
**SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2003**

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, Barbara Leach, Cheryl Maness, Pete Paulsen, Chuck Stowe and Janice Tripp.

INVOCATION

Pastor William Mills of the Bethel Assembly of God gave the invocation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Swedberg added a proclamation recognizing the Sycamore High School Girls Bowling Team under Presentations and moved Resolution 426 to after Public Hearings.

Motion

Alderperson Blickem moved to approve the agenda with the changes 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

Tom Carls, owner of Carls Fargo, said he was representing the newly formed local liquor association and expressed concern regarding a marginal and nearly saturated market. Mr. Carls explained that they formed a group to be viewed as an industry rather than individuals. Mr. Carls expressed a desire to work with the Committee reviewing liquor licenses. Mr. Carls said the liquor association had many life-long Sycamore residents who cared about Sycamore and desired to keep it a vital community. Mayor Swedberg asked to be invited to their meetings.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the City Council Workshop Meeting of February 3, 2003;
- B. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 3, 2003;
- C. Payment of the Bills for February 17, 2003 in the amount of \$162,348.23;
- D. Plan Commission Minutes for the Meeting of January 27, 2003.

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 voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND BILLS.

A. Proclamation Congratulating the Sycamore High School Girls Bowling Team for Winning the State Championship.

Mayor Swedberg read the proclamation and congratulated the team and coaches for their victory.

Aldersperson Maness commended the team for their hard work and said they received much support from their families and the school. Ms. Maness said the records they broke were outstanding and almost every team member averaged a 200 game during the tournament.

Administrator Nicklas said at the recommendation of Aldersperson Maness and on behalf of the City Council he would see to it that entrance signs would be placed to acknowledge their accomplishment.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Administrator – Bill Nicklas distributed logos and names for the new city hall and asked Council to return with their top two choices.

Engineer – John Brady - no report

Building & Zoning - Lyle Doty distributed a report on commercial building permits and said he would update the list monthly.

Treasurer – Ken Mundy reported the City was still ahead in expected revenue and behind in budgeted expense according to the January 2003 financials.

Fire Chief – Bill Riddle – no report

Police Chief – Don Thomas reported vandalism at the High School with one arrest made on the scene and two arrests pending.

Public Works Supt. – Fred Busse informed Council that Public Works would be trimming the downtown trees under the supervision of Blumen Gardens owner Joel Barczak. Superintendent Busse said the bottom limbs of the trees needed to be four to five feet above the sidewalk and it would be a two-to-three-year pruning process.

Water Supt. – Ebe Smith reported a pilot study was being conducted on Well #6 for radium removal. Superintendent Smith also reported that since the last meeting there had been 5 watermain breaks and thanked Public Works for their assistance.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance – no report

Ordinance – Chairperson Cheryl Maness announced a workshop meeting March 3, 2003 regarding liquor licenses and fees. Ms. Maness listed three people who agreed to join the committee as Louis Schoenberg with a D license, Tom Carls with an A license, and Dick Petruchuis with a C license. Mayor Swedberg appointed those three individuals.

Motion

Aldersperson Maness moved to approve the appointments and Aldersperson Larson seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

Police & Fire - no report
Sewer & Water – no report
Streets & Walks – no report

PUBLIC HEARING

None

ORDINANCES

- A. Ordinance No. 2002.69--An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission With Regard to the Petition of Milan Krpan for Approval of the Final Plat for Phase III of the Grandview Townhouse Planned Unit Development. First and Second Reading.**

Administrator Nicklas explained the plan included 74 townhouses at a gross density of 4.17 units per acre. Mr. Nicklas said the final plat showed three lots and the dedication of a cul-de-sac at the end of Foxpointe Drive.

Motion

Aldersperson Maness moved to hear Ordinance 2002.69 on first and second reading and Aldersperson Paulsen 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 Paulsen moved to approve Ordinance 2002.69 and Aldersperson Tripp seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

- B. Ordinance No. 2002.70--An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission With Regard to the Petition of Steven G. Glasgow for the Approval of a Preliminary Plat for the Bethany Business Campus in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

Administrator Nicklas explained that the proposed business campus consisted of 17 commercial lots on a 16-acre parcel east of Johnson Controls on Bethany Road. He said the land was zoned for a range of

commercial uses. Mr. Nicklas said that at a future meeting in March he would, after negotiating with Dr. Glasgow, bring back an action item concerning possible City investment in road extension.

