
SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2003

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

Elder William Bridgewater of the Israel of God Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Swedberg added a Proclamation to the agenda from the Veterans of Foreign War regarding poppy day.

Motion

Alderperson Larson moved to approve the agenda with the change and Alderperson Kessler 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 Regular City Council Meeting of May 5, 2003;
- B. Payment of the Bills for May 19, 2003;
- C. Plan Commission Minutes for the meeting of April 28, 2003.

Motion

Alderperson Stowe moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Alderperson 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.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND BILLS.

- A. Proclamation Declaring the Week of May 18-24, 2003 as Emergency Services Week in the City of Sycamore.
- B. Proclamation Declaring the Week of May 18-24 as Save A Life Week in the City of Sycamore.
- C. Proclamation Recognizing the Annual Distribution of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars
- D. Presentation of the Fire and Police Commission's Annual Report for FY03.

Fire and Police Commission Chair Bob Johnston reported that the Commission had convened nine meetings, changed testing services, established a firefighter hire list, hired 3 entry-level firefighters, established a fire lieutenant promotional list, promoted Steven Cook to Sergeant, and conducted disciplinary hearings for a police officer that culminated in his resignation. To address the immediate need for police officers, Chairman Johnston said they adopted a lateral transfer process to recruit two police officers. Chairman Johnston said the Commission held their annual elections and he was voted the Chair, George Beasley the Secretary, and Dick Ubl had been appointed by the Mayor.

Aldersperson Larson said he had received a communication from Ray Baker expressing concern about the Bethany Road Project. Engineer Brady said a public meeting was held May 16th and 75% of the property owners near the project had attended. Mr. Brady said the public's questions would be addressed in a project report which would be sent to Springfield in June. Mr. Brady said Mr. Baker's concerns were the 4-lane road and the proposed sidewalks.

Aldersperson Larson said he had also received a call from Carolyn Watson who was in the audience and would speak during the Comprehensive Plan public hearing.

Aldersperson Bauer commended the City services on a job well done during the storm May 10th and suggested the Street Division could use a chipper to deal with downed branches. Mr. Bauer said he thought picking up branches after a storm was a good service provided by the City. Superintendent Busse said it was in the budget for FY05.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Manager – Bill Nicklas said that within 30 days the City would be able to provide enough seating for a large audience at the Sycamore Center. Mr. Nicklas thanked Public Works for their good responses after the storm the previous weekend.

Engineer – John Brady - no report

Building & Zoning –Lyle Doty reported that the bids for the new Building Department vehicle were on the agenda. Building Commissioner Doty said the Plan Commission had requested the current pace for building and he said this year so far 77 permits had been issued, only 6 behind last year's number. Mr. Doty said he was running about 20 permits behind because the season started late. Mayor Swedberg asked what the processing time was and Mr. Doty said about 3 weeks. Mr. Doty said he collected subdivision signs over the weekend and had a meeting set with the contractors to review the sign rules.

Treasurer – Ken Mundy – no report

Fire Chief – Bill Riddle reported that by the end of 2003 the Department would have 13 paramedics.

Police Chief – Don Thomas thanked outgoing Chair of the Fire & Police Commission, Gene Ege, and welcomed incoming Chair Bob Johnston. Chief Thomas said they had received 20 applications for certified police officers, narrowed the list to eight, and would begin the interview process the next day. Chief Thomas and Officer Mike Anderson presented Sycamore Sportsman Club with a plaque for the use of their facility for firearms training. Chief Thomas and Officer Anderson recognized Range Officers Dwayne Rubendall and Herm Hanson with a certificate of appreciation for their volunteer support to the Sycamore Police Department.

Public Works Supt. – Fred Busse – no report

Water Supt. – Ebe Smith – no report

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 the Revised Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Map.

Mr. Nicklas said this public hearing provides the public an additional opportunity to comment on the Plan and map exhibits.

