
**SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7, 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, and Chuck Stowe. Alderperson Janice Tripp was absent.

INVOCATION

Treasurer Ken Mundy gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Swedberg announced that Sycamore High School was inviting City Officials to lead the Pledge of Allegiance every school day at 8:15 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Swedberg corrected the Lions Candy Days dates on the Agenda to reflect October 11, and 12, 2002.

Motion

Alderperson Maness moved to approve the agenda with the change and Alderperson Blickem 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 Regular City Council Meeting of September 16, 2002;
- B. Payment of the Bills for October 7, 2002 in the amount of \$1,331,609.62.

Motion

Alderperson Blickem moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Alderperson Larson 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. Proclamation Declaring October 10 and 11 as Lions Candy Days in the City of Sycamore.
- B. Proclamation Declaring October 6-12 as Fire Prevention Week in the City of Sycamore.

Mayor Swedberg announced that he and the Police Chief, in conjunction with the State of Illinois Office of Lieutenant Governor, were participating in Illinois Project HomeSafe. Mayor said the City of Sycamore received a grant of 100 gunlocks and would be distributing them to Sycamore residents in the front lobby of the Municipal Building October 19, 2002 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Administrator – Bill Nicklas requested a meeting of the Water & Sewer Committee before the November 4th meeting to evaluate the funds and user fees. Mr. Nicklas announced that the Joint meeting among the Council, Plan Commission, and Economic Development Commission would be held November 11, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sycamore Library. Mr. Nicklas also walked through the GBC report through September 2002.

Engineer – John Brady – no report

Building & Zoning - Lyle Doty reported that since the last meeting he had written 32 permits: 7 single-family (Mr. Doty said that totaled over 100 for the year), 4 attached single family units, 2 commercial, 15 miscellaneous residential, 3 miscellaneous commercial, and one demolition.

Treasurer – Ken Mundy reported that he was working on the annual treasurer's report that he would publish at the end of October.

Fire Chief –Bill Riddle reported that since the last meeting the Fire Department had received 89 calls: 63 EMS, 21 Non Fire Mutual Aid, 5 Fire with \$250 Fire Loss. Chief Riddle also reported that Firefighter Sean Penn had been activated in the Army Reserves and asked everyone to keep Sean and his family in their thoughts and prayers.

Police Chief – Lieutenant Cary Singer, sitting in for Chief Thomas, reported that since the last meeting the Police Department had received 478 calls for service, issued 77 tickets, made 34 arrests, handled 25 accidents, and written 135 reports. Lieutenant Singer thanked the five auxiliary members for their service during last Friday night's wind storm.

Public Works Supt. – Fred Busse said he was pleased to report that the Street Division had moved into the new public works building.

Water Supt. – Ebe Smith reported that the Water Department would begin flushing fire hydrants Monday, October 14th and would continue for eight days.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance –no report

Ordinance – no report

Police & Fire - no report

Streets & Walks –Chairperson Michael Chambon reported that there were two ordinances on the agenda, and that the committee had met earlier to discuss informational sign guidelines and recommended adopting the state guidelines. Also, at the earlier meeting they discussed sidewalk repair and Mr. Nicklas said that he would include that in the capital improvement proposal to be previewed in January.

Sewer & Water –no report

PUBLIC HEARING

None

ORDINANCES

- A. Ordinance No. 2002.39— An Ordinance Amending Title 6, Motor Vehicles and Traffic,” Chapter 4, “Traffic Schedules,” Section 6-4-12, “No Parking Zones,” to Prohibit Parking on the North Side of Loomis Street; and Section 6-4-18, “Limited Load Streets,” to Establish a 6,000 Pound Weight Limit on Mason Court and Loomis Street in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

Administrator Nicklas explained that this ordinance was recommended by the Streets and Walks Committee to prohibit truck traffic on Mason Court and Loomis Street and to eliminate parking on the north side of Loomis Street.

Motion

Aldersperson Paulsen moved to hear Ordinance 2002.39 on first and second reading 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.

Motion

Aldersperson Paulsen moved to approve Ordinance 2002.39 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.

- B. Ordinance No. 2002.40—An Ordinance Amending Title 6, Motor Vehicles and Traffic,” Chapter 4, “Traffic Schedules,” Section 6-4-1: “Stop Intersections,” To Install a Stop Sign on Susan Street at Windfield Drive and at Janet Street; and Amending Section 6-4-4, “Yield Streets,” To Install Yield Signs on Susan Street at the Intersections With William, John, and Larson Streets in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

Administrator Nicklas explained that a correction was needed in the body of the ordinance at section 6-4-4. He said that the yield streets and right-of-way streets needed to be flip flopped.

Motion

Aldersperson Paulsen moved to hear Ordinance 2002.40 on first and second reading and Aldersperson Stowe 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.

Aldersperson Paulsen said that the Committee had discussed placing a stop sign on Axel with Susan Street having the right-of-way and Engineer Brady said that would work.

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to approve Ordinance 2002.40 with the addition of the stop sign at Axel and the correction of section 6-4-4 and Aldersperson Paulsen 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.

C. Ordinance No. 2002.41—An Ordinance Approving the Execution of an Employment Agreement Between the City of Sycamore, Illinois and the City Administrator of the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

Motion

Aldersperson Blickem moved to hear Ordinance 2002.41 on first and second reading and Aldersperson Larson 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.

Motion

Aldersperson Blickem moved to approve Ordinance 2002.41 and Aldersperson Maness seconded the motion.

Aldersperson Blickem commended the Finance Committee and Administrator Nicklas for negotiating this agreement and told Mr. Nicklas that the Board supports his work and looked forward to negotiating the next contract.

Voice Vote

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

RESOLUTIONS

None

CONSIDERATIONS

A. Consideration of an Administration Recommendation to Hire Two New Firefighters as Planned in the FY03 City Budget.

Administrator Nicklas explained that the hires were proposed Spring 2002 and placed in the budget for a September 2002 hiring date. Mr. Nicklas said he was looking for Council approval to proceed with the hiring of one firefighter starting mid-October and the second starting mid-November.

Motion

Aldersperson Bauer moved to approve the hire of two new firefighters through the Police and Fire Commission and Aldersperson Chambon 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.

B. Consideration of an Announcement Concerning an Open House at the New Nicor Gas Facility on October 10, 2002 from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Administrator Nicklas said that he simply wanted to bring this Open House to the attention of Council and the Press.

C. 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 8:07 p.m. 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 Chambon moved to return to Open Session at 8:36 p.m. and Aldersperson Stowe 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.

APPOINTMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. and Aldersperson Maness 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:

Mayor – John L. Swedberg

Attest:

City Clerk – Candy Smith