
**SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2004**

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

Pastor Nancy Weingartner of Sycamore United Methodist Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

Alderperson Larson moved to approve the agenda with the changes 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.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Minutes for the City Council Meeting of September 7, 2004;
- B. Payment of the Bills for September 20, 2004 in the amount of \$993,574.49.
- C. Plan Commission Minutes for the Regular Meeting of August 9, 2004.

Motion

Alderperson Stowe moved to approve the Consent Agenda 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.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND BILLS.

- A. Introduction of Ryan Kelly, City Intern. Mr. Kelly is beginning his graduate work in the Public Administration program of the NIU Political Science Department and has agreed to a part-time internship commitment with the City of Sycamore.

Manager Nicklas said Mr. Kelly received his bachelor degree at Eastern and is now in his first year of the Masters program of the Public Administration Division of the Political Science Department at NIU. Mr. Nicklas said that Brian Gregory, who graduated from that program and is now employed by the City, will help mentor Mr. Kelly.

Ryan Kelly thanked Council for the opportunity to come to Sycamore and learn from two great individuals, Dr. Nicklas and Mr. Gregory.

- B. Consideration of a Presentation by the Sycamore Economic Development Commission.
Commissioner Bill Nicklas will introduce Paul Barnaby who will give a brief overview of the history and products of Barnaby Printing Services of 1620 DeKalb Avenue.

Paul Barnaby said a lot has changed in their printing business over the past 40 years. He said his father started the business in 1963 after working at Duplex for 14 years. He purchased Vaughn Printing on California Street in 1963 and moved to 114 State Street across from the Courthouse in 1967. There they added the sale of office supplies to their business. In 1977 Barnaby's built and moved to their current location at 1620 DeKalb Avenue. Mr. Barnaby said in 1982 they started a computer business and in 1984 added a 4-color press and in 1995 they were the first printer in the area to have an Internet site. He said today they are in the process of becoming fully digital where everything is in color and can easily be made personal. They are expecting their 2nd digital press next week. Mr. Barnaby said they are considering building a smaller building because the technology requires less space. He said they have 18 employees and will reduce that to 15. He said they have entered into the web page design and ebay business. Mr. Barnaby said there are 3 generations of Barnaby's working at the company.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Manager – Bill Nicklas reported that Somonauk Street was paved and in condition to support what turned out to be a successful Block Party. He thanked all the people who were patient during the mess and a special thanks to John Brady for doing the plans and specs and being the project manager among all his other responsibilities. Mr. Nicklas thanked the Public Works and Water Departments for doing a lot of the work to keep the costs down and for their timely inspections. He thanked the Fire and Police Departments for their help after main breaks. Mr. Nicklas reported that the Courthouse Centennial Celebration will take place Sunday, September 26 from noon through the fireworks display at 7:30 p.m. He said Department Heads and Aldermen should meet at noon at the Sycamore Center.

Engineer – John Brady reported on the Tree Program that 21 trees have been sold to date and orders will be taken until October 1, 2004.

Building & Zoning –Lyle Doty reported that Grand Victoria wants to add another 20 units. He said their Special Use will need to be modified and they hope to get this item on the agenda in October to get started in November.

Treasurer – Ken Mundy said the financials for August are completed and revenue is tracking ahead of the 37% benchmark and expenses are lagging at 33%. Treasurer Mundy said St. John's Lutheran Church had a cookout and Firefighter Reynolds was there and is an inspiration.

Fire Chief – Bill Riddle reported the Fire Department has been awarded a \$31,600 grant from the Assistance To Firefighters Grant Program, administered by the Department of Homeland Security. He said the money will be spent to purchase protective clothing and helmets. Chief Riddle said Firefighter Bill Reynolds returned to work today and the Department will host coffee and doughnuts Thursday morning to celebrate his return.

Public Works Supt. – Fred Busse said the leaves are falling early this year and reminded the public that it is a Code violation to rake them into the street. He said the City's leaf program will not start for 4 to 5 weeks, but Waste Management will be picking up yard waste until December 1.

Water Supt. – Ebe Smith reported that fire hydrant flushing began today.

