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**SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES OF AUGUST 1, 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, Cheryl Maness, Pete Paulsen and Chuck Stowe. Alderperson Barbara Leach was absent.

**INVOCATION**

Deacon Chuck Ridulph of St. John's Lutheran Church gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion**

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

**Voice Vote**

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

**AUDIENCE TO VISITORS**

Robert A. Smith, 23667 Airport Road, said he would like to speak regarding Ordinance 2005.29 on the agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting of July 18, 2005.
- B. Payment of the Bills for August 1, 2005 in the amount of \$139,297.64.

**Motion**

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

**Voice Vote**

Mayor Mundy 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 Ken Mundy will introduce Jody Mattison, owner of the Popcorn Stand at the corner of West State Street and South Maple Street, who will give a brief overview of the history of this well-known Sycamore landmark.

Jody Mattison said she has owned and run the popcorn stand for 22 years since 1983. She said she has met a lot of people and has given and received a lot of information over the years. She said people travel

from Genoa, Rochelle, and Elburn to buy popcorn. Ms. Mattison said Friday night she sold \$37 worth of popcorn to a family from Arlington Heights that travels to Sycamore once a month to buy popcorn. She said she helped her landlord run the stand for a year and a half before purchasing it in 1983. Ms. Mattison said that B.A. Wyman ran the stand from 1903 to 1915, Walter Lovett ran it from 1915 to 1925, Ed Lowba ran it from 1925 to 1941, and Horace Fothergill ran it from 1941 to 1960, until her landlord, Ceil Blake, bought it in 1960.

Alderson Bauer said Thursday there was an article in the Chicago Tribune about Sycamore Speedway.

Alderson Paulsen said a car crashed into a house at Sabin and Exchange Streets. He said he went there to talk with the resident and asked to have the tree trimmed over the sign and to look into putting a brighter bulb in the street light.

## **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

Manager – Bill Nicklas thanked Public Works, Police, and Fire for their efforts over the Car Show weekend. He said he spoke with a number of downtown businesses who were open during the event who fared very well.

Mayor Mundy said it was a wonderful family event.

Engineer – John Brady said Bethany Road is now open between Somonauk and Peace. He said Bethany is closed east of Somonauk to Parkside Drive for about three weeks and during that time construction traffic will be traveling through the neighborhoods.

Building & Zoning – Lyle Doty said Fullco Industries has been issued an occupancy certificate and are up and running.

Assistant Fire Chief – Cary Niewold said over the past two weeks they have received 68 calls for service including a fire causing \$300,000 worth of damage to a residence on 5 Points Road and a mutual aid call to Kirkland. He said last week they met with architects from FGM to look at preliminary plans for the new fire station.

Treasurer – Brian Gregory said they are working on field work for the independent audit and they hope to get wrapped up this week.

Public Works Supt. – Fred Busse said four guys were out Sunday morning at 4:00 a.m. getting up barricades for the Car Show. He said that event is becoming comparable to the Pumpkin Fest. He said he contacted Waste Management to pick up garbage on State Street and Somonauk on Mondays rather than Tuesdays.

Water Supt. – Ebe Smith – no report

Police Chief – Don Thomas thanked Lt. Cary Singer as point man for the Police Department for the Car Show. Chief Thomas said recruit Michael Domenighini graduated from the Police Training Institute last week and was selected for highest honors. He said the Fire and Police Commissioners selected Tiffany O'Neal to be hired by the Police Department September 1 and she will attend Academy next week.

Mayor Mundy said regarding economic development over the weekend, the hotels were filled and the shopkeepers were happy. He said the average family drops \$200 on a day trip and \$400 if they spend the night. He thanked the staff for their hard work.

## **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Finance – no report  
Ordinance –no report  
Police & Fire – no report  
Sewer & Water –no report  
Streets & Walks – no report

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

## **ORDINANCES**

### **A. Ordinance No. 2005.29—An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals With Regard to the Petition of Robert A. Smith for a Variance From Section 6.5.2L of the Unified Development Ordinance. First and Second Reading.**

Manager Nicklas said on July 26 the Zoning Board of Appeals heard this variance request from Robert A. Smith, the owner of a small block building at 360 N. Sacramento Street and unanimously recommended favorable action by City Council.

#### **Motion**

Aldersperson Maness moved to hear Ordinance 2005.29 on first and second reading and Aldersperson Stowe seconded the motion.

