
SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF JUNE 5, 2006

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

Pastor Jim Elliott of Harvest Time Fellowship gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

Alderperson Adee moved to approve the agenda and Alderperson 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.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Ray Puentes, 1003 Meadow Lane, thanked the Streets & Walks Committee and Council for the sidewalk project. He encouraged Council not to allow developers to wait 6 to 10 years to place sidewalks.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting of May 15, 2006.
- B. Payment of the Bills for June 5, 2006 in the amount of \$1,414,198.23.
- C. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes for the Meeting of September 27, 2005.

Motion

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

Voice Vote

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

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND BILLS.

Alderperson Paulsen said he received a letter from a constituent thanking the City for placing sidewalks. He said the public is noticing the improvements. He also asked for volunteers to work at Larson Park June 17, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. He said there are walking paths, soccer fields, a prairie grass area, and a bridge will connect Larson Park to Sycamore Lake.

- A. The Sycamore Economic Development Commission will present Jesus Romero, proprietor of TAXCO Restaurant at 223 W. State Street, who will summarize the charitable results of the recent Cinco de Mayo Event in downtown Sycamore.

Jesus Romero said this year marked the 9th Cinco de Mayo celebration and reported that \$30,000 was raised over the first 8 years and this year \$15,000 was raised. The money has been donated to organizations such

as CASA, Big Brothers Big Sisters, VAC, Kishwaukee College Hispanic Scholarships, Conexión Comunidad and DeKalb County Community Foundation. He thanked the City for the Police, Fire and Street Departments' participation in helping to make it a successful event. Mr. Romero explained that his uncle started Taxco Restaurant in 1992 and brought him to Sycamore. He said he met his wife here and is happy to be raising his family and doing business in this community. He has expanded his restaurant to a second building and will be opening a tequila bar in the original area of the restaurant soon.

Alderperson Knuth said he had the privilege of attending a school assembly where Jesus Romero was honored for his contributions to the community and the school.

B. Proclamation Declaring 2006 the "Year of the Museum" in the City of Sycamore.

C. Recognition of the Graduates of the Fire Department's Three-Year Internship program: Ryan Gustafson, Adam Honiotes, and John Pink.

Fire Chief Riddle explained that in 2003 Sycamore started a Paid-On-Call/College Intern Program and on May 1, 2006 Ryan Gustafson, Adam Honiotes, and John Pink were the first three to complete that program with their Associate Degrees and Firefighter II and Paramedic status. He said that John Pink was 21 at the time of testing and has completed his probationary year as full-time Sycamore Firefighter. He said that Adam Honiotes and Ryan Gustafson will be testing July 15 for the career firefighter list.

D. Introduction of the Class of 2009 Fire Department Interns: Mike Hardesty, Sean Warren and Ian Wheeler.

Chief Riddle said that Mike Hardesty finished first in the VICA competition and will be going to Kansas City the end of June to compete at a higher level. He said Ian Wheeler finished 4th in the VICA last year and finished 1st this year. He said the Sean Warren is from DeKalb and has completed the KEC program.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Manager – Bill Nicklas reported the façade grant program applications are due Friday, June 16 and after the Architectural Review Committee meets he will get their recommendations back to Council. He also reported that he has placed Other New Business as an agenda item after Considerations for those rare occasions when action may need to be taken resulting from Closed Session discussion.

Engineer – John Brady – no report

Building & Zoning – Lyle Doty asked for Council support for agenda items regarding a zoning variance and the purchase of a used vehicle.

Fire Chief – Bill Riddle reported the Fire Department received the final payment from FEMA for the work done in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina last fall.

Treasurer/Asst. City Manager – Brian Gregory said he had distributed FY2006 year-end report with General Fund revenues exceeding the bar at 114.5% and expenditures coming in at 98.5%. He said the Pension Funds interest funds were substantial and the market is looking pretty good.

Public Works Supt. – Fred Busse reported that the sewer-storm project at Governor and Exchange turned into a rebuild of the catch basin. He said the rebuild will begin tomorrow and the street may need to be closed overnight to allow the concrete to dry.

Water Supt. – Ebe Smith reported that the consumer confidence reports will be mailed next week.

Police Chief – Don Thomas reported that the school year has ended and reminded residents to drive safely. He also reminded residents that curfew for those under 17 is 11:00 p.m. weeknights and midnight on weekends. Chief Thomas said that Cinco de Mayo is a well organized event and he commended Mr. Romero for a peaceful event.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance – Chairperson Bauer said the committee met earlier in the evening and will have a recommendation for the Community Development Grant program later in the agenda.

Ordinance –no report

Police & Fire – no report

Sewer & Water – no report

Streets & Walks – no report

PUBLIC HEARING - None

ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance No. 2006.06—An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals With Regard to the Petition of Fasco Mills of 410 N. Main Street for a Variance from Section 6.5.2.H.2a of the Vertical Standards of the Unified Development Ordinance. First and Second Reading.

