

SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA
November 1, 2004

City Council Committee Meetings

No Meetings Are Scheduled

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 October 18, 2004;
 - B. Payment of the Bills for November 1, 2004.
 - C. Monthly Budget Report for October, 2004.
7. **PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND BILLS.**
 - A. Introduction of New Firefighter Brian Thompson by Chief Bill Riddle.
 - B. Consideration of a Presentation by the Sycamore Economic Development Commission. Commissioner Jim Huntley will introduce Rich Para, co-owner of Ben Franklin Crafts at 341 West State Street in Sycamore. Mr. Para will give a brief overview of the products and services of the business that he and his wife, Roseanne, own and operate.
8. **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

9. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

10. **PUBLIC HEARINGS--None**

11. **ORDINANCES**

A. Ordinance No. 2004.53—An Ordinance Conveying the Deed for Lot 2 of Sycamore Well No. 7 Resubdivision of Lot 2 of the Stonehenge Subdivision in the City of Sycamore to the Sycamore Park District. First and Second Reading.

On July 19, 2004 the City Council approved Ordinance No. 2004.27 which re-subdivided the Stonehenge subdivision to create two lots, one with City Well No. 7 (Lot 1) and the other (Lot 2) to afford the Sycamore Park District space for the creation of a small park in a neighborhood underserved by park space. Lot 2 is at the end of Willow Street.

The attached ordinance would officially convey the deed for this lot to the Sycamore Park District. City Council approval is recommended.

B. Ordinance No. 2004.54—Approving the Execution of an Agreement Between the City of Sycamore, Illinois and the IMLRMA for Worker’s Compensation and Liability Coverage for City Employees. First and Second Reading.

The City’s worker’s compensation and liability insurance coverage is up for renewal and, for the seventh straight year, the Illinois Municipal League has offered the best terms because the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association (IMLRMA) is the largest public risk pool operating in Illinois (representing over 730 Illinois municipalities).

As in previous years, the IMLRMA has offered a two-percent discount if the City commits to a renewal prior to November 19. The IMLRMA also offers a “Minimum/Maximum program in which the City has participated for the past seven years. In this program, if the City’s actual paid claims are between 80 percent and 100 percent of the loss fund established by the IMLRMA based on the average of claims over recent years, the City pays a minimum amount that is less than a standard premium. However, if the City’s actual paid claims exceed 100 percent of the loss fund estimate, the City is obliged to pay all claim dollars up to a maximum amount (i.e. 120 percent of the average claims of recent years). As the attached chart shows, in the past two years the City’s claim experience has been substantially in excess of the maximum loss amount. Assuming a similar experience will unfold over the next year, based on the prior twelve-months of claims, it would be less expensive for the City opt out of the “Min/Max” program and pay a straight premium to IMLRMA. Accordingly, the City Manager recommends a one-time payment of \$263,627.84, which includes the two percent discount.

City Council approval is recommended.

12. **RESOLUTIONS**

A. Resolution No. 454—Adopting the National Incident Management System (NIMS) in the City of Sycamore, Illinois.

The City of Sycamore's Fire Department is part of a regional "MABAS" (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) and trains and operates within an "incident command" framework during responses to fires and other disasters. The network of fire departments that are part of this organization are moving to formalize this approach that is consistent with the national model that has developed since the 9-11 disaster and the institution of the Homeland Security department. All members of MABAS hope to pledge their community's affiliation with national incident management system ("NIMS") and their commitment to train cooperatively in its principles and practices. The attached resolution would pledge the City of Sycamore's adherence to these general principles and the NIMS.

City Council approval is recommended.

13. CONSIDERATIONS

A. Consideration of an Administration Request for a Closed Session to Discuss Personnel Matters.

14. APPOINTMENTS

15. ADJOURNMENT