SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2005

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

Pastor Bill Landis of Sycamore United Methodist Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Acting Mayor Bauer added a Hurricane Katrina Proclamation and deleted the presentation by Rob Wilkerson of the Kishwaukee Family YMCA.

Motion
Alderperson Kessler moved to approve the agenda with the changes and Alderperson Knuth seconded the motion.
Voice Vote
Acting Mayor Bauer called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderpersons present voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting of August 22, 2005.
B. Payment of the Bills for September 6, 2005.

Motion
Alderperson Stowe moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Alderperson Adee seconded the motion.
Voice Vote
Acting Mayor Bauer called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderpersons present voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND BILLS.

A. Presentation by Chuck Criswell of the Turning Back Time Car Show steering committee.

Chuck Criswell said this year's show was a big success and thanked the City for allowing them do do it. He presented Police Lieutenant Cary Singer with a plaque of appreciation for his work on the Car Show. Mr. Criswell said the cost of the show was $12,610.23 and the profit was $10,000 all of which they donated to the following organizations: $250 to Special Olympics, $1,000 to Sycamore Food Pantry, $2,500 to Fizz Ehrler

Scholarship, and $6,000 to the Sycamore Police Department. He said that next year's show would be the last Sunday in July.

B. Presentation by the Sycamore Economic Development Commission. Commissioner Rod Schairer will introduce Rob Wilkerson, executive director of the Kishwaukee Family YMCA, who will give a brief overview of the agency's range of services and programs.

This presentation was removed from the agenda because Mr. Wilkerson could not attend the meeting.

C. Hurricane Katrina Relief Proclamation

Manager Nicklas said this proclamation grew out of conversations among Mayors Mundy, Seyller, and Van Buer. He said they had originally decided upon a breakfast fund raiser, but further discussion resulted in declaring a day for elected and appointed officials to stand at designated street corners to collect dollars for Hurricane Katrina relief.

Alderperson Stowe said the temporary sidewalk at Maplewood east of Route 23 is covered with 6 to 8 inches of dirt and asked to have the dirt removed.

Alderperson Paulsen thanked Engineer Brady and City staff for getting the sidewalk by the Middle School completed.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Manager – Bill Nicklas said Fire Lt. Kessler, Firefighter Rubeck, POC Firefighter Spartz, and Public Works Laborer Scott Garreltz who is a Volunteer Firefighter in Genoa are all on their way to Louisiana to help with the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Engineer – John Brady said tree bids will be ready at the next Council meeting.

Building & Zoning – Lyle Doty asked for support and approval of 2005.41 upgrading the electrical code to 2002. He said Electrical Inspector Dennis Winklawski was in attendance to answer questions.

Fire Chief – Bill Riddle said he received a MABAS put out the call for firefighters Sunday and within 16 hours DeKalb County MABAS had 15 people and 4 vehicles on the road to Effingham. He said they were staged in Effingham and over 600 firefighters and over 120 vehicles left for Louisiana. He said he would keep everyone apprised of the DeKalb County Firefighters location and duties.

Treasurer – Brian Gregory said they are recruiting for numerators, clerical staff, and team leaders for the special census. He said the website has further information.

Mr. Nicklas said the City is obliged to pay for staff and to provide office space and 7 telephone lines.

Acting Mayor Bauer asked about the time table.

Mr. Gregory said after two weeks of recruiting, the ball is in the Census Bureau's court. He said he is hoping to get started October 1, 2005.

Public Works Supt. – Fred Busse said Public Works installed about 550 feet of sewer drain along the shoulder of Page Street east of the Water Department.

Water Supt. – Ebe Smith said the fall hydrant flushing would begin September 19 and run for 8 days. He said tomorrow they would be fixing a leak at the corner of Center Cross and Route 64.

Acting Police Chief – Lt. Cary Singer said the Police Department is a member of ILEAS emergency response and 200 officers in this area are on standby. He said 2 officers from Sycamore are on that standby list. Lt. Singer said new Officer Tiffany O'Neill started work September 1 and she will go to PTI at the University of Illinois September 11.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Alderperson Kessler asked Chief Riddle about the 9-11 Ceremony.

Chief Riddle said the Ceremony would take place at 7:30 a.m. at Johnson Junction. He said because of the price of fuel, there would be no silent parade.

PUBLIC HEARING
None

ORDINANCES

A. **Ordinance No. 2005.35—An Ordinance Requesting Permission from the Illinois Department of Transportation to Close Illinois Route 64 from Governor Street to Sacramento Street from 7:00 P.M. Until 8:30 P.M. on Wednesday, October 5, 2005, to Allow for the Sycamore High School Homecoming Parade in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

Motion
Alderperson Kessler moved to hear Ordinance 2005.35 on first and second reading and Alderperson Stowe seconded the motion.
Voice Vote
Acting Mayor Bauer called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderpersons present voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

Motion
Alderperson Kessler moved to approve Ordinance 2005.35 and Alderperson Adee seconded the motion.
Voice Vote
Acting Mayor Bauer called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderpersons present voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

B. Ordinance No. 2005.36—An Ordinance Declaring Wednesday, October 26, 2005 Through Sunday, October 30, 2005 as Pumpkin Festival in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

C. Ordinance No. 2005.37—An Ordinance Requesting Permission of the Illinois Department of Transportation to Close Illinois Route 64 from Sabin Street to Somonauk Street Between 9:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. on Sunday, October 30, 2005 for the "Road Run" as Part of Pumpkin Festival in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

D. Ordinance No. 2005.38—An Ordinance Requesting Permission of the Illinois Department of Transportation to Close Illinois Route 64 from Governor Street to Sacramento Street from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 P.M. on Sunday, October 30, 2005 to Allow for the Pumpkin Festival Parade in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

E. Ordinance No. 2005.39—An Ordinance Authorizing the Use of the City's Parking Lot at the Corner of Sacramento Street and State Street for a Carnival to be Held from Thursday, October 27, 2005 Through Sunday, October 30, 2005. First and Second Reading.