Sal Bonano, President of the DeKalb County Building and Development Association said their Board of Directors voted against endorsing the growth pace. Mr. Bonano said they thought the pace restrictions should be included in the annexation agreements. He said he thought that limiting growth would increase new housing costs and inflate values of existing homes therefore increasing taxes and placing hardships on property owners.

Bill Rotolo, President of Insignia Homes, said he had investments in property within the planning area and was opposed to the approach taken to limit building permits. Mr. Rotolo said developers would find borrowing money more difficult because of the constraints. Mr. Rotolo said he thought the limits were unreasonable and would raise housing costs.

Ted Amdur, a developer with interest in two parcels to develop in the planning area, said he agreed with a real estate transfer tax proposed by Ken Andersen at a previous meeting. Mr. Amdur said that with a multiplier of .225% the City could receive \$100,000 and it was a good alternative to limiting growth.

Grace Adee, 1469 Longwood Drive, said she drove north on Brickville Road and noticed small developments along the way. Ms. Adee suggested filling in areas rather than extending the planning area to Whipple Road in order to maintain the small town atmosphere. Ms. Adee said subdivisions would not pay for services needed and provided and asked the Council not to rush into a decision on the Comp Plan.

Carolyn Watson, 1863 Kerrybrook, asked Council to postpone a vote on the Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Watson said she thought Whipple Road was too far to plan for and said that when the rich farmland was gone, it was gone.

Jim Dombeck, President of Sycamore Board of Education, said he was asked by the board to address the City Council about limiting residential growth. Mr. Dombeck commended the Plan Commission for their time and effort to limit growth. Mr. Dombeck explained that property tax revenues funded the Sycamore School District. He said that growth would increase the revenues, but not at the rate needed to provide the services required. Mr. Dombeck said that limited growth would allow the school district to plan in a proactive way. Mr. Dombeck also stated that impact fees should be revisited regularly in order to be fiscally responsible.

With no further comments, Mayor Swedberg closed the public hearing.

B. Public Hearing on an Annexation Request from Sycamore Township.

With no public comment, Mayor Swedberg closed the public hearing.

C. Public Hearing on an Annexation Request from John Clare, LTD.

With no public comment, Mayor Swedberg closed the public hearing.

ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance No. 2003.03—An Ordinance Adopting a Revised Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Map. First and Second Reading.

Manager Nicklas explained that the revision process began in March 2002 with the staff recommending the update, Council provided funding for mapping support, and Plan Commission suggesting the need for a sub-area plan for the Northeast quadrant. Mr. Nicklas said that in January 2003 the public participated in an Image Preference Survey and a Charrette. He further explained that those processes were not binding on the Council, but it was a way to kick off the process with public participation. Mr. Nicklas said that after four regular meetings and three special meetings the Plan Commission voted unanimously to approve the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Nicklas enumerated the highlights of the plan as follows:

1. A new residential classification to note existing rural residential uses within the planning area.
2. A distribution of future commercial activity at the intersection of arterial roadways and at neighborhood intersections to conveniently serve present and future residents. This includes large nodes of proposed commercial zoning on the west side of Peace Road between DeKalb Avenue and Illinois Route 64; along the frontage at the northeast corner of Illinois Route 64 and Peace Road; on the west side of Illinois Route 23 north of the intersection with Peace Road and Plank Road; and at the east gate of Sycamore along the Illinois Route 64 corridor.
3. A designation of industrial sites to sustain a diversified tax and employment base. Along with the prime space available in the Sycamore Prairie Business Park, the Plan designates most of the Bethany Road corridor east of Illinois Route 23; much of the Peterson farm just west of the present Crosby Avenue; and about 82 acres of land in the Thanks America subdivision that lies north of the former Agco plant and west of Peace Road.
4. Mixed use designations to provide flexibility in planning mixed residential and commercial developments with an emphasis on one or the other type of land use.
5. An Office/Research/Light Industrial designation to guide the development of office and research facilities and encourage higher levels of design, extensive site amenities, and open space for such uses.
6. New bicycle and pedestrian trails to link existing and future development to recreational areas and open space.
7. Proposed corridors for the extension of Airport Road, Motel Road, North Grove Road, and Crosby Avenue.
8. Targeted sites for future school and park facilities.
9. "Gateway" corridors generally conforming with the City's main entrances to highlight rights-of-way meriting special protection and beautification as adjacent land is developed.
10. Large areas of agriculturally-zoned land on the edge of the City's primary development area to underscore the importance of farmland preservation in DeKalb County's land use plan, and the preference for growth extending outward from the City's core rather than leapfrogging to remote sites.