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to hear Ordinance 2002.70 on first and second reading and Aldersperson Paulsen 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 Paulsen moved to approve Ordinance 2002.70 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.

C. Ordinance No. 2002.71--An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission With Regard to the Petition of Chris Youssi, dba Youssi Real Estate, and Rick McGee, dba Aire Holding, Inc. for the Approval of the Final Plat for Unit Two, Phase One of the Townsend Woods Subdivision in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

Administrator Nicklas said the final plat depicted 24 lots on which 4-unit townhouses would be built. Mr. Nicklas explained the proposal conformed to the annexation agreement with the exception of lot 19 which would need to be reconfigured.

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to hear Ordinance 2002.71 on first and second reading and Aldersperson Maness seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

Aldersperson Maness inquired where extra cars would park if the garages were all single-car. Mr. Nicklas said they would have to park in the driveways.

Mr. Nicklas explained that this developer petitioned the Plan Commission earlier with a plan that deviated from the preliminary plan. They were advised to revise the plan or return after the Comprehensive Plan revision. Mr. Nicklas said they were also given the opportunity to return with a plan that conformed to the preliminary plan for the Townsend Woods Subdivision and chose to do that. Mr. Nicklas said the final plat did not meet the script of the City's desires, but conformed to all codes and ordinances. Mr. Nicklas said the parking met the minimum parking requirements according to the annexation agreement made in 1991.

Motion

Aldersperson Larson moved to approve Ordinance 2002.71 and Aldersperson Stowe seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

D. Ordinance No. 2002.72—An Ordinance Amending Title 3, “Business and License Regulations,” to Add a New Chapter 18, “Simplified Telecommunications Tax” of the City Code of the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

Administrator Nicklas explained that since the last meeting he had received notice from IMRF projecting a 25 – 30% rate increase which was another unexpected expense that would justify the tax.

Motion

Alderperson Larson moved to hear Ordinance 2002.72 on first and second reading and Alderperson Blickem seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

Motion

Alderperson Larson moved to approve Ordinance 2002.72 and Alderperson Maness seconded the motion.

Amended Motion

Alderperson Bauer moved to amend the motion by imposing a 3.5% Telecommunication Tax and Alderperson Paulsen seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Alderpersons Paulsen, Bauer, and Leach voted aye. Alderpersons Maness, Stowe, Tripp, Blickem, and Larson voted nay. Motion failed 5 – 3.

Alderperson Paulsen said he was opposed to 5% because there was no baseline to know what the tax would generate and he was concerned 5% was too much. Mr. Paulsen said he did not mind revisiting the issue to increase the 3.5%.

Alderperson Tripp said she was inclined to agree with 4% until the IMRF increase arose.

Mayor Swedberg said there was no shame in revisiting the issue; he said their job was to provide the best services with the least amount of money possible.

Administrator Nicklas said it was a tax that could only be changed once each year.

Mayor Swedberg expressed concern regarding overtaxing the citizens.

Mr. Nicklas assured the Council there would not be a surplus by imposing this tax. He said the purpose of the tax was to meet the shortfall in the budget.

Alderperson Leach said she wanted to make sure the taxpayers were aware that this would not increase services, but maintain them.

Treasurer Mundy commented that the state might decrease the state-shared revenue formula from 1/10 to 1/11 which would cost the City of Sycamore about \$81,000.

Voice Vote

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote to approve the motion. Six Alderpersons voted aye with two voting nay. Motion carried 6 - 2.

E. Ordinance No. 2002.73—An Ordinance Amending Title 8, “Water and Sewer,” Chapter 4, “Sewer Use and Service,” Section 8-4-2, “Additional City Fees,” Paragraphs F(2) and F(3) of the City Code of the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

Administrator Nicklas explained this ordinance would increase the annexation fee from \$1000 to \$3000 directing \$2000 to the General Fund, \$500 to the Capital Fund for street improvements and \$500 to the Sewer Fund.

Ken Anderson, 680 Hopkins Lane, Sycamore, explained he was representing 150 members of the DeKalb County Building and Development Association. Mr. Anderson said they questioned the large increase and felt that \$2000 would be more acceptable. Also, Mr. Anderson asked the effective date be changed to May 1, 2003. Mr. Anderson asked for time for discussion at the staff level before passing the ordinance. Mr. Anderson said that the housing industry was holding its own and asked Council to consider that as an economic stimulus for the Community.