Police Chief – Don Thomas reported that Saturday night only 2 calls for service were experienced even with 4,000 to 6,000 people in town at the Block Party. Chief Thomas said Route 64 from Main Street to California Street would be closed Sunday from noon until about 9:30 p.m. for the Courthouse Celebration.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance – no report

Ordinance – Chairperson Maness said the Ordinance Committee met earlier and recommended sending an ordinance to the next meeting regarding Street Solicitation.

Police & Fire – no report

Sewer & Water – no report

Streets & Walks – no report

PUBLIC HEARING

None

ORDINANCES

- A. Ordinance No. 2004.41—An Ordinance Amending Title 9-3-2, “Building Sewer,” to Permit the Use of SDR-26 Plastic Pipe and Gasketed Fittings Within the Public Right-of-Way in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

Manager Nicklas explained that the addition of this material would legitimize a common practice.

Motion

Aldersperson Larson moved to hear Ordinance 2004.41 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 Larson moved to approve Ordinance 2004.41 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. 2004.42—An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission With Regard to a Petition from Milan Krpan for Approval of a Final Plat for Unit Four of the Parkside Estates Subdivision in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

Manager Nicklas said the final plat depicts 126 single-family lots. He said the Plan Commission recommended making sure that Lot 601, a hub park, be named “Stapleton Memorial Park.”

Mayor Swedberg said the late Gary Stapleton, a Plan Commission member, was instrumental in the creation of the Bethany Sub-Regional Plan.

Motion

Aldersperson Maness moved to hear Ordinance 2004.42 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 Stowe moved to approve Ordinance 2004.42 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.

C. Ordinance No. 2004.43—An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission With Regard to the Vacation of a Portion of the South Maple Street Right-of-Way Adjoining 202 West State Street in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

Manager Nicklas said the street project currently underway has a design that will double the sidewalk on the west side. He said because of the wider space, there is an opportunity for the owners of PJ’s Courthouse Tavern, John and Paul Schwartz, to contemplate an outdoor dining area. Mr. Nicklas said the owners have consulted with Mayor Swedberg and City staff and the consensus for the parameters of the outdoor dining area are as follows:

- The “footprint” for the dining space must be privately owned, since the City liquor codes prohibit the sale of alcohol on public property, except in the limited case of outdoor special events (e.g. the Chamber’s September street dance; PJ’s annual street dance; etc.). Once the street improvements are completed and the outdoor dining area is defined, there will remain about 7-8 feet of sidewalk space between the curb and the dining area for pedestrians to walk around the dining area.
- The dining area will be defined by a permanent masonry border with a wrought iron rail to tastefully blend in with the surrounding masonry structures.
- The integrity of the brick façade adjacent to, and above, the proposed outdoor dining area will be investigated and any necessary tuckpointing will be performed before occupancy is permitted.

Aldersperson Leach asked the Schwartz’s how high the fence structure would be and they said 4 feet. She asked if there would be exit only to the outdoor dining area and John Schwartz said they are discussing that and considering a camera monitor. Ms. Leach asked if there would be live music. John Schwartz said no live music and they are geared toward dining.

Mayor Swedberg said due to the lay of the land, the fence will appear higher than 4 feet.

Aldersperson Larson said he assumed they would follow the requirements of ordering food with beverages and Mayor Swedberg said they would.

Mayor Swedberg said for the record that John and Paul Schwartz agreed to serve no alcohol in the outdoor dining area Wednesday through Sunday of Pumpkin Fest.

Aldersperson Maness asked if PJ's could still apply for Special Outdoor Events Permits and Mayor Swedberg said they could.

Aldersperson Bauer said if the City is required to sell the property, why not go out for bid.

Mr. Nicklas said Council can choose to go out for an appraisal of fair Market Value, but he did not think it was likely that anybody else would have an interest because there would be no utilities except for the pleasure of the adjacent property.

Aldersperson Kessler asked if the popcorn stand will be okay and Mayor Swedberg said there will be 7 or 8 feet on the east side of the popcorn stand.

Aldersperson Larson said he would like to see a drawing of the plans before taking action.

Mayor Swedberg asked Engineer Brady if that would hold up the Maple Street Project and Mr. Brady said it might.

