
**SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF JANUARY 3, 2005**

ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Stowe called the meeting to order and Deputy Clerk Bobbie Lundberg called the roll. Those Alderpersons present were: Alan Bauer, Barbara Leach, Terry Kessler, Cheryl Maness, Pete Paulsen, Chuck Stowe, and Janice Tripp. Alderperson Andrew Larson was absent.

INVOCATION

Pastor Steve Person from First Baptist Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

Alderperson Maness moved to approve the agenda and Alderperson Tripp seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Pro Tem Stowe called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderpersons present voted aye. Motion carried 7 - 0.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Minutes for the City Council Meeting of December 20, 2004.
- B. Payment of the Bills for January 3, 2005 in the amount of \$869,764.06.

Motion

Alderperson Bauer moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Alderperson Leach seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Pro Tem Stowe called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderpersons present voted aye. Motion carried 7 - 0.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND BILLS.

- A. Presentation by the Sycamore Economic Development Commission. Commissioner Bill Nicklas will introduce Jim Herrmann, owner of Countryside Wheels, who will give a brief overview of his firm's history in the City of Sycamore.

Jim Herrmann stated that he and his wife Pat initially started his business in 1973 as a wholesaler, selling to dealers in Iowa, Indiana, and Wisconsin. He worked with his father and 2 sons out of his horse barn on Brickville Rd. which is how the business became known as Countryside Wheels. In 1975 Jim purchased and refurbished the old airplane hangers and started retailing the cars and trucks. In 1980 he built a new building in the Old Airport Mall. In 1987 he purchased the property at 205 S. California St. from his son and moved his business there. In 1990 he rented a second lot at 499 E. State St. In 1994, he purchased the old Knodle's showroom and then the laundry next door to house more cars and added some nostalgic items in the

showroom. He is currently in the process of building a new showroom at the 499 E. State St. location. Jim asked everyone to watch for the grand opening of their new building later this spring.

Alderman Bauer stated that on Wednesday night the Friends of St. John's Park will be meeting in the lower level of the Sycamore Center.

Terry Kessler thanked Mr. Nicklas for putting together numbers regarding hiring a full time mechanic.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Manager – Bill Nicklas stated that the next agenda will have the first estimates of the general operating budget.

Engineer – John Brady reported that the Bethany Road project has been suspended until April 1, 2005. There is some ongoing work being done. Wynn's Townhouse project on Coltonville Road has sewer and water work being done as does North Grove Townhouses. Hickory Terrace started last Friday. Townsend Wood, Unit II, Phase II, Youssi Townhouses has additional work being done there.

Building & Zoning –Lyle Doty reported that he has just begun to count numbers of permits from last year and the number of permits issued for single family detached homes was 198 which was up from 146 the year before. Mr. Doty did not have numbers on townhouses or condos but was sure that they would be right up there too.

Fire Chief – Bill Riddle reported that they had 1604 calls up from 1484 calls last year or a 7% increase. Also the new fire gear is in use. It was purchased from the Capital Fund money and a fire grant from the Federal Government. Alderperson Kessler asked Chief Riddle about the new fire truck. He said that they expected delivery around February 10 and that it should be in service March 1. The latest pictures are available on www.ftillinois.com

Treasurer – Ken Mundy reported that he took Brian Gregory around to the banks and introduced him in preparation to take over Fire and Police pension and other city investments.

Public Works Supt. – Fred Busse stated that winter is one-third over. They have only had 7 events so far this season. He cautioned everyone that they are predicting 6-12 inches of snow over the next 24 hours and warned everyone to be cautious. Fred also stated that Waste Management would be picking up Christmas trees on regular pick-up day thru the end on the month.

Water Supt. – Ebe Smith reported that there was a water main break on Christmas Eve day and another last Wednesday. There have been 2 breaks in the last 2 weeks; 10 in the last 6 weeks.

Police Chief – Don Thomas reported that on December 29, 2004 they hired 2 replacement officers, Ryan Goodman and Dan Hoffman. Ryan is a recruit who is in training at PTI and will be back in 10 weeks; Dan is a 7 year veteran police officer from Toma, Wisconsin who is working with the field training officer. Both Ryan and Dan are originally from Sycamore. Chief Thomas also stated that in 2 weeks he would have a brief report on a citizen's survey that was conducted over the last year's experience and also a year end call analysis.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance – no report

Ordinance – no report

Police & Fire – no report

Sewer & Water – Janice Tripp reported that they will meet on January 17 before the regular council meeting to go over water rates.

Streets & Walks – no report

PUBLIC HEARING

None

ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS

None

CONSIDERATIONS

None

APPOINTMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Aldersperson Maness moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. and Aldersperson Paulsen seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Pro Tem Stowe called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderspersons voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

Approve:

Mayor Pro Tem – Chuck Stowe

Attest:

Deputy City Clerk – Bobbie Lundberg