11. A "green belt" about 500 feet in width, moving along Whipple Road from Brickville Road on the west to Hickory Circle on the east, then curling southward toward Lindgren Road. This cordon would define the City's ultimate corporate limits to the north and the northeast.
12. A strong recommendation for the Council to implement a regulatory framework that would moderate the pace of new housing starts in any given year (the Commission voted 9-3 to support this recommendation on May 12).

Chuck Hanlon, Land Vision, explained that rural residential was serviced by well and septic and was currently unique to the County. Mr. Hanlon said south of Whipple Road would be a greenbelt to preserve the rural roadway with no curb and gutter. He said by design no proposed roads were drawn to intersect with Whipple Road. Mr. Hanlon said that Genoa was going as south as Baseline Road and Sycamore was doing its part to keep the communities from merging. Mr. Hanlon said the regional detention was designed to create a linear trail system to coordinate with individual parcels. He said the school site was proposed through direction of the school district.

Mayor Swedberg said Genoa Mayor Walker agreed to work as partners on the greenbelt.

Motion

Aldersperson Larson moved to hear Ordinance 2003.03 on first reading to give the Council more time to review the document and Aldersperson Paulsen seconded the motion.

Aldersperson Maness said it was a complete document that they had been receiving information over the past 14 months and the community had had the same opportunity. Ms. Maness said they should support the revised Comprehensive Plan that the Plan Commission had approved with a unanimous recommendation.

Aldersperson Kessler asked if the plan included the building limitations and Mr. Nicklas said that was a separate action.

Aldersperson Paulsen said nobody at the Charrette colored in as much residential. He said there was too much planning area for residential. Mr. Nicklas explained that the current Comp Plan devoted more acreage to residential development. He said the revised plan narrowed residential by 25% and created a substantial amount of agricultural land. Mr. Nicklas said they should be careful what they say the plan is and stick to the Plan facts.

Aldersperson Tripp said the revised plan was much better than the old one. Ms. Tripp said she did not want to go through this process every other year, so they needed the guidelines.

Aldersperson Leach said she was concerned that City services would be unable to keep up with all the residential planning area.

Aldersperson Stowe said it was a lot of yellow, but he could not imagine industrial or commercial developing north of town. He said he noticed that the rate of annexing was not part of the plan.

Aldersperson Kessler said she had attended the Plan Commission meetings and felt they worked hard at focusing on the core of town. She was impressed with the plan and supported it.

Voice Vote

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

B. Ordinance No. 2003.04—An Ordinance Amending Chapter 13, “Administration,” Section 13.02 “Zoning Certificates and Building Permits,” of the Amended Zoning Ordinance of 2001 of the City of Sycamore, Illinois to Add a New Paragraph 5 That Establishes a Schedule for the Allowable Number of Annual Permits Per Each New Planned Unit Development. First and Second Reading.

Manager Nicklas recommended hearing this ordinance on first reading only in view of the Council action on the previous ordinance.

Aldersperson Stowe said he thought this was a move in the right direction and asked if there was a way to leverage the numbers down. Mr. Stowe said that over ten years households grew by about 900. Mr. Nicklas said that growth over the past three years averaged 2.3% population-wise, which was different than permit growth.

