of life. Ms. Adee stated that farmland generates more revenue for the area they occupy than the taxes from the subdivisions.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of June 17, 2002;
- B. Payment of the Bills for July 1, 2002 in the amount of \$310,718.90.
- C. Minutes of the Board of Zoning Appeals for April 23, 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.

- A. Presentation by Annie Goddard of the Heartland Blood Centers regarding the Center's blood drive on Monday, July 15.

Mayor Swedberg announced that Ms. Goddard could not be at the meeting. Administrator Nicklas relayed the information that the blood drive would be held at the Sycamore Armory on July 15 from 2:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Administrator – Bill Nicklas reported that Fred Busse was home and recuperating and it would be about three weeks before he could return to work. Mr. Nicklas said that the two Public Works assistant superintendents were doing a good job of running their divisions.

Engineer – John Brady reported that the contractor had been working on well # 5 and would perform the cleaning operation next week.

Building & Zoning - Lyle Doty reported that since the last meeting he had written 20 building permits: 6 single-family residential, 1 attached 3-unit, 12 miscellaneous residential, 1 miscellaneous commercial.

Treasurer – Ken Mundy reported on the actuarial presentation of the Police and Fire Pension Funds he had attended.

Fire Chief –Bill Riddle reported that since the last meeting they had received 53 calls: 35 EMS, 13 nonfire mutual aid, and 5 fire with \$1700 loss. Chief Riddle cautioned the public to stay hydrated during intensely hot days. Also, Chief Riddle reminded the public that all fireworks, even sparklers, were illegal in the City of Sycamore.

Police Chief – Don Thomas reported that the Department handled 555 calls for service, made 13 arrests, handled 12 accidents, written 95 reports, made 130 traffic stops and issued 41 tickets. Chief Thomas said that Lt. Singer had returned from FBI National Academy where he received a semester college credit and had resumed his job as operations commander. Chief Thomas also reported that the new squad cars were delivered and would be equipped shortly.

Public Works Supt. -- Fred Busse – no report

Water Supt. – Ebe Smith reported that the EPA required consumer confidence reports had been delivered two weeks ago.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance –no report

Ordinance – no report

Police & Fire - no report

Sewer & Water – Chair Alan Bauer reported that he had received a call regarding the effectiveness of the Bethany retention during the 5" rain because it remained empty, water ran across Bethany Road, and Lincoln Street creek was full. Engineer Brady said that the water that crossed Bethany was from a different watershed and the 42" water drain in the retention pond did its job. Mr. Brady said that perhaps they could restrict the flow so water backed

up in the pond until the Wiseman Hughes development retention was completed. Alderperson Bauer suggested cleaning out the Parkside culvert and Mr. Brady said the cleanup would not last very long and would be part of the Wiseman Hughes project. Alderperson Bauer asked for an update on Well #9. Mr. Brady said that they were working on compliance reports for all the wells in order to get grant money. Mr. Brady said the well should be up and running by this time next year. Mr. Brady said they needed to complete the planning report and go out for bid before drilling the well. Mr. Brady said that the radium problem was slowing the approval process for drilling the new well and they were looking at options for reducing the radium. Mr. Nicklas said that they could comply with EPA standards by softening all the wells, but they were looking at other options. Water Superintendent Smith said that they had two wells out of compliance and would not know until they drilled the new well if it would comply or not. Mr. Smith said that he was working with a company that wanted to use Sycamore's water as a test for a process to reduce the radium. Mr. Nicklas said it would take drinking 6 liters/day for 40,000 years to put a human being at the threshold for cancer that people are supposedly in danger of—he said we were paying the price for bad science.

Streets & Walks –no report

PUBLIC HEARING

None

ORDINANCES

- A. Ordinance No. 2002.10—An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission With Regard to the Request of B&B Development LP, an Illinois Limited Partnership, as Developer, and Fisk Farm Partnership, an Illinois Partnership, as Owner, for Approval of an Annexation Agreement for a Planned Unit Development Known as Sycamore Creek with Zoning Classifications of “R-1” One Family Residence District and “R-3” Multiple Family Residence District in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. Second Reading.**
- B. Ordinance No. 2002.11--An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission With Regard to the Request of B&B Development LP, an Illinois Limited Partnership, as Developer, and Fisk Farm Partnership, an Illinois Partnership, as Owner, for Approval of the Preliminary Plan and Plat for a Planned Unit Development Known as Sycamore Creek in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. Second Reading.**
- C. Ordinance No. 2002.12 --An Ordinance of Annexation for Property Known as Sycamore Creek in DeKalb County, Illinois. Second Reading.**

Administrator Nicklas recommended that the Council postpone action on Ordinances 2002.10, 2002.11, and 2001.12 until the first meeting in August because after the June 17 Council meeting discussion B & B Development offered the School District a 12-acre elementary school site, site work completion, and a voluntary impact fee of \$1500/lot over and above the established impact fees. Mr. Nicklas said that the proposal had been favorably received by the school administration, but had not gone through the School

Board. Mr. Nicklas said that he felt it was in the City's best interest to see a finalized proposal before acting on the development.

Jerry Boose, B & B Development, St. Charles, reviewed a sketch of the proposed school site and said he was agreeable to postponement to wait for the school system to act.

