

SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA
October 15, 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 October 1, 2007.
 - B. Payment of the Bills for October 15, 2007.
 - C. Plan Commission Minutes for the meeting of September 10, 2007.
7. **PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND BILLS.**
 - A. Presentation of a plaque honoring Jerry Lane for fifteen years of service in various capacities as an emergency manager with the City of Sycamore.
 - B. Presentation of a plaque honoring George Spartz for forty-three years of service as a paid-on-call firefighter with the City of Sycamore.
 - C. City Manager Bill Nicklas will introduce Phyllis Kelley, DeKalb County Historian and director of the Joiner History Room, who will discuss the new pictorial history, Images of America: Sycamore. This book has just been published by Arcadia Publishing, and is authored by Mrs. Kelley and the Joiner History Room staff. The Council will recall that

Mrs. Kelley is the 2006 recipient of the Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award for her championship of the humanities in our county.

8. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

9. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS--None

11. ORDINANCES--None

12. RESOLUTIONS--None

13. CONSIDERATIONS

A. Consideration of Community Proposals for the Future Use of the Engh Farmstead.

On Friday, September 21, responses to the City's request for proposals (see attached), were received. The following agencies submitted proposals:

- a) The Kishwaukee Family YMCA;
- b) The Sycamore Historical Society and Museum (in conjunction with the Sycamore Park District); and
- c) The DeKalb County Court Services.

One two-page written proposal was received from a private individual, Betty L. Hall, essentially supporting the use of the farmstead by the Sycamore Historical Society for the purpose of creating a "farm museum." On October 1, the City Manager acknowledged the receipt of these proposals at the City Council meeting and expressed his intent to summarize them for the Council's formal review on October 15.

On Friday, October 5, the City Manager received the attached letter from Rob Wilkinson, chief executive officer of the Kishwaukee Family YMCA. In his letter, Mr. Wilkinson asks for more time in behalf of his agency as well as the Sycamore Park District, which had submitted a proposal in partnership with the Sycamore Historical Society by the September 21 RFP deadline. On the basis of Mr. Wilkinson's letter, a collaborative multi-agency proposal is expected to be developed during the week of October 8.

At the Council meeting on October 15, the City Manager will present the City Council with a progress report on negotiations with the interested entities. Because of the unique, collaborative discussion now occurring between the Sycamore Historical Society, Sycamore Park District, and Kishwaukee YMCA, a formal review of options for the future use of the Engh Farm will likely be deferred until the Council meeting on November 5.

B. Consideration of an Administration Recommendation for a Closed Session to Review Closed Session Minutes.

14. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

15. APPOINTMENTS

16. ADJOURNMENT