
SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF JULY 3, 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, Barbara Leach, Cheryl Maness, Pete Paulsen, and Chuck Stowe. Alderperson Darren Knuth was absent.

INVOCATION

Deacon Chuck Ridulph of the Senior Christian Ministry Program gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Mundy moved Appointments to before Reports of Officers.

Motion

Alderperson Maness moved to approve the agenda with the change 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 7 - 0.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Ken Andersen, 407 Hadley Ct., said he was representing a group called Parks for Kids who are advocating more parks for kids. He said they petitioned the Park Board to use the impact fees to purchase land rather than spend those dollars to lease buildings. Mr. Andersen asked Council to convene a joint meeting with the Park Board to discuss the purpose of impact fees.

Jacob Smith, 1015 W. State St., Westport Apartment Complex, asked Council to address the noise from the adjoining light industrial area near the complex. He said the noises he is referring to are air brakes and back-up warning signals during the hours between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

Mr. Nicklas said he would have the Police Department investigate the noise.

Mike Liszka, 470 Lincolnshire Dr., said he was against giving Jewel any incentive dollars because they are coming to Sycamore to make money.

Dan Stovall, 729 W. State St., said he did not recall any incentive request as Jewel purchased the land and said that Jewel is depending on Sycamore and Genoa for profit and want to come here because they want to capitalize on our growth. He proposed Jewel offer Sycamore an incentive to come here.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting of June 19, 2006.
- B. Approval of the Minutes for the Special City Council Workshop Meeting of June 20, 2006.
- C. Payment of the Bills for July 3, 2006 in the amount of \$148,055.15.

Motion

Aldersperson Bauer moved to approve the Consent Agenda 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 7 - 0.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND BILLS.

Mayor Mundy said Council held its first meeting in this building July 7, 2003. He also informed Council that notes of thanks were received from DCEDC, T.A.I.L.S., and VAC for appropriating the \$10,000 to those 3 not-for-profit entities.

- A. Sycamore Economic Development Commission member Jim Huntley will present Chuck Criswell, owner of Chuck’s Auto Center at 1625 DeKalb Avenue, who will describe his firm’s services and the upcoming “Turning Back Time” car show.

Chuck Criswell said he opened Chuck’s Auto Center in 1990 and employs 9 full-time employees and 3 part-time. He said they are full service repair center with a used car lot and average 15-20 cars sold per month. He said this will be the 7th car show and weather permitting he is predicting 1000 to 1200 cars. He said the show will be July 30th this year.

Aldersperson Kessler said the car show is a family event and she expressed appreciation for the contributions the committee makes to local organizations.

- B. Presentation of the Annual Report of the Sycamore Public Library by Executive Director Sarah Tobias

Executive Director Tobias reported that this year the Library hours were expanded without adding employees. She said they added e-books and e-audio books and now have 8 internet computers, 2 word processing computers, and 2 educational games computers. She said that 6,901 new books were added during the year and the Library was open 3,332 hours and circulated 165,989 items. Ms. Tobias informed Council of the Library’s July 4th Block Party with food, drinks, games and a live band from noon until 4:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Mundy appointed John Barris to the Library Board.

Motion

Aldersperson Bauer moved to approve the appointment 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 7 - 0.

Mayor Mundy appointed Jeff Peterson to the Fire & Police Commission.

Motion

Aldersperson Maness moved to approve the appointment 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 7 - 0.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Manager – Bill Nicklas thanked Public Works Superintendent Busse for maintaining the City Center. Mr. Nicklas also mentioned that City offices would be closed July 4th.

Engineer – John Brady explained that Well #8 has been out of service the past 3 weeks and should be back online next week and some wall hanging will get started. He said that demolition will begin at Well #6 July 10 and will be out of service until the end of the year.

Building & Zoning – Lyle Doty reported \$1.2 million dollars worth of shell buildings will be going up on Afton Drive in Sycamore Prairie Business Park.

Fire Chief – Bill Riddle said the Fire Department uses the Library as a link to with the Illinois Fire Institute Library and is a very timely service for obtaining books and film.

Treasurer/Asst. City Manager – Brian Gregory reported that the audit field work is wrapping up and hopefully in August the auditor will present to Council. He also noted that several months ago the City established a Safety Committee and reported that there were no loss time accidents for the second quarter of 2006.

