

SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA
September 7, 2004

City Council Committee Meetings

6:30 P.M. Meeting of the Sewer and Water Committee to consider revisions to Section 9-3-2 to permit the use of SDR-26 plastic pipe for building sewer repairs within the City right-of-way.

The revision proposed by the staff is as follows:

New Paragraph:

“Sewer Lateral in Right-of-Way. That portion of the building sewer which extends from the sanitary sewer main to the adjacent property line shall consist of the following materials: extra-strength vitrified clay pipe; standard strength cast iron soil pipe with approved joints; or SDR-26 plastic pipe and gasketed fittings.”

Regular City Council Meeting
At the Sycamore Center
7:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **INVOCATION**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
5. **AUDIENCE TO VISITORS**
6. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Approval of the Minutes for the City Council Meeting of August 16, 2004;
 - B. Payment of the Bills for September 7, 2004.
 - C. Budget Report for the period May 1 through August 27, 2004.

7. **PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND BILLS.**
- A. Proclamation Announcing the Start of the Sycamore Historical Society's "Kiss the Pig" Fundraiser, which runs from September 1 to October 30, 2004.
 - B. Presentation by KREP (Kishwaukee River Ecosystem Partnership) Regarding Sycamore's Importance in the Kishwaukee River watershed. This report is funded by a grant from the Grand Victoria Foundation to assist units of Illinois government in assessing issues relating to their natural resources. The presentation by Lorry Davis and Nathan Hill will take about 15-20 minutes.
 - C. Presentation of the "Sycamore Mayors Project" by Charles Solar.

8. **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

9. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

10. **PUBLIC HEARINGS--None**

11. **ORDINANCES**

- A. Ordinance No. 2004.35—An Ordinance Amending Title 6-4-12, "No Parking Zones," to Prohibit Parking on the North Side of Page Street from North Main Street to North Maple Street; the West Side of Donlin Court from West State Street to the South End; and the West Side of Foxpointe Drive from DeKalb Avenue to the First Curb Cut in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

The attached ordinance reflects public safety concerns identified by the Police department. On each of the designated streets, parking on both sides would prevent the passage of a fire truck or ambulance. The ordinance proposes to limit parking to one side in each instance, as described in the attached draft.

City Council approval is recommended.

- B. Ordinance No. 2004.36—An Ordinance Declaring Wednesday, October 27, 2004 Through Sunday, October 31, 2004 as Pumpkin Festival in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

Ordinances 2004.36, 2004.37, 2004.38, and 2004.39 can be taken in omnibus fashion. All of these ordinances relate to the annual Pumpkin Festival and, taken altogether, would accomplish the following:

- a) establish the dates for the annual festival;
- b) seek IDOT's approval for the closing of IL Rt. 64 for the Road Run and parade; and
- c) authorize the use of the City parking lot at the southeast corner of Sacramento Street and State Street for the carnival.

City Council approval is recommended.

- C. Ordinance No. 2004.37—An Ordinance Requesting Permission of the Illinois Department of Transportation to Close Illinois Route 64 from Sabin Street to Somonauk Street Between 9:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. on Sunday, October 31, 2004**

for the “Road Run” as Part of Pumpkin Festival in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

See Ordinance 2004.36, above.

D. Ordinance No. 2004.38—An Ordinance Requesting Permission of the Illinois Department of Transportation to Close Illinois Route 64 from Governor Street to Sacramento Street From 12:00 Noon. and 5:00 P.M. on Sunday, October 31, 2004 to Allow for the Pumpkin Festival Parade in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

See Ordinance 2004.36, above.

E. Ordinance No. 2004.39—An Ordinance Authorizing the Use of the City’s Parking Lot at the Corner of Sacramento Street and State Street for a Carnival to be Held from Thursday, October 28, 2004 Through Sunday, October 31, 2004. First and Second Reading.

See Ordinance 2004.36, above.

F. Ordinance No. 2004.40—An Ordinance Requesting Permission from the Illinois Department of Transportation to Close Illinois Route 64 from Governor Street to Sacramento Street from 7:00 P.M. Until 8:30 P.M. on October 6, 2004 to Allow for the Sycamore High School Homecoming Parade in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

This ordinance requests IDOT’s permission to close a portion of IL. Rt. 64 for the Sycamore High School Homecoming parade on October 6. City Council approval is recommended.