Brian Weidert, 1617 Sleep Hollow, DeKalb, local builder, expressed concern that there had been little discussion for such a significant increase. Mr. Weidert said building was the economic golden goose and felt the increase would have an adverse affect.

Charlie Blood, B & B Development, 40W320 LaFox Road, St. Charles, said B & B currently had two 120-acre developments (Heron Creek and Sycamore Creek) and suggested a per lot fee to eliminate the annexation fee on open space.

Mayor Swedberg said maybe Council could consider a sunset clause to allow area developers to bring in parcels after 60 to 90 days on those preliminary plats already approved.

Alderperson Stowe said the effective date was April 21, 2003.

Alderperson Leach said it seemed logical to look at the open space issue.

Alderperson Tripp suggested making a motion to reduce the amount to \$2000 for already reviewed development and \$3000 for future development and Mayor Swedberg said it might be better to hear this on first reading.

Motion

Alderperson Tripp moved to hear Ordinance 2002.73 on first and second reading and Alderperson Maness seconded the motion.

Administrator Nicklas said they would listen to some proposals before the next meeting and bring back options.

Aldersperson Stowe said he thought they should leave the ordinance at first reading.

Voice Vote

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

F. Ordinance No. 2002.74—An Ordinance Amending Title 4, “Public Health and Safety,” Chapter 2, “Garbage and Refuse,” Section 4-2-9, “Private Removal Services,” of the City Code of the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

Administrator Nicklas explained the ordinance established the scavenger license fee at \$1000.

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to hear Ordinance 2002.74 on first and second reading and Aldersperson Bauer 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 Paulsen moved to approve Ordinance 2002.74 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.

G. Ordinance No. 2002.75—An Ordinance Amending Title 9, “Building Regulations,” Chapter 2, “Building Codes,” Section 9-2-3, “Plan Review Fees,” Paragraph A, “Residential,” of the City Code of the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

Administrator Nicklas explained this ordinance raised the fees for residential building only.

Motion

Aldersperson Larson moved to hear Ordinance 2002.75 on first and second reading and Aldersperson Paulsen seconded the motion.

Ken Anderson said his organization was ok with the increases, but requested the effect date be changed for this and the following two ordinances to May 1, 2003.

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 approve Ordinance 2002.75 amending the effective date to May 1, 2003 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.

- H. **Ordinance No. 2002.76—An Ordinance Amending Title 9, “Building Regulations,” Chapter 2, “Building Codes,” Section 9-2-4, “Building Permit Fees,” Paragraph A, “Residential Building—New Construction,” of the City Code of the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

Administrator Nicklas explained this ordinance affected residential construction only.

Motion

Aldersperson Paulsen moved to hear Ordinance 2002.76 on first and second reading and Aldersperson Leach 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 Larson moved to approve Ordinance 2002.76 amending the effective date to May 1, 2003 and Aldersperson Tripp seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

- I. **Ordinance No. 2002.77—An Ordinance Amending Title 9, “Building Regulations,” Chapter 4, “Electricity and Fire Protection,” Section 9-4-4, “Permit and Inspection Fees,” Paragraphs A and B of the City Code of the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

Motion

Aldersperson Tripp moved to hear Ordinance 2002.77 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 voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

Motion

Aldersperson Larson moved to approve Ordinance 2002.77 amending the effective date to May 1, 2003 and Aldersperson Leach seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

- J. Ordinance No. 2002.78—An Ordinance Amending Title 10, “Subdivision Regulations,” Chapter 5, “Subdivision Administration and Enforcement,” Section 10-5-4, “Payment of Fees on Annexation, Planned Unit Development, or Subdivision,” Paragraph B of the City Code of the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

Administrator Nicklas said this ordinance would raise engineering plan review fees from 2% to 3% and suggested to make it effective May 1, 2003.

Ken Anderson asked Council to consider a smaller increase and respectfully asked for more time to discuss with the City staff. Mr. Anderson suggested discussing such items as topsoil removal, retention ponds and time to pay. He said his company pays 3% to have a whole subdivision designed and could not see any justification for the City's increase.

Council consensus was to hear Ordinance 2002.78 on first reading.

- K. Ordinance No. 2002.79—An Ordinance Title 3, “Business and License Regulations,” Chapter 2, “Liquor,” Section 3-2-6, “Classification of Licenses; Fees; Hours and Days,” Paragraphs A(1) through A(8), of the City Code of the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First Reading.**

Alderperson Stowe said he researched the neighboring town and said that doubling the fees would put Sycamore at a lot higher rate for liquor licenses than DeKalb.