Public Works Supt. – Fred Busse said he had an agenda item.

Water Supt. – Ebe Smith – no report

Police Chief – Don Thomas said that fireworks are illegal and those setting them off would be ticketed.

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. 2006.15—An Ordinance Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Sycamore and the International Association of Firefighters, Local 3046 in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

City Manager Nicklas explained that wages and health benefits were negotiated in a re-opener with IAFF Local 3046. He said there was no change to the health benefits and a 4% wage step increase was agreed upon for fiscal years 2007 and 2008. He said a full agreement would be open spring 2008.

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to hear Ordinance 2006.15 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 7 - 0.

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to approve Ordinance 2006.15 and Aldersperson Maness seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

Mayor Mundy called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Alderspersons Maness, Paulsen, Stowe, Adee, Bauer, Kessler, and Leach voted aye. Motion carried 7 - 0.

B. Ordinance No. 2006.16—An Ordinance Approving an Economic Incentive Agreement Between the City of Sycamore and Jewel Food Stores, Inc. First and Second Reading.

City Manager Nicklas said this agreement was the subject of a special Council workshop meeting on June 20, 2006 where Council unanimously directed him to prepare the incentive agreement. Mr. Nicklas explained the City's Sales Tax Rebate Policy and said one of the conditions is that the rebate is tied to infrastructure and other improvements of a public nature. He said in this case the public infrastructure are primarily offsite improvements dealing with substantial work that will have to be done on the Peace Road and Route 23 corridors. He said Jewel qualifies for consideration because they will generate an extraordinary amount of sales tax and because they are the developer of the property. Mr. Nicklas said the estimated amount is \$900,000 to \$1,000,000 and that figure will need to be approved by the City Engineer.

Motion

Aldersperson Kessler moved to hear Ordinance 2006.16 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 voted aye. Motion carried 7 - 0.

Motion

Aldersperson Maness moved to approve Ordinance 2006.16 and Aldersperson Kessler seconded the motion.

Aldersperson Bauer pointed out that the dollars rebated are not currently coming into the City coffers.

Roll call vote

Mayor Mundy called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Alderspersons Maness, Paulsen, Stowe, Adee, Bauer, Kessler, and Leach voted aye. Motion carried 7 - 0.

RESOLUTIONS - None

CONSIDERATIONS

A. Consideration of a Recommendation from the City Engineer Regarding Bids for the Extension of a Sanitary Sewer Main Along Illinois Route 64.

City Engineer Brady said 9 bids were received and Anderson Underground came in with the lowest bid of \$165,770.

Motion

Aldersperson Maness moved to approve Anderson Underground's bid in the amount of \$165,770 and Aldersperson Paulsen seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

Mayor Mundy called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Alderspersons Maness, Paulsen, Stowe, Adee, Bauer, Kessler, and Leach voted aye. Motion carried 7 - 0.

B. Consideration of a Recommendation from the Public Works Superintendent to Award a Contract for a Replacement Backhoe.

Public Works Superintendent Busse said this will replace a 1992 backhoe and will be the same size, but with increased horse power and efficiency. He recommended accepting the low bid of \$58,800 from West Side Tractor.

Motion

Aldersperson Bauer moved to accept West Side Tractor's bid in the amount of \$58,800 and Aldersperson Leach seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

Mayor Mundy called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Alderspersons Maness, Paulsen, Stowe, Adee, Bauer, Kessler, and Leach voted aye. Motion carried 7 - 0.

C. Consideration of an Administration Review of Options to Protect the Historic Downtown Streetscape.

City Manager Nicklas said he was not looking for action, but was looking for direction to move ahead to create a zoning overlay for the downtown. He said this would describe in words and make it more formally a policy of Council to protect the downtown. He explained that the next step would be to develop a permanent review board which has advisory capacity to Council. He said he would start with the Architectural Review Committee, then go to Plan Commission, and finally bring something back to Council by early fall.

Consensus of Council was to move ahead on the zoning overlay.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS - None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. 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 7 - 0.

Approve:

Mayor - Ken Mundy

Attest:

City Clerk – Candy Smith