
SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2003

ROLL CALL

Mayor John Swedberg called the meeting to order and Clerk Candy Smith called the roll. Those Alderpersons present were: Terry Kessler, Andrew Larson, Barbara Leach, Cheryl Maness, Pete Paulsen, and Janice Tripp. Alderperson Alan Bauer and Chuck Stowe were absent.

INVOCATION

Pastor Mike Massey of Glad Tidings Assembly of God gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

Alderperson Larson 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 6 - 0.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 7, 2003;
- B. Payment of the Bills for April 21, 2003 in the amount of \$697,798.77;
- C. Plan Commission Minutes for the Meeting of March 10, 2003.

Motion

Alderperson Maness 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 6 - 0.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND BILLS.

- A. Proclamation Expressing Gratitude To American Men and Women in Uniform.

Local veterans were in attendance as the Mayor read the proclamation supporting the troops and encouraging citizens to fly American flags daily. Mayor Swedberg asked if any of the veterans wanted to speak and Greg Hughes said they would appreciate all citizens to respect, honor, and pray for those men and women overseas.

Alderperson Leach said her brother had just returned from Iraq and they were thankful he was safe in Germany.

Aldersperson Paulsen said he received a call asking for a Children Playing sign to be moved.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Administrator – Bill Nicklas said there would be a special Plan Commission meeting Monday, April 28th to debate a draft of the revised comp plan. Mr. Nicklas said Thursday at 9:30 ComEd would be donating 8 trees to the City at the Public Works Building in observance of Arbor Day.

Engineer – John Brady - no report

Building & Zoning –Lyle Doty – no report

Treasurer – Ken Mundy – no report

Fire Chief – Bill Riddle – no report

Police Chief – Don Thomas – no report

Public Works Supt. – Fred Busse reported that DeKalb County Health Department granted permission to allow certified pesticide applicators to train others to apply the pesticide. Superintendent Busse also reported the County would conduct a tire recycling program with the state possibly implementing a 50-cent excise tax that would be used for mosquito abatement. Superintendent Busse reported all the street signs in Electric Park would be replaced and other areas would be reviewed.

Water Supt. – Ebe Smith reported fire hydrant flushing would be ongoing through Wednesday.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance – no report

Ordinance – no report

Police & Fire - no report

Sewer & Water – no report

Streets & Walks –no report

PUBLIC HEARING

A. Public Hearing on an Annexation Request from William and Rosemary Swedberg et al.

Administrator Nicklas explained the City’s procedure for annexation was to hold public hearings at the Plan Commission level and again for City Council. Mr. Nicklas said this was the opportunity for those in the audience wanting to speak.

With no audience participation, Mayor Swedberg closed the hearing.

ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance No. 2002.88—An Ordinance Concerning the Adoption of the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. Second Reading.

Administrator Nicklas said there was a public hearing at the previous meeting with no audience comment. Mr. Nicklas said this ordinance would pass the FY2003-2004 Budget totaling \$22,163,990 across 26 funds, including \$8,284,096 in general operating funds. Mr. Nicklas said all funds were balanced with appropriate reserves.

Motion

Aldersperson Maness moved to approve Ordinance 2002.88 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 6 - 0.

B. Ordinance No. 2002.92—An Ordinance Amending Title 1, "Administration," Chapter 10, "Personnel Rules," of the City Code of the City of Sycamore, Illinois to Authorize Non-Elective Positions for the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

Administrator Nicklas explained this ordinance reappointed employees represented in the budget.

Motion

Aldersperson Tripp moved to hear Ordinance 2002.92 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 present voted aye. Motion carried 6 - 0.

Motion

Aldersperson Tripp moved to approve Ordinance 2002.92 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 6 - 0.

C. Ordinance No. 2002.93—An Ordinance Establishing Offices and Fixing Compensation of Certain Appointed Officers of the City of Sycamore, County of DeKalb, State of Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the First Day of May, 2003 and Ending on the Thirtieth Day of April, 2004. First and Second Reading.

Administrator Nicklas explained this ordinance was referred to as the salary ordinance. Mr. Nicklas said the ordinance identified compensation for exempt employees and the benefits. He said that through discussion and research a number of "firsts" had been achieved. Mr. Nicklas listed those firsts as follows:

- No management employees will hereafter receive overtime;
- All management employees have been placed in a pay range reflecting market thresholds in comparable cities while aiming for internal equity;
- All management employee will receive similar benefits

Mr. Nicklas said the management group overall increase was 2.39%.