Alderperson Tripp suggested eliminating the Sunday Fee.

- L. Ordinance No. 2002.80—An Ordinance Amending the November 20, 2000 Agreement Between the City of Sycamore and the Sycamore Park District to Establish a New Site for Well #9.**

Administrator Nicklas said they had changed the site for the well to the sledding hill.

Motion

Alderperson Bauer moved to hear Ordinance 2002.80 on first and second reading and Alderperson Larson seconded the motion.

Alderperson Paulsen expressed concern about removing the sledding hill and asked if it could be relocated.

Alderperson Maness said most people did not use the wooden part, but since the dirt would have to be moved anyway suggested the Park District might relocate the hill.

Administrator Nicklas said the hill removal was discussed and the Park District wanted a berm to eliminate the overflow across Airport Road.

Voice Vote

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

Motion

Alderperson Larson moved to approve Ordinance 2002.80 and Alderperson Bauer seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 425—Awarding the Contract for the Conversion of the Former Henderson Building to Irving Construction in the Amount of \$1,057,000.

Administrator Nicklas explained that staff had met and reviewed the bidding documents with Mr. Irving and ascertained that he understood the scope of the work and recommended awarding the bid to Irving Construction.

Motion

Alderperson Bauer moved to award the bid to Irving Construction for \$1,057,000 according to the City's local preference policy and Alderperson Paulsen seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

B. Resolution No. 426—Awarding the Contract for the Conversion of the Sycamore Community Center to TASC Contracting in the Amount of \$1,220,000.

Administrator Nicklas explained the low bid came in 1.6% over the project budget and besides action to be taken to accept the bid, a matter of private and public contributions needed to be resolved.

Motion

Alderperson Maness moved to award the contract to TASC Contracting in the amount of \$1,220,000 with Council contributing of \$300,000 from the United Aviation sales tax money plus \$50,000 from hotel/motel tax money to fund the remainder of money needed for the project and Alderperson Bauer seconded the motion.

Alderperson Paulsen expressed concern that the Museum Board wanted the City to forgive their portion of the roof, give them an additional \$350,000, and then give them the building. Mr. Paulsen said that if the Park District took ownership of the building, the taxpayers would still be responsible to pay for the maintenance. Mr. Paulsen said he did not see a benefit of giving the building to another taxing body; he

thought it should be turned over to the museum. He said he did not like that the Museum Board was backing out of their share of the roof payment.

Aldersperson Tripp said she did not think they were backing down, she felt they were at a point that they had not quite made their fund-raising goal. Ms. Tripp said she thought the City was responsible for the deterioration of the building.

Aldersperson Leach inquired who would maintain the building. Ken Mundy, Museum Board President, said the business plan showed income from gate receipts intended for building maintenance. He said one of the advantages of Park District ownership was grant opportunities that otherwise would not be available.

Aldersperson Blickem said she had compromised her view since the project began. Ms. Blickem said she thought this was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and the decision was whether it was worth a half million dollars from the City. She said she had not received one phone call opposing this project and she did not see anybody in the audience opposing the project.

Aldersperson Larson said that \$350,000 was a lot of money, but the City had neglected the building and it was the least the City could do to get the building back into shape. Mr. Larson saw this as a phenomenal opportunity and thought this would be beneficial for the downtown merchants.

Aldersperson Stowe did not see any budget for maintenance and expressed concern that in twenty years the building would be back in disrepair.

Aldersperson Paulsen inquired who was going to pay for the displays and Mr. Mundy said that was part of Phase II. He said the board had a lot of work to do and as the conversion started, the focus of the fund-raising campaign would move toward the educational and display aspect of the project. Mr. Mundy said that Tourism Grants and local Foundation grants were being written.

Aldersperson Stowe said that according to the numbers the Museum Board was still \$90,000 short and Mr. Mundy said there was a commitment from both local legislatures that the funds were forthcoming.

Aldersperson Bauer said he did not believe the roof or building would fall down in twenty years. He said the contents would be too valuable to allow that.

Aldersperson Blickem said she thought some of the concern was who would be responsible for paying the contractors since a lot of the money was pledged and not in hand.

Aldersperson Paulsen expressed concern that the Park District would approach the City for future monetary needs and wanted to know the terms of the landlord/tenant agreement. Aldersperson Maness said the City did not need to know those terms. Ms. Maness said that her 11-year experience on the Recreation Commission was that the City spent no money for maintenance.

