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**SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2005**

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**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 Dan Stovall of Sycamore Baptist Church gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion**

Alderperson Larson moved to approve the agenda 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 March 21, 2005;
- B. Payment of the Bills for April 4, 2005 in the amount of \$162,644.33.

**Motion**

Alderperson Stowe moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Alderperson Larson 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. A Proclamation Setting April 2005 as Sycamore's Kite Month.

Mayor Swedberg read the proclamation that referred to an event Kites Over Sycamore sponsored by Kar-Fre Flowers on April 23, 2005 at Kar-Fre Flowers and the Sycamore Park Annex.

- B. Presentation by the Sycamore Economic Development Commission. Commissioner Bill Nicklas will introduce Todd Hendrey, owner of The Confectionary of Sycamore, who will give a brief overview of his firm's history and treats.

Mayor Swedberg said the business focus was cancelled.

Alderson Maness said she received a call concerning parking on South Locust between High and Home Streets. She suggested allowing parking on one side of the street and Mr. Nicklas asked Engineer Brady to report on that at the next meeting.

Ms. Maness asked about the streetlights at Peace and Route 23 and Engineer Brady said he would check into that.

Alderson Paulsen asked for an update on the Maplewood stoplight and Engineer Brady said the foundations are poured and the arms of the poles are on site.

Mr. Paulsen also asked about the construction on Freed Road and Engineer Brady said it would be closed Wednesday for sewer work.

Alderson Bauer wished all the candidates the best of luck and commended them for their good conduct throughout the campaign.

## **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

Manager – Bill Nicklas reported that Todd Hendrey had a last minute conflict and would be at the next meeting to give an overview of his business. Mr. Nicklas said the Fire Chief would give an update regarding interviews for the plans for the second fire house. He also reported that he, John Brady, and Jean Tritle had completed the assistant engineer interviews and have chosen John Laskowski who is currently the Assistant Village Engineer of Hinsdale. He said his employment is subject to satisfactory background check and physical.

Engineer – John Brady reported that the street lights on Home Street were 470 feet apart and he thought they could possibly place one at 418 Home Street. He said they would need an easement and the pole and wire would cost about \$2,000. He said he was still reviewing the streetlight issue on Albert Avenue. He said the poles and wires are available, but he would need to jockey some existing lights around.

Building & Zoning –Lyle Doty reported that plans for the Fullco Industries buildout came in Friday and last week he received plans for FS Bank at Peace Crossings. He said he would work hard to get the permits prepared.

Mayor Swedberg asked about the building by the Marathon and Mr. Doty said it will be a Milex auto service and three or four rental spaces.

Fire Chief – Bill Riddle reported that one of the senior high school fire science students, Ashley Williams, will speak with state representatives and senators about the tech prep program and vocational education and how important that is to Illinois employers. He also reported that three firefighters, Assistant Chief Niewold, Bill Nicklas, and he will be interviewing nine architectural firms this week regarding plans for the second fire station.

Treasurer – Ken Mundy said the interest rates in the investment world are trending up. He said he moved some 2% money into 3.5% for capital bond fund. He said some of the combined general funds were out last year at 2.25% and he renewed them at 4.24%. He said he and Brian Gregory have been working together on this. He said the local institutions are strong and safe and that is why the City's investments are doing so well. Treasurer Mundy reported that financial advisor Dick Barrett has received the Wachovia Way award which is the top award in the company.

Public Works Supt. – Fred Busse – no report

Water Supt. – Ebe Smith said the Water Department would begin flushing hydrants on April 18. Superintendent Smith said they would be repairing lawns torn up due to winter watermain breaks over the next couple of weeks.

Police Chief – Don Thomas - no report

## **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Finance – Chairperson Stowe said they met last Monday evening and the budget is ready. He commended the Department Heads and Bill Nicklas for their hard work.

Ordinance – no report

Police & Fire – no report

Sewer & Water –no report

Streets & Walks – Chairperson Pete Paulsen reported the committee met earlier and forwarded an ordinance on the agenda.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **A. Public Hearing on the Proposed FY2005-2006 City Budget.**

Manager Nicklas said the budget would be back for approval at the April 18, 2005 meeting.

Mayor Swedberg opened the Public Hearing and hearing no comment closed the hearing.