Administrator Nicklas said that he had revised a section of the ordinance clarifying the family deductible after Alderperson Kessler questioned the phrasing.

Alderperson Kessler said she would like to be able to readdress sections 8 and 9 at a later date after getting clarification of the language. Administrator Nicklas said he and Alderperson Kessler would meet with Human Resource Director Jean Tritle. Alderperson Kessler said she would also like to address whether employees that leave the City could pick back up the City insurance.

Motion

Alderperson Larson moved to hear Ordinance 2002.93 on first and second reading 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 6 - 0.

Motion

Alderperson Larson moved to approve Ordinance 2002.93 and Alderperson Paulsen seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderpersons present voted aye. Motion carried 6 - 0.

D. Ordinance No. 2002.94—An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2002-2003 Budget. First and Second Reading.

Administrator Nicklas explained this ordinance placed the essential changes into one place to provide a clearer audit trail.

Motion

Alderperson Tripp moved to hear Ordinance 2002.94 on first and second reading and Alderperson Kessler seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderpersons present voted aye. Motion carried 6 - 0.

Motion

Alderperson Paulsen moved to approve Ordinance 2002.94 and Alderperson Leach seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderpersons present voted aye. Motion carried 6 - 0.

E. Ordinance No. 2002.95—An Ordinance Amending the City Code to Conform to the Adoption of the Managerial Form of Government for the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

Administrator Nicklas explained this ordinance would make the changes to the City Code necessary to establish the Council-Manager form of government.

Motion

Aldersperson Larson moved to hear Ordinance 2002.95 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 present voted aye. Motion carried 6 - 0.

Motion

Aldersperson Paulsen moved to approve Ordinance 2002.95 and Aldersperson Tripp seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderspersons present voted aye. Motion carried 6 - 0.

F. Ordinance No. 2002.96—An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission With Regard to the Request of B&B Development For Approval of the Final Plat For Phase Six of the Heron Creek Planned Unit Development. First and Second Reading.

Manager Nicklas explained Phase Six comprised the entire north quadrant of the original preliminary plat with about 81 acres. Mr. Nicklas said the plat depicted 140 lots averaging 12,864 sq.ft. zoned "R-1" Single Family, a large park lot, and one multiple family 8-acre parcel. Mr. Nicklas explained there was no development plan for the 8-acre lot and that would have to go through the Plan Commission upon development. Mr. Nicklas said some minor changes were needed regarding streets named Ellwood and Charles O. Boynton.

Aldersperson Kessler suggested that streets turning into other streets might cause confusion for emergency services as well as street numbers that jumped from the 100's to the 1000's. Engineer Brady explained that Moses Dean street definitely ran north and south and would have high numbers and Samuel Alden ran east and west a would have low numbers. Mr. Brady also said when the streets change direction the even and odd house numbers would have to switch sides of streets.

Police Chief Thomas said the system was a little confusing, but the police officers travel the streets each day and can get to know them. Chief Thomas said the problem might be worse for firefighters who traverse the streets less frequently.

Aldersperson Larson asked who was making up the street names and Manager Nicklas said they were old Sycamore names. Mr. Nicklas said the street signs would emphasize the last name.

Motion

Aldersperson Maness moved to hear Ordinance 2002.96 on first and second reading and Aldersperson Tripp seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderspersons present voted aye. Motion carried 6 - 0.

Motion

Aldersperson Tripp moved to approve Ordinance 2002.96 and Aldersperson Maness seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderpersons present voted aye. Motion carried 6 - 0.

G. Ordinance No. 2002.97—An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission With Regard to the Request of B&B Development For Approval of the Final Plat of the Heron Creek Country Estates Subdivision of the Heron Creek Planned Unit Development. First and Second Reading.

Manager Nicklas said the final plat comprised the largest estate-sized housing area within the Heron Creek P.U.D. including 55 lots averaging about .60 acre. Mr. Nicklas explained the Plan Commission recommended with the conditions that Merry Oaks Court be dropped in favor of Heron Creek Drive and language be added to the plat before recording identifying the developer’s responsibility to create a connection via bike path to the nearby school.

Motion

Alderman Maness moved to hear Ordinance 2002.97 on first and second reading and Alderman Tripp seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderpersons present voted aye. Motion carried 6 - 0.

Motion

Alderman Tripp moved to approve Ordinance 2002.97 and Alderman Maness seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderpersons present voted aye. Motion carried 6 - 0.