Aldersperson Larson asked Building Commissioner Doty how many permits were issued last year and Mr. Doty said they issued 193 dwelling-unit permits.

Aldersperson Bauer said the ordinance would not slow growth and agreed that it should be done in the annexation agreements.

Aldersperson Paulsen said he did not see a limit on the number of subdivisions approved at one time. Mr. Nicklas said the Council had the authority to say no to annexation. He said they could put some regulation into annexation agreements, but the staff wanted a tool for regulation.

Aldersperson Maness said they should not limit subdivisions because there would be different needs for different people. Ms. Maness said she thought this would simply give them some boundaries.

Aldersperson Tripp said the largest population jump was the 34 to 50-year-olds and she did not think that age group would have a large impact on the schools. Ms. Tripp said she did not agree with restricting developers.

C. Ordinance No. 2003.05—An Ordinance Approving a Lease Between the City of Sycamore and Land Vision, Inc. and Christopher Burke Engineering West, Ltd. Regarding Suite 302 of the Sycamore Center. First and Second Reading.

Manager Nicklas explained the terms of the lease as follows:

- A three-year term, with the option to renew for two additional terms of one year each.
- A monthly rent of \$1,250.00, which is roughly equivalent to about \$12 per square foot. The base monthly rent would be increased to \$1,312 in the fourth year (+5%) and by the cost-of-living, or no more than 5%, in the fifth year.
- The tenant would pay for a pro rata share of all electrical and natural gas utilities based on the ratio of the leased premises to the total leased premises for all other commercial tenants.
- The City shall pay for all water, sewer, and trash removal costs.
- The tenants shall pay a pro rata share of the real estate taxes based on the ratio of their space to the total leased premises for all other commercial tenants.

Motion

Aldersperson Maness moved to hear Ordinance 2003.05 on first and second reading and Aldersperson Kessler 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 approve Ordinances 2003.05 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.

D. Ordinance No. 2003.06—An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission With Regard to the Petition of Jeff Jacobsen to Rezone the Property at 413 East Exchange Street from “R-1” One Family Residence District to “R-2” Two Family Residence District. First and Second Reading.

Manager Nicklas explained this property was purchased as investment property and the new owner realized that under the current zoning if the structure was damaged by more than 60% of its replacement value he would not be able to rebuild the duplex. Mr. Nicklas said the Plan Commission recommended unanimously to change the zoning.

Motion

Aldersperson Paulsen moved to hear Ordinance 2003.06 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 voted aye. Motion carried 8 -0.

Motion

Aldersperson Paulsen moved to approve Ordinances 2003.06 and Aldersperson Larson seconded the motion.

Aldersperson Maness asked if the gravel driveway would be paved and Mr. Nicklas said if it were enlarged it would have to be paved. Mr. Jacobsen, owner, said eventually they would pave the driveway, but they had no plan to enlarge it.

Voice Vote

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

E. Ordinance No. 2003.07—An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission With Regard to the Petition of the National Bank & Trust Company to Vacate the Alley South of the Main Bank Building, Between Somonauk Street and South Maple Street, in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

Manager Nicklas said the Bank had been careful to seek out approval of adjacent property owners and would pay for all the improvements.

Aldersperson Maness asked if the new owners of the Johnson building had been made aware of the alley closure and Mr. Nicklas said they had.

Motion

Aldersperson Larson moved to hear Ordinance 2003.07 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.

Motion

Aldersperson Larson moved to approve Ordinances 2003.07 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.

F. Ordinance No. 2003.08—An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission With Regard to the Petition of Dahlco, LLC for an Amendment to the Annexation Agreement Dated March 27, 1996 and for the Annexation and Rezoning of the Property Along the West Side of Hopkins Lane, South of Mt. Hunger Road. First and Second Reading.

