
**SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 19, 2007**

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, Darren Knuth, Barbara Leach, Cheryl Maness, Pete Paulsen, and Chuck Stowe. Alderperson Terry Kessler was absent.

INVOCATION

Pastor William Mills of Bethel Assembly of God gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

Alderperson Maness 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 7 - 0.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

William Mills, pastor of the Bethel Assembly of God Church, said that 21 local churches are performing a drama at the Egyptian Theatre tonight and tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m.

Jim Stoddard, 2040 Aberdeen Court, said he would speak on Ordinance 2006.63.

Mike Liszka, 470 Lincolnshire Drive, said he thought the variations requested by Traditions of Sycamore would lower the development standards for Sycamore. He said that smaller lots, reducing lot setbacks, and putting more than 40% usage in C-4 zoning would not make Sycamore better. He said there are no parks planned. He asked that this development in the current form be rejected.

Alderperson Kessler arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Peter Barick, 433 W. High Street, expressed concern that this development would not pay its way in impact fees for the School District. He said given the size of the development and the number of lots, he thought the community needed to have more input.

John Hall, Jr. said he represented the developers of Traditions of Sycamore and was in the audience to answer questions.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting of February 5, 2007.
- B. Payment of the Bills for February 19, 2007 in the amount of \$235,777.22.
- C. Plan Commission Minutes for the Meeting of January 8, 2007.

Motion

Alderperson Bauer moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Alderperson Maness 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.

A. Report by State Rep. Bob Pritchard on issues before the General Assembly in the Spring Session.

Representative Pritchard said it was a pleasure to come before Council to share ideas and get input. He said he is part of a group of people trying to make a difference in education funding. He said a \$5 billion dollar rebuilding program in Illinois is in the works and he will only vote for a capital bill, if the Illinois First commitments made in 2002 are honored.

Alderman Bauer asked if there would be statewide smoking regulation.

Rep. Pritchard said Thursday he would be in a committee to hear a bill for a statewide ban of smoking.

City Manager Nicklas asked if there was any chance for a change in ComEd's plan.

Rep. Pritchard said he is pushing for better phase-ins than ComEd has proposed.

Mayor Mundy asked if Rep. Pritchard thought the money approved for a museum in our City and not released would become available.

Rep. Pritchard said he could not say with certainty, but he is pushing for those projects.

Alderman Kessler asked how the building program would help to attract and retain industry in Illinois and specifically in Sycamore.

Rep. Pritchard said he thought by regulation and fees and reviewing how those dollars were spent.

Alderman Kessler said she had the opportunity to ride along in a snow plow with Public Works Assistant Superintendent Bob Ray Tuesday during the snow storm. She said she witnessed some safety issues regarding children playing and parked cars and suggested the public be educated about snow safety. She said she gained a new admiration for those plowing snow.

Alderman Paulsen said there will be a meeting Tuesday, February 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the Park district Clubhouse to plan the best use for a 24-acre park in Maple Terrace which connects to Sycamore Lake Park.

Alderman Bauer compliments the Street Division for their snow removal efforts Tuesday.

Mayor Mundy said the Sycamore Economic Development Committee worked with 27 local industries to make a directory. He said that Administrative Assistant Laura Campbell did a great job putting the document together in house. He said this directory acknowledges and thanks these Sycamore companies for their ongoing contribution to the City and is being presented to the general public, but especially to local high schools and Kishwaukee College to recognize and publicize the many vocational and professional career opportunities that exist right here in Sycamore.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Manager – Bill Nicklas invited the new candidates to a candidate night tour of the City facilities March 6, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. He also reported that Engineer John Brady was in Springfield completing continuing education credits needed to maintain his license.

Engineer – John Brady – no report

Building & Zoning – Lyle Doty reported that residential activity is still slowed down, but the commercial activity remains strong. He said he is writing permits for 2 build outs this week.