## **ORDINANCES**

### **A. Ordinance No. 2004.79—An Ordinance Revising Title 3, “Business and License Regulations,” Chapter 4, “Peddlers, Solicitors and Itinerant Merchants,” Section 3-4-1, “Definitions,” and Section 3-4-6, “Restrictions on Permit,” of the City Code of the City of Sycamore. First and Second Reading.**

Manager Nicklas said this ordinance makes changes in the City Code to broaden the definition of peddler to include ice cream trucks, specifies hours of operation, and designates prohibited streets.

#### **Motion**

Aldersperson Maness moved to hear Ordinance 2004.79 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 Paulsen moved to approve Ordinance 2004.79 and Aldersperson Maness seconded the motion.

Aldersperson Maness said she would like to prohibit sales in the Park so they would not compete with the Park District's concessions.

Attorney Keith Foster said the Park District could be added to the prohibited list attached to the Ordinance without changing the ordinance itself.

Aldersperson Bauer asked if this included neighborhood parks.

Aldersperson Maness said she was only concerned with the main park and its concession stands.

Aldersperson Tripp asked if there are events when the concession stands are closed, could the ice cream truck be allowed.

Mayor Swedberg said Ms. Crow could investigate that, but for now Council would add the Park District to the prohibited list.

### **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 an Engineering Department Recommendation Regarding the Bids for the Construction of Well #9 and its Radium Treatment Area.**

Engineer Brady said he received seven bids and recommended Swedberg & Associates' bid of \$827,590.

### **Motion**

Aldersperson Maness moved to approve Swedberg & Associates' bid of \$827,590 subject to concurrence of IEPA approval 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 Paulsen said it was nice to spend the money locally.

### **B. Consideration of an Administration Report on Options for the Use of the City's Private Activity Bond Volume Cap for the Year 2005.**

Manager Nicklas said this is an opportunity for those that are income-qualified to purchase a home. He said the City has adopted the Mortgage Credit Certificate Program for the past three years, but he has seen the banks' interest wane. He said if the Council chooses to approve this, he will make it a point to pump up interest at the banks so we can help families in the community.

Aldersperson Paulsen asked if the City tracked the activity.

Mr. Nicklas said there was only one applicant last year.

Aldersperson Kessler asked if mortgage companies could utilize this.

Mr. Nicklas said he would look into that.

Aldersperson Stowe said it was sad that the City was trying to save people money and the program does not get used.

Aldersperson Leach said she thought Mr. Nicklas' idea for a local bank forum was a good idea.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Maness moved to participate in the Mortgage Credit Certificate Program 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.

**C. Consideration of an Administration Request for a Closed Session to Discuss Personnel Matters and Closed Session Minutes**

Manager Nicklas interjected that the Help America Vote Act, regarding when newly elected officials are sworn in has been adopted by the State of Illinois. He said the law states that a minimum of 21 days lapse before swearing in new officials in order to allow more time for canvassing the votes. He said the officials elected at the April 5<sup>th</sup> Consolidated Election would not take office until the May 2, 2005 meeting.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Leach moved to go into Closed Session at 7:45 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.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Stowe moved to return to Open Session at 8:02 p.m. and Aldersperson Bauer seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderspersons voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

**Approval of Closed Session Minutes of August 2, 2004; September 7, 2004; October 4, 2004; November 1, 2004; November 15, 2004; December 6, 2004; January 17, 2005, and March 7, 2005.**

**Motion**

Aldersperson Bauer moved to approve Closed Session minutes of August 2, 2004; September 7, 2004; October 4, 2004; November 1, 2004; November 15, 2004; December 6, 2004; January 17, 2005, and March 7, 2005 and Aldersperson 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.

**Release of Closed Session Minutes of December 6, 2004 and March 7, 2005 excluding the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph of March 7, 2005.**

**Motion**

Aldersperson Maness moved to release Closed Session Minutes of December 6, 2004 and March 7, 2005 excluding the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph of March 7, 2005 and Aldersperson Tripp seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderpersons voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

**APPOINTMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion**

Aldersperson Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. and Aldersperson Bauer seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderpersons voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

Approve:

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Mayor – John L. Swedberg

Attest:

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City Clerk – Candy Smith