Motion
Alderperson Knuth moved to hear Ordinances 2005.36, 2005.37, 2005.38, and 2005.39 on first and second reading and Alderperson Leach seconded the motion.
Voice Vote
Acting Mayor Bauer called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderpersons present voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

Motion
Alderperson Kessler moved to approve Ordinances 2005.36, 2005.37, 2005.38, and 2005.39 in omnibus fashion and Alderperson Stowe seconded the motion.

Alderperson Maness asked if they wanted to use Sycamore Center Parking Lot and Alderperson Leach said yes, but they do not need an ordinance for that.

Voice Vote
Acting Mayor Bauer called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderpersons present voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

F. Ordinance No. 2005.40—An Ordinance Revising an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Sycamore and the County of DeKalb Regarding Access to Peace Road. First and Second Reading.

Manager Nicklas said specifically this would allow a second access point along the frontage of the Artery Farm. He said the farm is not annexed, but First Rockford Group has commercial interest in that land and has presented a concept plan to Plan Commission.

Motion
Alderperson Kessler moved to hear Ordinance 2005.40 on first and second reading and Alderperson Stowe seconded the motion.
Voice Vote
Acting Mayor Bauer called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderpersons present voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

Motion
Alderperson Kessler moved to approve Ordinance 2005.40 and Alderperson Adee seconded the motion.

Alderperson Kessler said the work done by our staff to get this access is something to be proud of and will be good for the citizens of Sycamore and the County.

Voice Vote
Acting Mayor Bauer called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderpersons present voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

G. Ordinance No. 2005.41—An Ordinance Revising Title 9, "Building Regulation," Chapter 4, "Electricity and Fire Protection," Section 9-4-2,A, "Electrical Code Adopted," in the City Code of Sycamore, Illinois to Adopt the National Electrical Code of 2002, With Revisions, as the Electrical Code in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

Manager Nicklas said this has taken a fair amount of staff work and Electrical Inspector Dennis Winklawski was in the audience for questions.

Motion
Alderperson Paulsen moved to hear Ordinance 2005.41 on first and second reading and Alderperson Knuth seconded the motion.
Voice Vote
Acting Mayor Bauer called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderpersons present voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

Motion
Alderperson Paulsen moved to approve Ordinance 2005.41 and Alderperson Adee seconded the motion.

Alderperson Knuth said these changes were needed.

Voice Vote
Acting Mayor Bauer called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderpersons present voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

RESOLUTIONS
None

CONSIDERATIONS

A. Consideration of an Engineering Department Report on the Bids for the Extension of Oakland Drive, Dosen Drive and Wirsing Parkway in the City of Sycamore, Illinois.

Engineer Brady said seven bids were received with Elliott & Wood submitting the low bid of $932,537.12. He said his estimate was $955,900.

Manager Nicklas said the original engineering estimate in March was $900,000 which was in the 2003 Bond Fund. He said he would consider taking the additional $32,537.12 from Fund 22 which is the fuel fund and had a surplus of $322,000 last year.

Alderperson Paulsen said this would obviously make land more valuable and assessable and asked if there had been any comment from the land owner.

Mr. Nicklas said there had not been comment and clearly this is an economic development project on our behalf. He said there is more work and expense ahead for the developer. He said the City is not asking for contributions from the property owner, but the City has had cooperation for the use of the land.

Motion
Alderperson Paulsen moved to accept the bid from Elliott & Wood for $932,537.12 and Alderperson Kessler seconded the motion.

Alderperson Kessler said she was glad the bid was going to Elliott & Wood and keeping the dollars close to home.

Voice Vote
Acting Mayor Bauer called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderpersons present voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

B. Consideration of a Seminar Sponsored by the DeKalb County Regional Planning Commission.

Manager Nicklas said this seminar would be interactive and the focus will be a simulated annexation discussion. He said to notify him regarding attendance.

C. Consideration of an Administration Request to Hire a New Laborer for the Public Works Department.

Manager Nicklas explained that the City has been unable to attract local contractors to perform tuckpointing of the former Street Division garages behind the Public Safety Building and a laborer will need to be assigned to complete the repairs before winter. He said the Public Works Department has a laborer skilled as a mason and by re-assigning him to complete the masonry repairs the Department is left short-handed. He said the present City Budget allocates $30,000 for this extensive tuckpointing and painting work. He said that amount is equivalent to the cost of a new, entry-level hire for the last seven months of the fiscal year. He said if the Council agreed, some cost-shifting could be accomplished when the fiscal budget is revised in the fall.

Motion
Alderperson Maness moved to approve the hire of a new laborer in the Public Works Department and Alderperson Kessler seconded the motion.
Voice Vote
Acting Mayor Bauer called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderpersons present voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

APPOINTMENTS
None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion
Alderperson Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. and Alderperson Knuth seconded the motion.
Voice Vote
Acting Mayor Bauer called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderpersons present voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

Approve:

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Acting Mayor – Alan Bauer

Attest:

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City Clerk – Candy Smith