Bob Hammon, 339 Parkside Drive, said he was there as the Superintendent of Community Unit School District # 427 in support of the Museum Board. Dr. Hammon said this was an opportunity to enhance the curriculum for Sycamore students at all levels. He said that this would be an opportunity for students throughout northern Illinois. Dr. Hammon said this was a unique opportunity that the Community could not take a pass on, and as a school district they would support the Museum.

Mike Cullen, 1703 Sterling Drive, President of The National Bank & Trust Co., said he thought there was no better use of tourism funds. Mr. Cullen said he did not think the Council could ignore the support of the Community. He said his bank, as well as Ideal Industries were project partners along with the School and Park Districts. He said there were a couple of gaps and he offered The National Bank & Trust Company to bridge the gap if necessary. Mr. Cullen encouraged Council to follow through with the proposal.

Mayor Swedberg said the contributions were pledged over a three-year period and wondered how the contractor would be paid. Mr. Cullen said he did not know how that would work, but he was confident the pledges would be paid.

Chuck Kaiser, 1129 Swanberg Court, The National Bank & Trust Co., said he was a Museum Board member acting as Treasurer. Mr. Kaiser said he saw a vibrant downtown and this would be an opportunity to make a difference in the Community for all its citizens.

Marlyn Burkart, Park Board President, spoke on behalf of the Park Board in support of the Museum and would accept ownership of the building and issue a long-term agreement with the Museum.

Rose Treml, Sycamore Chamber of Commerce Director, said the Museum had total support of the Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Committee.

Amended Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to amend the motion to approve the \$350,000 from the City with no other liability regarding the museum.

Mayor said, no second, so amended motion failed.

Aldersperson Larson asked if the motion was approved did the Mayor have any intention of vetoing the Council's action. Mayor Swedberg said he would address that after the vote.

Roll Call Vote

Mayor Swedberg called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Alderspersons Maness, Tripp, Bauer, Blickem, Larson, and Leach voted aye. Alderspersons Paulsen and Stowe voted nay. Motion carried 6 - 2.

Mayor Swedberg said that before the meeting he had intended to veto the vote, but after listening to the presentation and all the arguments had changed his mind. Mayor Swedberg said that sometimes you just have to move on.

Motion

Aldersperson Maness moved to waive monies owed for the roof repair and Aldersperson Tripp seconded the motion

Roll Call Vote

Mayor Swedberg called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Alderspersons Maness, Tripp, Bauer, Blickem, and Larson voted aye. Alderspersons Paulsen, Stowe, and Leach voted nay. Motion carried 5 - 3.

Aldersperson Maness asked if the transfer of property needed to be voted on and Attorney Smith said it did, but it was not on the agenda so an expression of intent was in order and an ordinance would be brought back.

Motion

Aldersperson Bauer moved it was the intent to transfer the property to the Park District upon completion and occupancy permit per building code.

Voice Vote

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

- C. **Resolution No. 427--Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Agreement Between the City of Sycamore and the Sycamore Park District Granting an Easement for a Sanitary Sewer in the City of Sycamore.**

Administrator Nicklas said this and the next three items were linked to the new Well #9.

Aldersperson Larson suggested approving all four items in omnibus fashion.

- D. **Resolution No. 428--Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Agreement Between the City of Sycamore and the Sycamore Park District Granting an Easement for a Water Main in the City of Sycamore.**
- E. **Resolution No. 429—Authorizing a Representative to Sign Loan Documents.**
- F. **Resolution No. 430—Expressing the Intent of the City Council Regarding National Flood Insurance.**

Motion

Aldersperson Larson moved to approve Resolutions 427, 428, 429, and 430 in omnibus fashion 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.

CONSIDERATIONS

- A. **Consideration of an Administration Report on the Bids for the Conversion of the Former Street Division Garages.**

Administrator Nicklas explained they had requested bids from individual contractors and they came in over the project budget. Mr. Nicklas recommended waiving the bids and holding the project to a budget of \$80,000 by utilizing the Public Works Department.

Motion

Aldersperson Bauer moved to waive the bidding and allow the City Administrator to spend up to \$5000 over the budgeted \$80,000 and Aldersperson 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.

B. Consideration of an Administration Request for a Meeting of the Ordinance Committee at the Regular City Council Meeting of March 3, 2003

APPOINTMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 p.m. and Aldersperson Bauer seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

Approve:

Mayor – John L. Swedberg

Attest:

City Clerk – Candy Smith