

SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA
July 5, 2005

City Council Committee Meetings

6:30 P.M. Ordinance Committee Meeting. The Committee will consider whether or not special licensing provisions are necessary to afford an opportunity for an establishment that sells home brewing and winemaking supplies and to offer home-brewed beer in original packages for consumption off the premises.

City Attorney Keith Foster has drafted the following possible revisions to the City Code's liquor ordinance for the Commission's review. The insertions would be in Title 3, "Business and License Regulations," Chapter 2, "Liquor Control," Section 3-2-6, "Classification of Licenses; Fees; Hours and Days" and Section 3-2-7, "Number of Licenses."

A. Classifications and Fees:

9. Class H; Home Brewing Suppliers and Wineries: Class H licenses shall authorize the retail sale of beer for consumption off the premises, in original packages only, where the beer was brewed on the premises. Class H licenses shall also authorize the retail sale of wine in original packages only for consumption off the premises where fermented on the premises. Class H licenses shall authorize the tasting of wines or beer in connection with the bona fide sale of wines or beer in the original package. Wine or Beer tasting shall be confined to samples of not more than one ounce in conjunction with the anticipated sale of wine or beer. The sample shall be provided without compensation for the sample. Sampling shall be under the supervision of the license holder and be conducted in a manner, which will confine the consumption on the premises only. Wine or beer tasting shall not be permitted after ____ p.m. Curb service or sale is prohibited. The annual license fee for Class H licenses shall be _____.

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8. Class H: The number of Class H licenses is limited to _____.

Ordinance Committee direction is requested.



**Regular City Council Meeting
7:00 P.M.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
4. **AUDIENCE TO VISITORS**
5. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting of June 20, 2005.
 - B. Payment of the Bills for July 5, 2005.
6. **PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND BILLS.**
 - A. Presentation by the Sycamore Economic Development Commission. Commissioner Rod Schairer will present Pietro Verone, owner of Villa Verone, who will give a brief overview of his restaurant.
7. **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**
8. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**
9. **PUBLIC HEARINGS--None**
10. **ORDINANCES**
 - A. **Ordinance No. 2005.24—An Ordinance Amending Title 7, “Public Ways and Property,” Chapter 2, “Street and Sidewalk Construction and Repair,” Section 7-2-10, “Replacement or Extension of Existing Sidewalk,” Paragraph A, “Replacement; City Subsidy,” of the City Code of the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

At the June 20, 2005 City Council meeting, the Council directed the City Manager to prepare an ordinance that would amend the annual city subsidy for the replacement of dangerous sidewalk sections by increasing the “per square foot” reimbursement for the thicker portions that traverse driveway approaches. It was suggested that this reimbursement might be \$4.00 per square foot, rather than the present reimbursement of \$3.00 per square foot.

The attached ordinance would establish a new level of reimbursement--\$4.00 per square foot—for the sidewalk sections crossing driveway approaches while retaining the reimbursement of \$3.00 per square foot for other sections in need of replacement according to the city’s Building & Zoning department. City Council approval is recommended.

B. Ordinance No. 2005.25—An Ordinance Authorizing the Conveyance of a Parcel of Property in the City of Sycamore to the Sycamore Park District Subject to Easement. First and Second Reading.

On May 19, 2003 the City Council conveyed “Lake Sycamore” to the Sycamore Park District. The pond comprises 12.85 acres and is adjacent to the northwest tip of the Sycamore Industrial Park (formerly the Anaconda Wire Company). The transfer followed the lifting of IEPA restrictions on fishing following decades of natural cleansing from underground springs.

The Park District hopes to make fishing, jogging, walking and other recreational activities more agreeable by connecting the pond to the Kishwaukee River immediately to the north. The District’s longer term vision is to link this parcel and the pond to the south with a larger parcel on the north side of the river. Recently, the District was awarded a grant by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to assist such improvements.

The City would need to retain a permanent easement to service underground sanitary piping that traverses this parcel, but otherwise has no purpose in retaining ownership of this 0.39-acre parcel depicted on the attached plat. If the Council approves this ordinance, the actual deed would further detail the terms of the easement. City Council approval of this plat of conveyance is recommended.

C. Ordinance No. 2005.26—An Ordinance Amending Title 6, “Motor Vehicles and Traffic,” Chapter 4, “Traffic Schedules,” Section 6-4-1, “Stop Intersections,” and Section 6-4-4, “Yield Streets,” To Provide Traffic Control in the Reston Ponds Development in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

Upon the request of residents of the Reston Ponds subdivision, the Council directed the staff to investigate whether yield and stop signs should be installed in the developing Reston Ponds area. City Engineer John Brady recommends the following traffic control measures:

Stop Intersections

Right of Way Street

**Bethany Road
Becker Place
Becker Place
Becker Place
Becker Place**

Stop Street

**Reston Blvd.
Townsend Street
Wild Street
Commercial Street
Bailey Road**

Yield Intersections

Right of Way Street

**Wilkens Road/Brower Place
Wilkens Road
Brower Place
Bailey Road**

Yield Street

**Reston Blvd.
Thurrow Street
Thurrow Street
Rogers Way**

City Council approval is recommended.

11. RESOLUTIONS--None

12. CONSIDERATIONS

A. Consideration of a Recommendation from the City Engineer Regarding the Bids for the FY06 Sidewalk Improvement Program.

Bids for the FY06 city-wide sidewalk repair project, funded by the 2003 Bond, will be opened at 2:00 p.m. on July 5 by City Engineer John Brady. Mr. Brady will prepare a bid tabulation and be prepared to report the bidding results to the Council at the July 5 meeting.

B. Consideration of a Presentation by Paul Rasmussen, President of the DeKalb County Farm Bureau, Concerning the Impact of City Planning on Farm Land Values.

Mr. Rasmussen would appreciate more than three minutes of the Council's time to raise the Council's awareness of sometimes conflicting ambitions among local farmers with respect to the future of their farms. As Mr. Rasmussen will explain, his family and many local farm families that are members of the DeKalb County Farm Bureau are interested in maintaining farm operations. However, given some recent City planning initiatives such as the 2003 Comp Plan's "green belt" at Whipple Road, and the Sycamore/Genoa/DeKalb County growth control agreement, the opportunity to pursue the very different option of selling their farms at a development price has escaped them. Since the real estate market reveals a dramatic difference between the per acre price of land dedicated to farm operations (e.g. \$5,000) and the per-acre price of land available for residential or commercial development (upwards to \$45,000), local farmers are naturally interested in City policies.

Mr. Rasmussen will elaborate upon his concerns.

14. APPOINTMENTS

15. ADJOURNMENT