Mayor Swedberg asked one of the owners to leave the meeting to get a drawing and take this issue up later in the meeting.

Aldersperson Larson said he heard from two residents concerned about the image of public drinking downtown.

John Schwartz said they would not allow that kind of situation to happen and said that over 50% of their business is food.

Aldersperson Kessler asked about the monitoring cameras and Mayor Swedberg said the entry-exit was an issue until they came up with the idea of the cameras.

Aldersperson Kessler suggested holding any temporary occupancy permits until the fence is completed.

Motion

Aldersperson Kessler moved to hear Ordinance 2004.43 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 Stowe moved to approve Ordinance 2004.43 and Aldersperson Paulsen seconded the motion.

Aldersperson Leach asked if patrons would need to order off the menu and be seated at a table and John Schwartz said that was correct.

Voice Vote

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote to approve the motion. Seven Alderspersons voted aye with Aldersperson Bauer voting nay. Motion carried 7 - 1.

D. Ordinance No. 2004.44—An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission With Regard to the Final Plat for the Hickory Terrace Planned Unit Development in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

Manager Nicklas said the final plat comprises the entire development area of about 30 acres at the southeast corner of Peace Road and Freed Road. He said the Sandersons have platted the 49 single-family detached lots and the retention areas only; the larger Lot 50 is dedicated for townhouse development, but a final plan has not yet been submitted.

Motion

Aldersperson Maness moved to hear Ordinance 2004.44 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 voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

Aldersperson Stowe said the Plan Commission asked for the dedication made for the turn lane and Mr. Nicklas said that dedication has not been annexed yet and will be part of the closing when the property is sold.

Aldersperson Larson asked if there were 4 streets and Engineer Brady said there will be one more.

Motion

Aldersperson Maness moved to approve Ordinance 2004.44 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.

E. Ordinance No. 2004.45—An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission With Regard to the Final Plat for the Prairie Professional Park in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

Manager Nicklas said the Park was approved in June and the Plan Commission approved the Plat in the background, but in the past few days a dilemma was discovered that is something of an anomaly. He said that Lot 10 is partially dedicated toward retention and in doing title work, they discovered that the insurer would not cover that because the association would be responsible for part and the owner would be responsible for part. Mr. Nicklas proposed that because the Plan Commission afforded an illegal encroachment for the existing building, he is proposing an encroachment of 10 feet to the front yard setback. He said that by renumbering the lots and allowing the 10-foot encroachment on new Lot 12 would no longer have Lots 1 & 10 supporting retention. Mr. Nicklas said if this is not done, no building permits can be issued. Mr. Nicklas said a revised plat will be created for recording.

Aldersperson Larson asked if there were any safety issues and Mr. Nicklas said they had created extra deep setbacks to start with.

Motion

Aldersperson Tripp moved to hear Ordinance 2004.45 with the suggested changes 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 Maness moved to approve Ordinance 2004.45 with the correction of numbered lots and including the 10-foot encroachment on Lot 12 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.

F. Ordinance No. 2004.46—An Ordinance Approving the Execution of a Boundary Line Agreement Between the City of Sycamore, the City of Genoa, and the County of DeKalb. First and Second Reading.

Manager Nicklas explained the specific terms of the proposed boundary agreement as follows:

1. Sycamore's northern boundary remains Whipple Road, as depicted in the 2003 Land Use Map.
2. Genoa's permanent southern boundary will be just south of the Ellen Oaks subdivision, which is south of Base Line Road.
3. The parties (Sycamore, Genoa, and DeKalb County) agree that the intervening land area which stretches to Pleasant Hill Road on the west and the DeKalb County line on the east shall remain within the County's planning jurisdiction, and that no development would be permitted within such green space without the concurrence of all parties.
4. The term of this agreement shall be twenty (20) years.

Aldersperson Bauer questioned the importance of passing this tonight.

Mr. Nicklas said the City of Genoa will take this up at their regular meeting Tuesday and it will go to the County Planning and Regulation Committee before going before the County Board at their 1st regular meeting in October.

Aldersperson Bauer said he has been asked to hold this over in order to get feedback from the community.