H. Ordinance No. 2002.98--An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission With Regard to the Request of Stonebreaker Builders For Approval of the Final Plat of Phase One of the Stonegate at Heron Creek Planned Unit Development. First and Second Reading.

Manager Nicklas explained the final plat involved 40 units – four 6-unit building and four 4-unit buildings plus one of the private parks.

Motion

Alderman Tripp moved to hear Ordinance 2002.98 on first and second reading and Alderman Maness seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderpersons present voted aye. Motion carried 6 - 0.

Motion

Alderman Maness moved to approve Ordinance 2002.98 and Alderman Larson seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderpersons present voted aye. Motion carried 6 - 0.

I. Ordinance No. 2002.99—An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission With Regard to the Request of William and Rosemary Swedberg et al For the Annexation of Property Located at 1125, 1135 and 1155 East State Street in the City of Sycamore, County of DeKalb, State of Illinois. First and Second Reading.

Manager Nicklas explained that the Swedbergs were petitioning to annex 5.79 acres and the terms of the annexation agreement were as follows:

- ◆ The entire property will be zoned "M-1" Light Manufacturing, which is consistent with the zoning to the west of the parcel and the uses to the east of the parcel.
- ◆ The residential uses currently on the property may be continued for 10 years from the date of annexation, with the additional provision that Bill and Rosemary Swedberg may continue to reside on the property as long as either may live.
- ◆ The petitioner is responsible for paying all annexation and engineering fees then in effect.
- ◆ The portion of the annexation area comprising the residence of Bill and Rosemary Swedberg is entitled to one connection to the City sanitary sewer main; the remaining portion of the site may be served by 4 connections.
- ◆ The site may be served by three water connections, but the use of the existing well may continue until residential use is discontinued.
- ◆ The existing gravel driveways and parking areas can remain if properly maintained for ten years, after which they must be surfaced. Any additions or alterations to these gravel surfaces will require that they be immediately brought into compliance with the City's paving standards.

Manager Nicklas requested approval of the Plan Commission recommendation.

Motion

Aldersperson Maness moved to hear Ordinance 2002.99 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 6 - 0.

Attorney Smith suggested placing in the motion the approval of the annexation and the annexation agreement.

Motion

Aldersperson Larson moved to approve the annexation agreement and the annexation of the Swedberg property and Aldersperson Tripp seconded the motion.

Roll call Vote

Mayor Swedberg called for roll call vote to approve the motion. Alderspersons Kessler, Larson, Leach, Maness, Paulsen, and Tripp voted aye with no Alderspersons voting nay. Motion carried 6 - 0.

RESOLUTIONS

None

CONSIDERATIONS

A. Consideration of a Fire Department Recommendation to Sell the 1966 Tanker to Rich Reynolds in the Amount of \$2,251.50.

Manager Nicklas said four proposals were submitted in response to the advertisement for bids and he recommended accepting the high bid from Rich Reynolds for \$2,251.50.

Motion

Aldersperson Maness moved to accept Rich Reynolds' bid for the amount of \$2,251.50 and Aldersperson Leach seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderspersons present voted aye. Motion carried 6 - 0.

B. Consideration of the Final Tax Extension Report for the City of Sycamore.

Manager Nicklas said the final tax extension was reported as \$216,389,113 for 2002, which came in higher than the estimated \$215,000,000. Mr. Nicklas said this put the City's tax rate at .986236 per \$100 EAV resulting in a lower rate than any since the late 1960's.

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Swedberg appointed City Council Committees as follows: Finance Committee – Chuck Stowe Chairperson, Alan Bauer, Pete Paulsen, and Barbara Leach; Ordinance Committee – Cheryl Maness, Chairperson, Pete Paulsen, Janice Tripp, and Terry Kessler; Fire and Police Committee – Alan Bauer, Chairperson, Andrew Larson, Cheryl Maness, and Janice Tripp; Sewer and Water Committee – Janice Tripp, Chairperson, Andrew Larson, Alan Bauer, and Barbara Leach; Streets and Walks Committee – Pete Paulsen, Chairperson, Cheryl Maness, Andrew Larson, and Terry Kessler. Mayor Swedberg appointed Chuck Stowe as Council representative to the Plan Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Aldersperson Larson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 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 6 - 0.

Approve:

Mayor – John L. Swedberg

Attest:

City Clerk – Candy Smith