City Manager Nicklas explained that the request is for the allowance for a grain “let” with a height of 133 feet for the filling and emptying of two new grain bins.

Motion

Aldersperson Paulsen moved to hear Ordinance 2006.06 on first and second reading and Aldersperson Knuth 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 Stowe moved to approve Ordinance 2006.06 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.

B. Ordinance No. 2006.07—An Ordinance Ascertainning the Prevailing Wages for Public Works in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

Motion

Aldersperson Kessler moved to hear Ordinance 2006.07 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 2006.07 and Aldersperson Kessler seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

C. Ordinance No. 2006.08—An Ordinance Requesting the Permission of the Illinois Department of Transportation to Close Illinois Route 64 from Main Street to Sacramento Street from 6:00 A.M. Until 4:00 P.M. on July 30, 2006 to Allow for the “Turning Back Time” Car Show in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

Motion

Aldersperson Paulsen moved to hear Ordinance 2006.08 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 Paulsen moved to approve Ordinance 2006.08 and Aldersperson Leach seconded the motion.

Aldersperson Bauer asked if the street should be closed later in order to allow time for the cars to be removed.

Mr. Nicklas said the Committee has this organized very tightly.

Voice Vote

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

D. Ordinance No. 2006.09—An Ordinance Amending Title 8: Chapter 2: “Water Use And Service,” Section 8-2-2, “Connections,” To Prohibit The Installation Or Use Of Private Potable Water Supply Wells And To Prohibit Completely The Use Of Groundwater As A Potable Water Supply By The Use Of Potable Water Supply Wells Or Any Other Method In Specific Areas Of The City Of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

City Manager Nicklas said this ordinance is the result of 4 years of staff-level discussion. He said Well #1 in the alley has been abandoned at BP Amoco’s cost. He said the ordinance imposes upon the City the obligation to prohibit installation of any more water supply wells in the area.

Motion

Aldersperson Maness moved to hear Ordinance 2006.09 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 Maness moved to approve Ordinance 2006.09 and Aldersperson Stowe 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 Finance Committee Recommendation Regarding the Community Development Grant Program.

Finance Committee Chairperson Bauer reported that there had been 4 applicants and after discussion the Committee voted 4 – 0 to grant \$4500 to T.A.I.L.S., \$3500 to VAC, and \$2000 to DCEDC. He said he had informed the applicants that this money may not be granted every year.

Motion

Aldersperson Bauer moved to implement the grant program as the Committee recommended 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.

B. Consideration of an Administration Recommendation to Award a Contract for a Replacement Vehicle for the Building & Zoning Department.

City Manager Nicklas reported that 2 bids were received with Countryside Wheels' bid of \$15,300 being the lower.

Motion

Aldersperson Maness moved to accept Countryside Wheels' bid of \$15,300 and Aldersperson Adee seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

C. Consideration of an Administration Recommendation to Award the Contract for Improvements at Wells 6 & 8 to Mike Long Construction.

City Manager Nicklas explained that a few meetings ago Mike Long Construction's bid of \$1,320,000 was accepted. He said since then the IEPA loan commitment came in about \$20,000 short of expectation, but sufficient to cover the actual contract costs and most of the City's contingency. He said with the funding secured, it is appropriate to award the contract and proceed with the installation of the improvements.

Motion

Aldersperson Bauer moved to award the contract for improvements to Wells 6 & 8 to Mike Long Construction and Aldersperson Maness seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Mayor Mundy called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Alderspersons Knuth, Leach, Maness, Paulsen, Stowe, Adee, Bauer, and Kessler voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

D. Consideration of an Administration Recommendation for a Workshop to Discuss a Possible Development Agreement to Promote the Commercial Development of the 20.55 Acre Parcel at the Southwest Corner of the Intersection Peace Road, Plank Road and Illinois Rt. 23.

City Manager Nicklas said the access issue has been resolved for this development and the next step, at the petitioner's request, is to hear their proposals for a revenue-sharing arrangement to promote the commercial development of the parcel. Mr. Nicklas suggested dates for a workshop to discuss the proposals.

Consensus of Council was to hold the Workshop Tuesday, June 20, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

E. Consideration of an Administration Request to Hold a Closed Session to Discuss Closed Session Minutes.

Motion

Aldersperson Leach moved to go into Closed Session at 8:00 p.m. and Aldersperson Knuth 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 Maness moved to return to Open Session at 8:25 p.m. and Aldersperson Knuth seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

OTHER NEW BUSINESS - None

APPOINTMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. and Aldersperson Knuth seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

Approve:

Mayor - Ken Mundy

Attest:

City Clerk – Candy Smith