Mr. Nicklas said he would like to know the reason.

Aldersperson Bauer said they own land in the green belt and are opposed to both cities dictating what they will do with their property.

Mr. Nicklas said their debate may be with the County.

Aldersperson Kessler asked if the 20-year length of the agreement was significant and Attorney Foster said that is a typical term, but not a required term.

Aldersperson Larson asked if the agreement will automatically be re-upped or revisited and Mr. Nicklas said that has not been discussed.

Aldersperson Paulsen said the School District boundary line is at Baseline Road and there is a potential for Genoa to expand into Sycamore School District.

Mr. Nicklas said negotiations have touched on the best line with concern that several large developments would develop in the county and impact Sycamore schools and City services.

Mayor Swedberg said that Genoa's Mayor Walker is protecting Baseline and Route 23 for commercial for Genoa and the line was chosen because of ComEd easements.

Aldersperson Kessler asked if there would be automatic renewal and Mr. Nicklas said there are different ways to handle that; 20 years is a long time.

Aldersperson Stowe said he did not think Council could predict out 20 years.

Motion

Aldersperson Larson moved to hear Ordinance 2004.46 on first and second reading and Aldersperson Stowe seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote to approve the motion. Seven Alderspersons voted aye with Aldersperson Bauer voting nay. Motion carried 7 - 1.

Motion

Aldersperson Tripp moved to approve Ordinance 2004.46 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.

RESOLUTIONS

None

CONSIDERATIONS

A. Consideration of the Compensation of Elected Officials for the Period April 2005 Through April 2009.

Manager Nicklas said salaries of elected officials must be fixed at least 180 days before the beginning of the terms of the officials whose compensation is to be fixed.

Aldersperson Tripp said that Aldermen salaries have not been changed since 1988 and she suggested raising the salary to \$4800 per year which is less than a 3% increase since 1988. Ms. Tripp said there would be no compensation for special meetings.

Mayor Swedberg asked for discussion on the proposed change to the City Clerk's salary.

Aldersperson Kessler said she thought it would be a good idea for the Clerk to explain the responsibilities of her office.

City Clerk Smith listed responsibilities as recording and maintaining meeting minutes, keep monthly records of building permits, process all permits and licenses except building permits, process background checks, invoice yearly licenses, collate packets for all meetings, field telephone calls, publish for meetings and hearings, research information requests, record annexations and easements and vacations at the County, and register voters. Mayor Swedberg mentioned registering dog licenses.

Aldersperson Kessler said she spent some time in the Clerk's office and was surprised at the activity that went on in that office. She said she wanted to make the public aware of the work behind the scenes. Ms. Kessler asked if a cost of living increase could be placed in the ordinance.

Mr. Nicklas said state statute would not allow that.

Aldersperson Larson said he thought Candy Smith, specifically is worth the raise and the position is certainly a viable position and the person needs to be paid accordingly.

Aldersperson Maness said that since Candy Smith has been Clerk she has done away with the wage for Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeal secretary. Ms. Maness asked what guarantee they have that another person in that position would not take that money. Mr. Nicklas said payment for those secretarial positions would need to be requested by Council.

Aldersperson Bauer said he thought they should be extremely prudent when increasing elected official salaries. He said they should be sensitive to the people who are paying them. He said they took action on the Treasurer's position and could redistribute that amongst ourselves, but he did not think that showed very good spirit.

Mayor Swedberg said he agreed in heart and spirit, but he felt the City Clerk's position is a full-time position and should be paid accordingly. He said while they should be sensitive with their part-time positions, he felt they should adjust the City Clerk's position.

Aldersperson Stowe said they are not raising the salaries for any person because they are not sure who will hold the position after the election.

Alderman Kessler said she would like some time to research the Alderman raise.

Aldersperson Leach asked if the elected officials needed to be on one ordinance or if they could be on separate ordinances.

Mr. Nicklas said they had to be on one ordinance.

Aldersperson Tripp said she did not think she was asking for that much for the Aldermen raise since they put a lot of hours in their positions.

Aldersperson Larson asked for some comparables.

Mr. Nicklas said he could do that, but he will need some direction for an ordinance.