#### **Voice Vote**

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

#### **Motion**

Aldersperson Stowe moved to approve Ordinance 2005.29 and Aldersperson Paulsen seconded the motion.

#### **Voice Vote**

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

## **RESOLUTIONS**

None

## **CONSIDERATIONS**

**A. Consideration of a Fire Department Recommendation to Award a Contract for a Used Vehicle for the Assistant Fire Chief to Countryside Wheels in the Amount of \$18,900.**

**Motion**

Aldersperson Maness moved to accept the bid from Countryside Wheels for \$18,900 and Aldersperson Adee seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

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

**B. Consideration of a Public Works Department Recommendation to Award a Lease/Purchase Contract for a New Wheel Loader to West Side Tractor in the Amount of \$109,600.**

Manager Nicklas said Superintendent Busse researched the purchase of new and used wheel loaders and determined that a lease/purchase contract was the most practical way for the City to purchase the wheel loader. Mr. Nicklas said that Superintendent Busse recommended the following scenario:

- Juggle the Capital Assistance Fund (Fund 6) spending in FY06 as follows:
- a) defer the FY06 purchase of a replacement backhoe;
- b) defer the purchase of a replacement dump truck with plow and spreader;
- c) replace the Public Works pickup.

Aldersperson Bauer said this equipment is needed and he thought they should get it purchased.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Bauer moved to accept the bid from West Side Tractor in the amount of \$109,600 and Aldersperson Adee seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

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

**C. Consideration of the Architectural Review Committee's Recommendations for the FY06 Downtown Facade Improvement Program.**

Manager Nicklas said the City advertised for applications and received four applications before the July 1, 2005 deadline. He said the Architectural Review Committee met several times in July to review the applications and made the following recommendations:

1. Fund the entire \$11,459 request from Paulsen Appliance. The Paulsens will be working on the restoration of the stone trim around the second floor windows and the first floor facades in the next few years. The grant for the cornice repair and restoration across the four buildings (including the Cooper Jewelry store) will represent a fraction of this overall exterior investment. In addition, the Paulsens recently made a substantial investment in the interior of their three buildings to remain competitive in the downtown area.
2. Fund a \$3,562.50 grant for John Hulseberg to assist him in restoring the historic architectural look and colors of the building where Carter's Alley is presently located. This

- grant will help with the installation of new trim around the second story bay window and new exterior lighting to highlight the improvements.
3. Fund the requested \$1,175 in sign replacement costs for the Confectionary. It should be noted that Committee member Todd Hendrey recused himself from the Committee's discussions on this request and also removed himself from the meeting room. The new sign is of an historic type that was typical at the turn of the twentieth century and the Committee found it elegantly straightforward in its look.
  4. Commit up to \$8,800 toward the lighting enhancements at the Fargo Hotel, but delay the release of the monies until further catalog cuts of exterior lamps could be reviewed with Finney Electric to assure that the fixtures would not detract from the historically significant façade of the hotel.

Tom Carls, owner Stratford Inn, said he was wanted to do this for a long time and he felt it would be beneficial for his business.

Mr. Nicklas said some members of the committee will meet with Mr. Carls and the electrician to see a demonstration of a couple of different lamps to make sure the light is disbursed correctly.

Aldersperson Kessler said what she likes most is that the businesses are working to keep the integrity of the buildings. She asked what they needed to do to make the Architectural Review Committee a standing committee rather than an ad hoc committee.

Mr. Nicklas suggested they keep the Architectural Review Committee as is this year and he would bring back options for a zoning overlay and more restricted rules for the downtown this fall or winter.

#### **Motion**

Aldersperson Bauer moved to approve the Architectural Review Committee recommendations and Aldersperson Kessler seconded the motion.

#### **Voice Vote**

Mayor Mundy called for a voice vote to approve the motion. Six Alderspersons voted aye and Aldersperson Paulsen abstained. Motion carried 6 -0-1.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Aldersperson Maness said she noticed the sidewalk project has begun and asked if the area at Maplewood and Route 23 could be moved to the top of the list in order to be completed by August 22, 2005.

Mr. Nicklas said the direction to the contractor is to get that area done before the start of school.

#### **Motion**

Aldersperson Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. and Aldersperson Maness seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

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

Approve:

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Mayor – Ken Mundy

Attest:

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City Clerk – Candy Smith