Manager Nicklas said that some ambiguity in the plan resulted in discussion between the developer, staff and existing neighbors. Mr. Nicklas said the neighbors residing on the east side of Hopkins Lane objected to the dramatic increase in housing density, the front-loaded garages, and the anticipated traffic. Mr. Nicklas said that a compromise had been reached resulting in the redesign of the residential development area to the west of Hopkins Lane allowing no access to Hopkins Lane.

Aldersperson Maness asked if there would be sidewalks and curbs on Hopkins Lane and Mr. Nicklas said there would not be. He said the back yards of the west side would back up to Hopkins Lane.

Aldersperson Larson said that they had been dealing with Mr. Dahl over the past couple of years and had yet seen nothing of the stop lights promised. Mayor Swedberg said that the plans were at IDOT waiting final approval. Engineer Brady said Mr. Dahl posted the letter of credit and the IDOT approval process was a long one. Mr. Brady said that he thought they would have approval within two weeks, and then the job would go out for bid. Mr. Larson said he would like to hold this matter over until the next meeting.

Aldersperson Paulsen said he had not seen the improvements on Mt. Hunger Road and Mr. Brady said the weather had delayed that work. Mr. Paulsen said he would also like to hold this over until the next meeting.

G. Ordinance No. 2003.09--An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission With Regard to the Petition of Sycamore Township and the Sycamore Township Road District for an Annexation Agreement, Annexation, and Rezoning of the Township Property on Brickville Road With a Zoning of "M-1" Light Manufacturing in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

Manager Nicklas said this property was surrounded by corporate limits and already connected to City water and sewer. He said this was a voluntary annexation and it made sense for orderly planning and supported the Plan Commission recommendation for approval.

Motion

Aldersperson Maness moved to hear Ordinance 2003.09 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 voted aye. Motion carried 8 -0.

Motion

Aldersperson Maness moved to approve Ordinances 2003.09 and Aldersperson 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.

H. Ordinance No. 2003.10—An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission With Regard to the Request of Sycamore Township and the Sycamore Township Road District for Approval of the Annexation of Township property on Brickville Road in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

Motion

Alderperson Larson moved to hear Ordinance 2003.10 on first and second reading 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.

Motion

Alderperson Stowe moved to approve Ordinances 2003.10 and Alderperson Paulsen seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote to approve the motion. Alderpersons Larson, Leach, Maness, Paulsen, Stowe, Tripp, Bauer, and Kessler voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

I. Ordinance No. 2003.11--An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission With Regard to a Plat of Conveyance of City Property Known as Sycamore Lake to the Sycamore Park District in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

Manager Nicklas said the purpose was to convey the property to the Park District who was in the business of recreation whereas the City was not. Mr. Nicklas said that access to the City's nearby facilities would be preserved.

Alderperson Kessler recommended that the Park District work with Fire Chief Riddle regarding a launch for the Fire Department rescue boat.

Park Superintendent Brian Cobb said Sycamore Lake was listed in the Illinois State fishing guide.

Alderperson Larson asked if the fish in the lake were edible and Mr. Cobb said they had been testing the water over the past six years and it compared to Shabbona Lake.

Motion

Alderperson Bauer moved to hear Ordinance 2003.11 on first and second reading and Alderperson Tripp 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 Bauer moved to approve Ordinances 2003.11 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.

- J. Ordinance No. 2003.12—An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission With Regard to the Petition of John Clare, LTD for an Annexation Agreement, Annexation and Rezoning of the Property Known as the Kocher Farm. First and Second Reading.**

Manager Nicklas said that he had recommended in his background that if the Comprehensive Plan was not approved, Ordinances 2003.12 & 2003.13 should be heard on first reading only. Council agreed to delay discussion until the next meeting.

- K. Ordinance No. 2003.13—An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission With Regard to the Petition of John Clare, LTD for Approval of the Annexation of the Property Known as the Kocher Farm in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**
- L. Ordinance No. 2003.15—An Ordinance Approving a Grant of \$1,000 to the DeKalb County Community Foundation for Services to Citizens of the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

Manager Nicklas said this grant would help defray the operational liabilities of the Foundation. He said it was one of three such grants in the Mayor/Council budget.