Mayor Swedberg recommended the City Manager puts both changes in the ordinance and they can amend the ordinance if desired before voting.

Mr. Nicklas proposed placing the Council on the bi-monthly pay rate for bookkeeping purposes.

Aldersperson Kessler said they are directing Mr. Nicklas to write an ordinance raising the Clerk's salary and raising the Aldermen salary to \$4800 per year while removing the \$50 per special meeting.

B. Consideration of a Plan Commission Recommendation Regarding a Proposed Amendment to the Townsend Wood Annexation Agreement.

Manager Nicklas said the Plan Commission recommended a solution to a dilemma the City staff raised when according to the Amendment to the Townsend Wood Annexation Agreement we have arrived at a threshold

beyond which we shall not be permitting in that subdivision. He said the point of the trigger was to establish a time period in which the improvements of the intersection of Mt. Hunger and Route 23 will begin. He said he is proposing a departure from triggering the events according to permits and that is a process in which the developer puts up the full value of what the intersection improvements will be and if there is a failure in the future to move forward, the value will be doubled as outlined below:

a) the Developer (or successor) agrees to post a \$500,000 letter of credit for the Mt. Hunger intersection and traffic signal improvements. This action would encourage steady efforts on the part of the developer, although it would not necessarily impel IDOT to proceed more expeditiously;

b. Upon the posting of the letter of credit in the amount of \$500,000 for the Mt. Hunger Road improvements, the City will release the developer's \$500,000 letter of credit for the Maplewood improvements, since the developer already has a \$500,000 letter of credit with IDOT to secure the completion of such improvements.

c) In the event the developer does not file a revised intersection design study (IDS) with IDOT by October 1, 2004, or fails to submit construction plans to IDOT within 60 days of IDOT's approval of the revised IDS, or fails to commence construction of the intersection improvements within 60 days of IDOT's issuance of a permit for construction, an additional letter of credit in the amount of \$500,000 will be posted with the City for the Mt. Hunger intersection improvements.

d) a written quarterly report shall be submitted to the Council by the developer's engineer to keep the Council apprised of IDOT reviews and permit processing.

Mr. Nicklas said he would like to work with the City Attorney to draft a new Townsend Wood annexation agreement that incorporates all previous revisions and the foregoing understanding in one document.

Aldersperson Stowe said he would like a definition of "construction."

Mr. Nicklas said the City Engineer will track the construction.

Aldersperson Stowe asked if pushing two shovels of dirt qualifies as construction.

Engineer Brady said that IDOT has timelines to be met or permits need to be reissued.

Mayor Swedberg asked if reissued permits need to go through the whole approval process and Engineer Brady said IDOT could void the permit if no forward movement has been made. Engineer Brady said IDOT holds a letter of credit as well.

Aldersperson Paulsen asked developer Mr. Dahl about the Maplewood intersection. He expressed concern that Council had to fight like crazy to get a blacktop sidewalk done the second day of school.

Keven Dahl, 715 DeKalb Avenue, said the contract for Maplewood has been let and moving the hydrants is holding things up.

Engineer Brady said the hydrants were moved today.

Mr. Dahl said the lights have been paid for and are sitting at Virgil Cook's.

Aldersperson Paulsen asked when the intersection will be done and Mr. Dahl said 60 days from the previous Thursday.

Mayor Swedberg asked if there is a progress schedule and asked Brady to get that and pass it on to Council.

Mayor Swedberg asked Council if the letter of credit was satisfactory and their consensus was that it was.

C. Consideration of an Administration Report on Negotiations with Comcast for a Franchise Renewal.

Manager Nicklas said that Chris Nelson is in attendance from Comcast to field questions about the proposed franchise extension. Mr. Nicklas said it is now possible to go out 15 years, but recommended opting for the shorter 8-year contract. Mr. Nicklas said Comcast will provide at no expense an Emergency Alert system to override normal programming in case of severe weather or other emergencies. He said they will also provide a government access channel, but we do not yet have the funding for the equipment to televise meetings.

Mayor Swedberg said the number one complaint he received is the loss of programs.

Aldersperson Stowe said they were told flat out, during the last contract negotiations, that there was nothing the City could do, so they should just vote.

