

SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA

September 4, 2007

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No Committee Meetings Are Scheduled

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**Regular City Council Meeting
7:00 P.M.**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. INVOCATION**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 5. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS**
- 6. CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting of August 20, 2007.
 - B. Payment of the Bills for September 4, 2007.
- 7. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND BILLS.**
 - A. Swearing-In of Full-Time Firefighter Andy Powers.
 - B. Proclamation declaring the month of September 2007 as "Save a Life Month" in the City of Sycamore, Illinois.
 - C. A Representative of the Sycamore Economic Development Commission will introduce Don and Dawn Sukach, owners of Cooper's Diamond Jewelers at 303 W. State Street, who will describe their retail business.
- 8. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

9. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

10. **PUBLIC HEARINGS--None**

11. **ORDINANCES**

A. Ordinance No. 2007.17—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 3, 2007 To Allow for the Sycamore High School Homecoming Parade in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

The attached ordinance requests IDOT's permission to close a portion of IL. Rt. 64 for the Sycamore High School Homecoming parade on October 3, 2007. City Council approval is recommended.

B. Ordinance No. 2007.18—An Ordinance Declaring Wednesday, October 24, 2007 Through Sunday, October 28, 2007 as Pumpkin Festival in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

Ordinances 2006.18, 2006.19, 2006.20, 2006.21 and 2006.22 can be taken in omnibus fashion. All relate to the annual Pumpkin Festival and together accomplish the following:

- a) Establish the dates for the annual festival (October 24, 2006 through October 28, 2007);
- b) Seek IDOT's permission for the closing of IL Rt. 64 for the Road Run and the Pumpkin Parade, at different times, on October 28, 2007; and
- c) Authorize the use of two City parking lots during the festival week.

City Council approval is recommended.

C. Ordinance No. 2007.19—An Ordinance Requesting Permission from the Illinois Department of Transportation to Close Illinois Route 64 from Governor Street to Sacramento Street Between 9:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. on Sunday, October 28, 2007 To Allow for the "Road Run" as Part of the Pumpkin Festival in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

See Ordinance 2007.18.

D. Ordinance No. 2007.20—An Ordinance Requesting Permission from the Illinois Department of Transportation to Close Illinois Route 64 from Governor Street to Sacramento Street from 12:00 Noon Until 5:00 P.M. on Sunday, October 28, 2007 To Allow for the Pumpkin Festival Parade in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

See Ordinance 2007.18.

E. Ordinance No. 2007.21—An Ordinance Authorizing the Use of City Parking Lot #3 at the Corner of Sacramento Street and State Street for a Carnival to be Held from Wednesday, October 24, 2007 Through Sunday, October 28, 2007 in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

See Ordinance 2007.18.

F. Ordinance No. 2007.22—An Ordinance Authorizing the Use of City Parking Lot #1 at the Corner of Somonauk Street and Elm Street for a “Kiddee Carnival” to be Held from Wednesday, October 24, 2007 Through Sunday, October 28, 2007 in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

See Ordinance 2007.18.

G. Ordinance No. 2007.14—An Ordinance Amending Title 1, “Administration,” Chapter 6, “City Council,” Section 1-6-5, “Committees,” Subsection C, Paragraph 2 of the City Code of the City of Sycamore, Illinois. Second Reading.

House Bill 1670 has been signed into law, making it legal for two members of a 5-member City committee to discuss committee business without violating the Open Meetings Act. The definition of “meeting” was revised so that a meeting of a committee is now a quorum of the committee, instead of a majority of a quorum (i.e. two members of a five-member committee). There is another wrinkle in the new law: for a five-member committee, the law requires an affirmative vote of 3 of the 5 members, which would present a problem if there are absences. For example, a 2-1 vote would fail to achieve an affirmative result.

At the Council meeting of July 16, the attached ordinance was tabled while the Council awaited the state legislature’s action. The ordinance would add a fifth member to each of the Council’s standing committees. City Council approval is recommended.

12. RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 496—Approving a Plat of Easement for Public Utility Purposes on Property Owned by Steven Wells.

Resolutions 496 and 497 may be taken in omnibus fashion. Both pertain to easements that are important to the successful completion of the reconstruction of the 100 block of South California Street and the alleys running east and west of that block. The first, Resolution No. 496, concerns Mr. Wells’s property and allows for overhead and underground utilities (including sanitary and storm sewer). The second, Resolution No. 497, allows for Com Ed switch gear adjacent to the access to the small municipal parking lot behind Knodle’s.

City Council approval is recommended.

B. Resolution No. 497—Approving a Plat of Easement for Public Utility Purposes in Municipal Parking Lot #4.

See Resolution No. 496, above.

13. CONSIDERATIONS

A. Consideration of an Administration Request for a Closed Session to Discuss Pending Litigation.

14. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

15. APPOINTMENTS

16. ADJOURNMENT