Fire Chief – Bill Riddle reported that Assistant Chief Kessler invigorated the business preplanning tour program and since May 1, 2006 they have completed 55 tours. He said they speak with business owners, familiarize firefighters with access to the buildings, knox box locations, sprinkler connections, utility shut-offs, and any unusual structural features.

Treasurer/Asst. City Manager – Brian Gregory reported the budget benchmark through January 2007 is 75% and revenues are at 85% and expenses are at 60%. He said the day-to-day interest rate is 5.16%.

Public Works Supt. – Fred Busse reported that Council’s action regarding parking bans after 2” snowfall has made plowing safer and quicker. He thanked the Police Department for issuing parking tickets.

Water Supt. – Ebe Smith reported there have been 5 watermain breaks in 7 days and one was in front of his house.

Police Chief – Don Thomas said they are at full capacity in the storage garage for bicycles. He suggested anybody who has lost a bike in the past year check with the Police Department.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance – no report.

Ordinance –no report

Police & Fire – no report

Sewer & Water – no report

Streets & Walks – no report

PUBLIC HEARING

A. Public Hearing on the Proposed Annexation of 82.76 Acres for Public Park Purposes.

Mayor Mundy opened the hearing and upon hearing no public comment closed the hearing.

B. Public Hearing on the Proposed Annexation of 0.92 Acres for a Public Water Supply.

Mayor Mundy opened the hearing and upon hearing no public comment closed the hearing.

ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance No. 2006.61—An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission With Regard to a Proposed Amendment to Section 6.8.4, “Prohibited Signs,” of the Unified Development Ordinance of the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

City Manager Nicklas explained that on January 15, 2007 the Ordinance Committee considered a proposed amendment to Section 6.8.4 of the Unified Development Ordinance regarding electronic signs. He said concern was expressed that the parameters for illuminated electronic signs were not sufficiently restrictive to prevent some aesthetic and safety issues. He said a public hearing was held and a recommendation has been made by the Plan Commission on February 12, 2007 for the following revision:

6.8.4. Prohibited Signs. The following signs shall not be permitted in any zoning district:

A. *Flashing signs and illuminated electronic message boards.*

Explanation:

1. *In the downtown business district defined in Section 6.7.2,E of this code, electronic message boards are prohibited.*
2. *In C-1 Neighborhood Business Districts, electronic message boards are prohibited.*
3. *In C-2 Business Districts [other than the downtown business district referenced in (1), above] and C-3 Highway Business Districts, electronic message boards may show the time, temperature, business hours, and business or public service messages. Such messages may scroll, but may not re-cycle in less than two (2) second intervals. In addition, the background for such print shall not feature simulated fireworks, explosions, flags flying, or other distracting electronic displays. Electronic message boards at or near intersections shall not use red or green colored lettering in order to avoid confusion with traffic control devices.*

Motion

Aldersperson Kessler moved to hear ordinance 2006.61 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 8 - 0.

Motion

Aldersperson Kessler moved to approve Ordinance 2006.61 and Aldersperson Stowe seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

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

B. Ordinance No. 2006.62--An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission With Regard to the Petition of John Hall Homes to Amend the Original Annexation Agreement between the City of Sycamore and Freda R. Herst to Include a New Preliminary plat, Zoning Revisions and Certain Zoning Variances. First and Second Reading.

City Manager Nicklas said this project was presented in essentially the same shape in a workshop in October after having been to Plan Commission as a workshop in August. He said it returned to Plan Commission as a workshop January 8, 2007 and then again for action on February 12, 2007. He said he would not go into a lot of detail, but would spend some time on the concerns heard earlier in the meeting. He said that the variations requested are not departures from our building standards. Mr. Nicklas said the courtyard homes proposed in this project are a new concept and is comparable to the townhouse with a courtyard between homes rather than a firewall. He said a few years ago Sycamore struggled with the parameters around defining townhomes, but they have become a successful housing unit. He listed the variations requested as follows:

1. Minimum Yard Setbacks. The neo-traditional look proposed by John Hall Homes introduces a number of features such as alleys and "old-town" frontage looks that conflict with the City's conventional zoning setback requirements. The differences between the current code provisions and the developer's proposals are highlighted in the following tables:

Townhouses ("R-3")

	UDO Requirement	Proposed
Front Yard	25'	25'
Corner Side Yard	25'	25'
Side Yard	7'	7'
Rear Yard	30**	30'
Zero Lot Line Houses ("R-3")		
	UDO Requirement	Proposed
Front Yard	25'	10'
Corner Side Yard	25'	10'
Side Yard	7'	0'/7'
Rear Yard	30**	22'
Single Family Detached ("R-1")		
Front Yard	25'	25'
Corner Side Yard	25'	20**
Side Yard	10'	7'
Rear Yard	25'	25'

*20 feet if garage is attached to rear of unit for alley access. Detached garages may be 3 feet from any side or rear lot line.

**If the house has a side-loaded garage, the setback has to be 22 feet so a vehicle parked in the driveway does not encroach upon the sidewalk right-of-way.

2. Minimum Residential Lot Size. The zero lot line or courtyard houses would be unique in Sycamore. They are an alternative to rows of attached housing that have a repetitive look. Zero lot line houses align one building wall on a common lot line and set the opposite building wall off the adjacent lot line by at least the required seven feet in order to create a small courtyard between units. The walls built on the lot lines would have to be designed without windows for fire protection purposes. A depiction of these quaint houses is attached. If this approach is acceptable, a variance from the minimum lot size of 9,000 square feet would be required.

3. Second Floor Residential Condominiums. To permit the introduction of second floor condominiums in a "C-4" zoning district, a variation from the provisions of Table 5.3.1 of the UDO would have to be granted to allow such uses by right. Presently, second floor residential uses above ground floor commercial uses are only allowed in the "C-2" Central Business District.

4. Building Height. To permit a third floor residential loft in the "C-4" zoning area, the developer requests a variance from the building height limit of 35 feet to permit a height of 45 height. This would also accommodate the unique cupolas and roof lines illustrated in the developer's three-dimensional renderings.

5. C-4 Uses. The developer proposes additional commercial uses that might qualify as "neighborhood" commercial uses in the "C-4" zoning area. The developer asks that the Commission also consider the commercial uses identified as: convenience store, specialty grocery, electronic store, floor covering store, hardware, fuel station, pet store, and drug store with a drive-up window.

6. The "40%" rule. In the descriptive language concerning "C-4" Mixed Use developments in Section 6.5.2 of the UDO, there is an expectation that the commercial uses "shall not be greater in area than forty (40) percent of the planned mixed use development." With respect to the overall site plan, the designated neighborhood commercial area comprises 15% of the overall site (14.62 of the overall 97.21 acres). However, within the "C-4" zoning designation that includes the neighborhood commercial uses as well as the courtyard homes, townhouses, and about one-half of the open space, the commercial uses comprise about 58% of the land area. The developer requests a variance from the 40% rule, because the mix of building types and avenues proposed in the neighborhood commercial area requires slightly more land area to establish than "boxes" of a more conventional design.

Mr. Nicklas said the developer is obligated to pay the prevailing impact fees and transfer taxes.

John Hall, Jr. said he was representing John Hall Homes and Acorn Properties and noted that they are not a large development firm. He said besides the custom single-family homes, they are excited about the diversity in commercial area and the courtyard homes. He said they would like to have a fuel station allowed in the development because they feel there will be a need for that in the area. He said they've heard the concerns about the traffic and proximity to the schools, but they would pick the outlot for it away from the school.

Aldersperson Knuth asked how many bedrooms were planned for the courtyard homes.

Mr. Hall, Jr. said there would be 3 and 4 bedroom courtyard homes.

Aldersperson Paulsen asked who would maintain the side of the house on the lot line.

Mr. Hall, Jr. said they would be maintained by an association formed by those 18 lots.

Aldersperson Bauer asked if they would be able to do the project without the variances.