Chris Nelson, 300 Carpenter Blvd, Carpentersville, IL, Manager of Government Affairs for Comcast, said the tone and screen call gives the opportunity to send viewer to another channel. He said that can be managed locally by the City.

Aldersperson Kessler asked about the public service scrolling screens of local events.

Mr. Nelson said there is a channel set aside for that and he can provide a set of instructions on how to maintain that.

Aldersperson Bauer inquired why the free service connection was for this building and not for the Public Safety Building.

Mr. Nicklas said this building will house the Emergency Operation Center.

Mr. Nelson said Comcast will provide video service to all Municipal Buildings. He said there is a website available to insert local information.

Mayor Swedberg asked Mr. Nicklas to prepare an ordinance.

D. Consideration of an Administration Report on the Response to the Request for Proposals to Study the Fiscal Impact of Residential, Commercial and Industrial Growth on the Budgets and Services of Local Taxing Bodies in 2004.

Manager Nicklas said the Center for Governmental Studies of NIU was the only response to the request for proposals. Mr. Nicklas said in his submittal, Mr. Dahlstrom priced each of the tasks associated with the planned study. The total price for the project is \$39,500. Although a number of the tasks outlined in the proposal overlap, Tasks 2, 3, 4 & 5 will involve considerable contact with School District, Park District, and Library staffs, and

extensive analysis of their budgets, audits, and capital and operating plans. The combined cost of Tasks 2, 3, 4 & 5 is \$18,000. At the August 2 Council meeting, the Council expressed interest in requesting financial assistance from other local taxing bodies in proportion to their role in the study. If the Council approves a contract with the Center, Mr. Nicklas asked if Council wanted him to get financial help from other taxing bodies.

Mayor Swedberg said there is no harm in asking, but was curious to the breakdown and thought other taxing bodies should have an opportunity to review the proposal. Mayor Swedberg added that he would like to incorporate the software to keep the document up to date and Mr. Nicklas said that would be an additional fee.

Aldersperson Stowe said he thought the "voluntary contributions" should be broken down as follows: City \$20,000; School District \$9,000; Park District \$4,500; and the Library \$4,500.

Aldersperson Maness asked if the voluntary contributions don't come in, is the City prepared to pay the total bill. Ms. Maness said she received a call from one of the taxing bodies saying because they had no hand in planning the RFP, they do not feel obligated to pay.

Aldersperson Kessler said that when they voted on this they voted to proceed without known contribution or say from other taxing bodies.

Mayor Swedberg said he hand delivered the request to the President of the School Board.

Aldersperson Maness said they had no input in creating the request.

Aldersperson Stowe said it all boils down to – who do you believe, which is why he wanted this done by an independent company.

Mayor Swedberg said they have to be ready, as a Council, to pay the whole bill.

Mr. Nicklas said in order to proceed, he needs a commitment to be willing to pay the full amount. Mr. Nicklas said this is a substantial amount of money and he asked Council what they will do with the results. He asked if this will guide policy.

Mayor Swedberg said he is under the impression that the Park District and School District will be willing to participate with information.

Aldersperson Larson asked if the CGS will be seeking information that is not public knowledge and Mr. Nicklas said they may ask for more than is readily available now. Mr. Larson said they could file a Freedom of Information request and Mr. Nicklas said hopefully that will not be necessary.

Mayor Swedberg said he thought all taxing bodies have something to gain out of this, so he did not see any reason why there would not be participation.

Aldersperson Leach received a phone call from a School Board member voicing disappointment that they were not part of the RFP. Ms. Leach said she would like to see a presentation before signing a contract.

Mr. Nicklas said the one thing about the professional services contract, is that they are independently honest, and it is best that they try not to pre-figure results.

Aldersperson Maness said the Center of Governmental Studies is a very professional organization and does an excellent job. She said they are familiar with this type of project and are an excellent choice.

Mr. Nicklas said he is hearing if he drafts a contract and CGS agrees with it they can begin.

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Swedberg said there has been a resignation from the Library Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. 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.

Approve:

Mayor – John L. Swedberg

Attest:

City Clerk – Candy Smith