Aldersperson Bauer said he thought this was money well spent. He said in the body of the ordinance DCEDC should be changed to DeKalb County Community Foundation.

Motion

Aldersperson Larson moved to hear Ordinance 2003.15 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 Stowe moved to approve Ordinances 2003.15 with the change of DCEDC to DeKalb County Community Foundation in the body of the ordinance 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.

- M. Ordinance No. 2003.16—An Ordinance Amending Title 1, "Administration," Chapter 11, "Miscellaneous Provisions," of the City Code of the City of Sycamore, Illinois to Add Interfund Loans. First and Second Reading.**

Manager Nicklas said this was a housekeeping matter suggested by the auditor to authorize the "loan" from a fund with a positive balance to a fund with a negative balance.

Motion

Aldersperson Tripp moved to hear Ordinance 2003.16 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

Alderson Stowe moved to approve Ordinances 2003.16 and Alderson Paulsen seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

- N. Ordinance No. 2003.17—An Ordinance Amending Title 6, “Motor Vehicles and Traffic,” Chapter 4, “Traffic Schedules,” Section 6-4-1, “Stop Intersections,” to Add a Stop Sign on Devonshire Drive North at Foxpointe Drive. First and Second Reading.**

Manager Nicklas said the stop sign was discussed at the May 5, 2003 meeting and this ordinance would establish the sign in the Municipal Code.

Motion

Alderson Larson moved to hear Ordinance 2003.17 on first and second reading and Alderson Tripp seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

Motion

Alderson Bauer moved to approve Ordinances 2003.16 with the correction that the stop street should read Devonshire Drive North and Alderson Maness seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution No. 438—Requesting Permission of the Illinois Department of Transportation to Close Illinois Route 64 from Sacramento Street to Main Street from 7:00 A.M. Until 5:00 P.M. on July 27, 2003 to Allow for the “Turning Back Time” Car Show in Sycamore, Illinois.**

Motion

Alderson Maness moved to approve Resolution 438 and Alderson Bauer seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

CONSIDERATIONS

- A. Consideration of an Invitation to Attend the Annual Memorial Day Remembrance at the Sycamore Veteran’s Home at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, May 26, 2003.**

Mayor Swedberg also reminded everyone about the breakfast at Carls Fargo Monday morning at 7:00 a.m.

- B. Consideration of a Police Department Report on Taxi Cab License Fees.**

Manager Nicklas explained that the Police Chief and City Clerk reviewed the current fees and recommended the following:

1. For new applicants, retain the \$150 per cab license fee;

2. For renewals, reduce the annual per cab renewal fee to \$50.00 from \$150.00;
3. Charge the City's out-of-pocket cost for background checks. The present charge is \$38.00.

Jackie Brown, Cruiser Taxi Owner, said the \$38 background check was more than the surrounding communities charged. Ms. Brown said the background checks took a very long time and by the time they were completed the applicants had found work elsewhere. Mayor Swedberg said the City usually took great precaution to protect its citizens.

Chief Thomas said they could issue temporary licenses pending background checks and Alderperson Bauer said he would rather not license the drivers before background checks were completed.

Mayor Swedberg said they would review the fees further.

C. Consideration of an Administration Report on Proposals for a Used Replacement Vehicle for the Building and Zoning Department.

Building Commissioner/Zoning Officer Lyle Doty recommended awarding the bid to Countryside Wheels for \$16,000 because the vehicle was newer with fewer miles and carried a longer warranty

Motion

Alderperson Tripp moved to award the bid to Countryside Wheels for \$16,000 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.

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Swedberg appointed David Willey to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Motion

Alderperson Tripp moved to approve the appointment 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Alderperson Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 p.m. 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.

Approve:

Mayor – John L. Swedberg

Attest:

City Clerk – Candy Smith