Mr. Hall, Jr. said they would not, because without the courtyard homes they would have to redesign that area, and if the variances are denied in the commercial area they would resort to a strip mall design, and the setbacks for the single-family garages is to create side-loaded garages.

Aldersperson Kessler said she thought this looked like mixed and affordable housing and asked the price range of the homes.

Mr. Hall, Jr. said the single-family houses would range from \$450,000 to \$750,000, the row houses which are not planned yet would range from \$190,000 to \$270,000, and the courtyard homes would be at the \$300,000 plus range. He said the condo's above the commercial are not priced yet, but would have the feel of an urban setting. He said they are hoping this will be a mini-destination commercial area.

Aldersperson Kessler said that many Chamber members met with the developers and City Manager Nicklas and they were encouraged and pleased with the development and felt it would be an extension of the downtown. She said the courtyard homes were higher density and the single-family homes were lower density. She asked about the overall density.

Mr. Nicklas said the density allowed without the courtyard homes would be more dense, so overall this is less dense.

Aldersperson Adee said she would like to have this project tabled for a while because she would like to have more time to review the projects and talk with constituents.

Aldersperson Kessler suggested hearing it on first reading.

Aldersperson Adee said she would rather table the item.

Mayor Mundy said he did not see why they wouldn't simply hear this on first reading.

Mr. Nicklas also recommended hearing this on first reading because this has been at 3 Plan Commission meetings and at a previous workshop meeting before Council.

Aldersperson Adee said there are people who have just become aware of this.

Mayor Mundy reiterated that this has been before the public several times and asked if Aldersperson Adee had any specific questions.

Aldersperson Adee said she would like to speak with her constituents.

Mr. Nicklas suggested holding an informal gathering to discuss this development Monday, February 26, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. and asked the media to help in getting the word out. Mr. Nicklas explained that the developers met with Chamber members during a brown-bag lunch that dispelled a lot of myths. He further explained that when the developers first met with him and Engineer Brady they suggested to them that the City was not looking for another L-shaped or U-shaped strip mall.

Mayor Mundy reiterated the fact that there had been trepidation surrounding townhome developments and because of quality building they have proven successful for those wanting less home and yard maintenance and are beneficial to the community.

Aldersperson Leach said one of her concerns is that 17 of the items on the commercial list are stores Sycamore currently has downtown. She asked what information allayed the Chamber members' concerns.

Mr. Nicklas said for example Michelle Schulz, owner of KarFre Flowers and Plan Commissioner, was skeptical about this proposal until she attended the brown-bag lunch meeting with the developer, the Plan Commission meetings and visited the model in Elgin. She spoke positively about the development and was convinced that this was a good proposal.

Aldersperson Adee asked if there was a development like this in our area.

John Hall, Jr. said West Point Gardens is off of Route 20 just east of Plank Road. Mr. Hall said they are looking to create a nice gateway into Sycamore and to compliment downtown, not to take away from it.

Aldersperson Adee asked what if nobody wanted to live upstairs in the commercial area.

Mr. Hall said that would be market driven.

Aldersperson Stowe said there are still some questions about uses, but he was excited about how this was looking. He said one of the recommendations of the Charettes was to have a little different retail surrounding homes and the people were looking for this type of architecture. He said the things we love about this community we can't build any more because of our Unified Development Ordinance.

Aldersperson Paulsen said he was concerned about the parks, but realizes the Park District's position that they do not want little one-lot parks. He said he assumes there will be turn lanes on Plank Road.

Mr. Nicklas said the only curb cut on Plank is on Lindgren where there will be only a right-in. He said there would be a traffic signal once the warrants were met.

Mayor Mundy set an informational meeting for Monday, February 26, 2007 in the Council Chambers.