Motion

Aldersperson Chambon moved to hold over Ordinances 2002.10, 2002.11, and 2002.12 until the August 5, 2002 meeting and Aldersperson Larson seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

D. Ordinance No. 2002.16—An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Board of Zoning Appeals With Regard to the Request of Dale and Anita Cappel for a Variance from Section 11.04.4, "Prohibited Signs," of the Zoning Code of the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

Administrator Nicklas explained that the Cappels were requesting a remote sign for the Sycamore RV Resort.

Motion

Aldersperson Larson moved to hear Ordinance 2002.16 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 Paulsen moved to approve Ordinance 2002.16 and Aldersperson Larson seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

E. Ordinance No. 2002.17—An Ordinance Establishing the Bank Depositories for the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

Administrator Nicklas explained that this was a formality to note by ordinance the depositories used by the City of Sycamore.

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to hear Ordinance 2002.17 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 Chambon moved to approve Ordinance 2002.17 and Aldersperson Paulsen seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

F. Ordinance No. 2002.18—An Ordinance Approving Execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Sycamore and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council, Representing the City of Sycamore F.O.P. Lodge No. 133, Effective May 1, 2002 to April 30, 2004 in the City of Sycamore. First and Second Reading.

Administrator Nicklas explained that the 2000 contract contained a reopener in 2002 to negotiate wages and benefits. Mr. Nicklas said that they had been negotiating since February with a mediator and had agreed upon the terms in the agreement referred to in Ordinance 2002.18.

Alderperson Larson moved to hear Ordinance 2002.18 on first and second reading and Alderperson Bauer seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

Motion

Alderperson Stowe moved to approve Ordinance 2002.18 and Alderperson Bauer seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

G. Ordinance No. 2002.19—An Ordinance Amending the City Code of the City of Sycamore, Illinois, Title 3, “Business and License Regulations”, Chapter 2, “Liquor Control,” Section 6, “Classification of Licenses, Fees, Hours, and Days,” to Insert a New Paragraph E, “Catered Special Events,” in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

Administrator Nicklas said that this ordinance detailed the requirements for catered events with liquor sales in the City of Sycamore.

Mayor Swedberg said that this ordinance was created at his request because a local church had built a building to cater wedding receptions. Mayor Swedberg said that this ordinance would allow a licensed liquor establishment in the City of Sycamore to go offsite to cater an event.

Motion

Alderperson Maness moved to hear Ordinance 2002.19 on first and second reading and Alderperson Blickem seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

Motion

Alderperson Maness moved to approve Ordinance 2002.19 and Alderperson Blickem seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

H. Ordinance No. 2002.20—An Ordinance Amending the City Code of the City of Sycamore, Illinois, Title 6, “Motor Vehicles and Traffic,” Chapter 4, “Traffic Schedules,” Section 18, “Limited Load Streets,” to Add a 20,000 Pound Weight Limit to Ottawa Street from Somonauk Street to Park Avenue. First and Second Reading.

Aldersperson Bauer said that there was more at issue than weight limit and parking and suggested an ordinance was needed to enforce the no parking along the yellow painted areas.

Motion

Aldersperson Maness moved to hear Ordinance 2002.20 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 Maness moved to approve Ordinance 2002.20 and Aldersperson Paulsen 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 Proposals to Perform the City’s Legal Services.

Motion

Aldersperson Bauer moved to retain Smith Tucker & Brown and Aldersperson Stowe seconded the motion.

Aldersperson Blickem inquired if the attorney wrote the ordinances and asked for more accuracy in the future.

Voice Vote

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote. Seven Alderspersons voted aye with Cheryl Maness voting nay. Motion carried 7 - 1.

B. Consideration of a Fire Department Request to Award the Contract for a Replacement Ambulance to Foster Coach Sales in the Amount of \$106,363.

Administrator Nicklas explained that the new ambulance would replace the 1996 ambulance and proposed keeping the 1996 as a 3rd ambulance to be used if needed. Mr. Nicklas said that the cost was budgeted under vehicles and equipment in the 2002 Bond.

Chief Riddle said that the reserve ambulance would be available when one of the other two ambulances was out for service.

Aldersperson Bauer inquired about the value of the old ambulance if they would sell it and Chief Riddle estimated between \$20,000 and \$25,000.

Motion

Aldersperson Tripp moved to accept the Foster Coach Sales bid for \$106,363 and Aldersperson Bauer seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

C. Consideration of the Schedule for Neighborhood Open Houses to Discuss Sycamore's Comp Plan and Recent Development Trends.

Administrator Nicklas thanked the School Board and Superintendent Hammon for the use of the elementary schools and said he hoped to engage as many people as possible. Administrator Nicklas encouraged Council to give him their input.

Aldersperson Paulsen inquired if any of the sites were air-conditioned and Mr. Nicklas said that he thought South Prairie was.

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Swedberg appointed Elizabeth Coats to the Sycamore Library Board before the Council went into closed session.

Motion

Aldersperson Bauer moved to accept the appointment and Aldersperson Paulsen seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

D. Consideration of an Administration Recommendation for a Closed Session to Discuss Personnel Matters and Land Acquisition.

Motion

Aldersperson Chambon moved to go into Closed Session at 9:00 p.m. 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.

Motion

Aldersperson Chambon moved to return to Open Session at 9:25 p.m. and Aldersperson 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 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