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**SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES OF JULY 5, 2005**

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**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Ken Mundy called the meeting to order and Clerk Candy Smith called the roll. Those Alderpersons present were: Grace Adee, Alan Bauer, Terry Kessler, Darren Knuth, Barbara Leach, Cheryl Maness, Pete Paulsen and Chuck Stowe.

**INVOCATION**

Mayor Mundy gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion**

Aldersperson Leach moved to approve the agenda and Aldersperson Maness seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

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

**AUDIENCE TO VISITORS**

None

**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 in the amount of \$718,282.91.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Bauer moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Aldersperson Maness seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

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

**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.

Pietro Verone said he was glad to be in Sycamore and that his business is going well. He said he discovered Sycamore by accident when he was looking for Wasco and drove past it to Sycamore. He liked the downtown and began looking for a small building for his restaurant.

Mayor Mundy said eating at Villa Verone is a dining experience.

## **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

Manager – Bill Nicklas – no report.

Engineer – John Brady said work would start July 11 on the reconstruction of Bethany Road east of Somonauk. He said work would first be done at Reston Pond then at Parkside Estates and should be completed in 6 to 8 weeks.

Building & Zoning – Lyle Doty said he will be issuing a building permit for Menard's 20,000 sq. ft. cold storage addition on the east side of their building. He said he has received drawings from Schwan's Frozen Food warehouse and distribution center on Afton Drive.

Fire Chief – Bill Riddle said the Fire Department received a \$1500 grant for an automatic defibrillator from the Illinois Rural Health Association. He said there will be a blood drive at the Public Safety Building July 13, 2005.

Treasurer – Brian Gregory said the City is tracking well and has received the first property tax disbursement.

Public Works Supt. – Fred Busse said last week they treated the catch basins with larvicide's to combat the West Nile virus. He said yesterday's rain may have flushed that out, but they will keep up on it. He said there were a couple of isolated areas that did not drain as they should and some trees were downed.

Water Supt. – Ebe Smith said the Consumer Confidence Reports were mailed last week.

Police Chief – Don Thomas said there was little crime over the long weekend. He said they did answer 322 calls for service so they were busy, but it was not a dangerous weekend.

## **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Finance – no report

Ordinance – Chairperson Barbara Leach said the Ordinance Committee met earlier to discuss a Class H liquor license and will forward the recommendation to Council.

Police & Fire – no report

Sewer & Water –no report

Streets & Walks – no report

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

## **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.**

Manager Nicklas said this ordinance would establish a new level of reimbursement - \$4 per square foot – for the sidewalk sections crossing driveway approaches while retaining the reimbursement of \$3 per square foot for other section in need of replacement according to the City’s Building and Zoning Department.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Maness moved to hear Ordinance 2005.24 on first and second reading and Aldersperson Leach seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

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

**Motion**

Aldersperson Paulsen moved to approve Ordinance 2005.24 and Aldersperson Leach seconded the motion.

Aldersperson Bauer wanted to be sure the budget could accommodate this extra money and Mr. Nicklas said they would track the number of grants to make sure they stayed within the budget.

**Voice Vote**

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

**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.**

Manager Nicklas said the purpose of this ordinance is the conveyance of a parcel of property to the Park District and to maintain a permanent easement to service underground sanitary piping that traverses this parcel.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Stowe moved to hear Ordinance 2005.25 on first and second reading and Aldersperson Paulsen seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

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

**Motion**

Aldersperson Paulsen moved to approve Ordinance 2005.25 and Aldersperson Kessler seconded the motion.

Aldersperson Paulsen said this is the small piece of a grand plan to connect Sycamore Lake to the Kishwaukee River.

**Voice Vote**

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

**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.**

**Motion**

Aldersperson Bauer moved to hear Ordinance 2005.26 on first and second reading and Aldersperson Maness seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

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

**Motion**

Aldersperson Knuth moved to approve Ordinance 2005.26 and Aldersperson Leach seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

None

**CONSIDERATIONS**

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

Engineer Brady said the low bid came in from Alliance Contractors in the amount of \$394,953.55 and that was quite a bit over the budgeted amount. He said they will need to eliminate some of the sidewalks. He said he did include that as a possibility in the special provisions of the bid. Engineer Brady suggested areas to eliminate as the west side of Meadow Lane at \$28,000 and DeKalb Avenue from Salem Lutheran Church to Taco Bell at \$40,000 and North Cross to Cornerstone Christian School. He said he would like to bring back a written summary to the next meeting.

Aldersperson Maness said they might want to keep the North Cross sidewalk because of kids going to Sycamore Lake.

Mr. Brady said the sidewalk is only scheduled to go as far north as Cornerstone Christian School.

Mr. Nicklas said they would put a list of choices in the background for the next meeting for review for the \$240,000 project. He said the issues for the bidders were the busy time of year and the constant set up and clean up of each site.

Aldersperson Kessler asked if the bids were received in one-lump sums.

Mr. Brady said they did, there would be not problem separating them because they were clumped in 29 separate areas.

Aldersperson Kessler suggested using dollars from the sales agreement with Pulte for sidewalk programs and wondered if there was a time frame to complete the sidewalk project.

Mr. Nicklas said it would be best to get them done before early fall and no money has yet been received from the Pulte agreement. He said Council needed to take action to award the contract.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Maness moved to accept the bid from Alliance subject to adjustment by Engineer Brady and Aldersperson Adeed seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

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

**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.**

Paul Rasmussen said he has concerns about the boundary agreement between Genoa, DeKalb County, and Sycamore. He said at first he was passive about such action, but has since realized that there is an issue of property rights and the ability to recover the market value for property. He said because of the twenty-year commitment, there is a feeling that the value of the land has decreased. He said not only has the City placed limits on itself, but it has placed limits on other peoples' property without notification to them. He said he thought the County Comprehensive Plan has worked well for 30 years. Mr. Rasmussen asked Council to revisit this boundary agreement and consider the ramifications this type of agreement has on those not in the city limits.

Aldersperson Kessler said she appreciated the information and asked if Mr. Rasmussen had any alternative solutions.

Mr. Rasmussen said he has no problem with establishing boundaries, but felt that the 20-year agreement was too long and is affecting the value of property. He said that City Council has the discipline to decide where the City wants to grow.

Mr. Nicklas said the issue presents itself because of the economic interest in this area. He said this discussion has raised the reason to be prudent and cautious regarding no development zones.

Mr. Rasmussen said it is within the County's ability to approve P.U.D.'s and could go for those in that green space area. He said that land values have escalated around here and development has something to do with it, but there is a speculative side of that.

**APPOINTMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Mundy said this is the second anniversary of Council meetings held at the Sycamore Center.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. and Aldersperson Leach seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

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

Approve:

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Mayor – Ken Mundy

Attest:

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City Clerk – Candy Smith