C. Ordinance No. 2006.63--An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission With Regard to the Petition of Milan Krpan to Rezone Property Adjoining a

Portion of Gateway Drive and a Portion of Dosen Drive in Sycamore from “M-1” Light Manufacturing District to “C-3” Highway Business District in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

City Manager Nicklas explained that the concept plan describes a good part of Thanks America subdivision which was created to provide both commercial and light industrial businesses for Sycamore. He said with the opening of the Oakland Drive Extension to Peace Road via Dosen Drive and Wirsing Parkway, there is renewed commercial and industrial interest in the largely unplatted acres that remain in this subdivision.

Motion

Aldersperson Maness moved to hear ordinance 2006.63 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 2006.63 and Aldersperson Kessler seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

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

D. Ordinance No. 2006.64--An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission With Regard to the Petition of the Sycamore Park District for the Annexation of Two Parcels Comprising a Total of 82.76 Acres Located West of Airport Road and South of IL. Route 64, Involving the Rezoning of Said Parcels to “R-1” One Family Residence District with a Special Use Permit for Public Park Purposes in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

City Manager Nicklas said the City deeded 5 acres some time ago that was targeted as a wastewater treatment facility and the other 77.76 acres have been part of the Park District for several years. He said the goal is to have the Park District boundaries the same as the City’s corporate boundaries.

Motion

Aldersperson Maness moved to hear ordinance 2006.64 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 2006.64 and Aldersperson Paulsen seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

Mayor Mundy called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Alderspersons Adee, Bauer, Kessler, Knuth, Leach, Maness, Paulsen, Stowe, and Mayor Mundy voted aye. Motion carried 9 - 0.

E. Ordinance No. 2006.65--An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission With Regard to the Petition of the City of Sycamore for the Annexation of the Well #9 Site at 475 South Airport Road, Involving the Rezoning of Said Parcel to “R-1” One Family Residence District with a Special Use Permit for a Public Water Supply in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

Motion

Aldersperson Kessler moved to hear ordinance 2006.65 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 Stowe moved to approve Ordinance 2006.65 and Aldersperson Paulsen seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

Mayor Mundy called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Alderspersons Adey, Bauer, Kessler, Knuth, Leach, Maness, Paulsen, Stowe, and Mayor Mundy voted aye. Motion carried 9 - 0.

RESOLUTIONS - None

CONSIDERATIONS

A. Consideration of a Preliminary Capital Plan for Fiscal Years 2008, 2009, and 2010.

City Manager Nicklas walked through the key projects as noted in the background as follows:

FY08 Highlights (May 1, 2007 through April 30, 2008—Total of \$11,063,800):

- Construction of Fire Station #2: \$2.5 million.
- Reconstruction of the 100 block of S. California Street: \$850,000.

Mr. Nicklas said he is proposing a 2007 Bond for the project that includes reconstruction of S. California, and next year S. Main and Locust to be paid for out of the general fund and not through increases in property taxes.

- Street Maintenance: \$300,000 (the remaining 2003 bond proceeds will add \$100,000 to the \$100,000 contributed by the General Fund and \$100,000 contributed by the Capital Fund).

Mr. Nicklas said years ago Council asked Engineer Brady to estimate what it would cost to upgrade all the streets needing attention and he came up with a number of about \$20 million. He said he is convinced the only way to do that is to come up with a new source of revenue. He said he has looked at a modest approach through special service area taxing, which requires the approval of more than 50% of the houses that would be affected by any new tax. He said there is not a lot of support for that. He said other communities have increased their home rule tax or added utility taxes. He said he is not proposing that at this time, but will return in the fall with some options.

- Engineering plans for Water Tower #2: \$150,000.
- Engineering for Phase I of the treatment plant expansion: \$329,000.
- Installation of new de-watering facilities and a new bar screen at the Treatment Plant as part of Phase I: \$5.829 million.
- Sidewalk replacement on South Main Street (in addition to the Building department's annual sidewalk replacement program): \$100,000.
- Further demolition at the Harvester Square complex: \$150,000.
- Funding of the engineering and grading for the Peace Road bikepath from Bethany Road to IL Rt. 64: \$275,000.
- Vehicle and equipment replacement including a used bucket truck, two police squad replacements, a large dump truck, digital video equipment for the Police squads, and air pack replacements: \$289,800.
- A new ambulance to replace the 1996 unit: \$110,000.