12. RESOLUTIONS--None

13. CONSIDERATIONS

A. Consideration of Recommendations from the Architectural Review Committee Regarding the 2004 Downtown Façade Grant Program.

Since the Council reviewed the Architectural Review Committee’s grant recommendations on August 16, Mr. Rolczynski has submitted a revised application conforming to the Committee’s preference for a stucco or dryvit surface on the second story façade at 407 West State Street. The application was reviewed by the Committee on August 18.

The Committee found that the revised application submitted by Mr. Rolczynski satisfies the general improvement goals identified in the program guidelines, and that the proposed dryvit on the second story would soften the architecturally clashing styles presented by the building’s exterior. However, the Committee voted to recommend a grant of \$3,000 rather than the maximum grant of \$5,000 in view of the disharmonious residential look of the third story.

City Council approval of the Architectural Review Committee’s recommendation in behalf of a \$3,000 grant for Mr. Rolczynski is requested. If the Council concurs with this recommendation, a total of \$13,710 will have been awarded as part of the FY05 grant round to date. Two other potential grantees—Jesus Romero (3 buildings and two \$5,000

grant requests) and Rich Para (one building and one grant request of \$710)—are still working with the Committee. If these two store owners receive the full amount of their requests, the FY05 program will allocate \$24,420 out of a budgeted \$25,000.

B. Consideration of an Engineering Department Recommendation Regarding the 2004 Tree Program.

City Engineer John Brady has solicited bids for the City’s fall tree planting program. Under this program, the City pays 50 percent of the cost of furnishing and planting various types of trees approved by the City Engineer. These trees may be planted in the parkway or front yards, with a limit of two trees per property. Orders are taken through the City Clerk’s office, which also provides wood lath for propertyowners to “stake out” the desired tree location(s).

All orders are subject to the availability of resources. The FY05 program has about \$10,000 in funding from several line items (732-8313; 732-8314) in the Forestry program of the Street Division budget. The balance of these monies is used to pay private contractors who may be hired to take down larger dangerous trees in the course of a fiscal year, and to remove the stumps.

The City Engineer will report on the bid results at the September 7 meeting.

C. Consideration of an Engineering Department Recommendation Regarding the 2004 Bituminous Resurfacing Contract.

The City’s annual street maintenance budget typically consists of crack-filling, some bituminous re-surfacing, and microsurfacing operations. The proposed FY05 program includes an allocation for crack sealing but does not include a microsurfacing allocation in order to bring more resources to some streets that are badly in need of resurfacing. Among the streets slated for resurfacing are Lynn Avenue, Conlin Avenue, Fox Avenue, Hillcrest Avenue, and Page Street. In addition, an alley in the Turner Addition leading north from Kerr Street for about 200 feet will be resurfaced so it can be plowed during the winter months.

The FY05 program budget is \$200,000 consisting of \$150,000 from the General Fund (731-8316) and \$50,000 from the Capital Fund (06-8316). The bids for both the bituminous resurfacing and crack sealing operations are due on Tuesday, September 7, at 1:30 p.m. City Engineer John Brady will report on the bids at the September 7 Council meeting and will be prepared to make recommendations at that time.

D. Consideration of an Engineering Department Recommendation Regarding the 2004 Crack Sealing Contract.

See Consideration “C,” above.

E. Consideration of a Building and Zoning Department Recommendation Regarding a Used Vehicle for the New Inspector Position.

The FY05 City Budget allocates \$17,000 for a used sport utility vehicle for the new plumbing inspector position (06-8521). The specifications for this vehicle match those for the two existing SUVs in the Building department “fleet.”

Building Commissioner Lyle Doty recently solicited bids and received the following:

Dealer	Make	Price
Countryside Wheels	2003 Chevy Blazer (22,300 miles)	\$14,950
Brian Bemis World Auto	2004 Chevy Blazer (12,916 miles)	\$16,480
Northwest Ford	2004 Ford Explorer (14,000 miles)	\$23,966

The three bids presented differences in style, age, mileage and price that made exacting comparisons difficult. However, after reviewing the specifications, options, and apparent conditions of the two vehicles in relation to the City’s budget allocation, the Building department recommends the award of the contract to Countryside Wheels in the amount of \$14,950.

F. Consideration of an Administration Request for a Closed Session to Discuss Collective Bargaining Matters.

14. APPOINTMENTS

15. ADJOURNMENT