FY09 Highlights (May 1, 2008 through April 30, 2009—Total of \$11,186,200):

- Construction of Water Tower #2 and related mains: \$3,000,000.
- Construction of Phase II improvements at treatment plant: \$6,032,000.
- Sidewalk installation on Commercial Street: \$150,000.
- Street maintenance (in addition to General Fund and Capital Fund contributions): \$150,000.
- Reconstruction of S. Main Street from State to Elm: \$600,000.
- Re-surfacing of State Street from Main to Locust: \$275,000.

Aldersperson Bauer asked if the resurfacing of State Street would be paid for by city dollars or shared with the State.

Mr. Nicklas explained that when the State resurfaces State Street from Brown's to past the park, the City said we would take care of this part.

- Reconstruction of Locust Street from Exchange Street to Sycamore Street: \$275,000.
- Construction plans for remodeling at the Public Safety building: \$60,000.
- Vehicle and equipment replacement including two Police squads, two used SUVs in the Engineering department, more air packs, laptops for the Police squads, etc.: \$295,200.
- Purchase of a new street sweeper: \$150,000.

FY10 Highlights (May 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010—Total of \$576,300):

The FY2010 capital spending is very dependent on the progress of large capital projects in fiscal years FY08 and FY09. For example, it is very likely that some millions of dollars in treatment plant improvements will fall within that capital year, in light of the many-tiered process of review at other levels of government. So, the relatively small allocation noted is almost certainly going to change in another 12 to 24 months.

The consensus of Council was to proceed with the capital plan as written.

B. Consideration of an Administration Request for Direction Regarding Possible Tourism Grants in FY08.

City Manager Nicklas said he provided in the background the visions of both of the non-for-profits. He identified the Hotel/Motel fund as a possible source of dollars for the requests of the Sycamore Historical Society and Museum and the Midwest Museum of Natural History. He said the Midwest Museum has requested \$10,000 for capital purposes to help retire the balance of a local loan that was secured in 2004 to complete its building renovation. He said the Sycamore Historical Society and Museum has requested \$10,000 to continue to support a modest stipend for its executive director. Mr. Nicklas said he is recommending Council support for these museums because they have established themselves as centers for learning.

Aldersperson Leach said she is not decided, but she is concerned about using grant money for a loan payoff and also for operating cost because that money may not be available the next year.

Mr. Nicklas said this is not a unique question to wrestle with, but it is up to Council to judge their performance of what they've done and what they will do.

Aldersperson Maness said she thought it was important to note that they are using money that may have been generated from the organizations that have requested the money.

Aldersperson Stowe said he was still hung up on the fact that they have already donated \$500,000 to the Midwest Museum and thought they should support themselves.

Mr. Nicklas said the Sycamore Historical Society does not have a permanent home and to get a permanent home will need help from local, state, and federal dollars.

Mayor Mundy said that Mr. Nicklas is looking for direction.

Mr. Nicklas said that last year Council approved grant support in a one-time opportunity grant to T.A.I.L.S., DCEDC, and VAC and he has placed that same amount of support in the budget for discussion purposes in March.

Aldersperson Bauer suggested putting the grants in and Council will vote on it with a motion.

Mayor Mundy said the outreach they provide is being documented and have averaged about 1000 guests per month between the two of them. He said these two entities attract people to town and encouraged Council to comment and stay in touch with Mr. Nicklas in the next couple of weeks.

C. Consideration of an Administration Request for a Closed Session to Discuss Personnel Matters.

Motion

Aldersperson Kessler moved to go into Closed Session at 9:30 p.m. 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 Kessler moved to return to Open Session at 10:03 p.m. 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.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 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 8 - 0.

Approve:

Mayor - Ken Mundy

Attest:

City Clerk – Candy Smith