
**SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2007**

ROLL CALL

Mayor Ken Mundy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. 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 Dan Stovall of the Sycamore Baptist Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Mundy added a Fair Housing Proclamation to the Agenda.

Motion

Alderperson Maness moved to approve the agenda as amended 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 - None

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting of April 2, 2007.
- B. Payment of the Bills for April 16, 2007 in the amount of \$2,295,061.38.
- C. Plan Commission Minutes for the Meeting of March 12, 2007.

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 reminded everyone that Sunday is Earth Day and of a meeting Tuesday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sycamore Park District Clubhouse to discuss the Larson Park project and Wednesday, April 25 a similar meeting to discuss Brothers Park.

Mayor Mundy noted that this was the last Council meeting of Fiscal Year 2007 and said he wanted to thank appointed and elected people serving the City. Because this was her final Council meeting, Mayor Mundy specifically thanked Alderperson Barbara Leach for her service to the City. He said there are 9,698 registered voters in Sycamore and according to County Clerk Sharon Holmes, only 20% of those vote. He encouraged the public to get out and vote. He also read a list of facts to balance misleading statements by “negative nabobs” to

show a different view of the City he is proud of. Mayor Mundy noted future dates for Cinco de Mayo celebration – May 5, Mayor’s Memorial Day Breakfast – May 28, and Kiwanis Pancake Day – April 21.

- A. Proclamation Declaring April 27, 2007 Arbor Day in the City of Sycamore, Illinois.
- B. Proclamation Declaring May 7-13 as Public Service Recognition Week in the City of Sycamore, Illinois.
- C. Proclamation Declaring May 19, 2007 as Kids Day America/International.
- D. Proclamation Declaring April, 2007 Fair Housing month.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Manager – Bill Nicklas thanked Alderperson Barbara Leach for her dedicated service and commended her for attending many meetings to gather information. Mr. Nicklas said hopefully next week some ground would be scraped at the Fire Station 2 site and he suggested holding a ground breaking ceremony that week. He said a specific date would be forwarded to Council.

Engineer – John Brady said that Fire Station 2 site work, including storm, sanitary, water, moving dirt, staging area, and hauling in rock should begin later this week and continue for 5 or 6 weeks.

Building & Zoning – Lyle Doty reported that an occupancy certificate was issued for the Park District maintenance building on Airport Road and he has issued a permit for the second building in the Gateway Medical Subdivision.

Fire Chief – Bill Riddle said that April 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. the County Health Department will be collecting electronics for recycling and May 5th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. DeKalb County Farm Bureau will collect household hazardous waste items. He also noted that during last Wednesday’s snow storm the Fire Department ran over 20 calls for service including 3 rollover accidents, a fire in Elburn, a fire in Kingston, and 3 codes.

Treasurer/Asst. City Manager – Brian Gregory reported that March Treasurer’s report’s benchmark is 91.75% with revenues at 97.84% and expenditures at 77.26%. He said there is a link on the website for the first time homebuyer program.

Public Works Supt. – Fred Busse – no report

Water Supt. – Ebe Smith reported that hydrant flushing started today and will continue through next Wednesday. He also reported that once Well #6 was started and had pumped a little water, the motor seized up and was pulled and under inspection. He said they should have the pump back in by the end of the week.

Acting Police Chief – Darrell Johnson said he would hold his comment for two items on the agenda.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance – Chairperson Bauer reported that all ordinances are on the agenda.

Ordinance –no report

Police & Fire – no report

Sewer & Water – no report

Streets & Walks – Chairperson Kessler said they met earlier to approve meeting minutes.

PUBLIC HEARING - None

ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance No. 2006.74—An Ordinance Concerning the Adoption of the Combined Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

City Manager Nicklas said a budget workshop lead by the Finance Committee was held March 21st and a Public Hearing was held April 2nd.

Motion

Aldersperson Bauer moved to hear ordinance 2006.74 on first and second reading 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.

Motion

Aldersperson Maness moved to approve Ordinance 2006.74 and Aldersperson Leach seconded the motion.

Mr. Nicklas said during the review they touched on an additional \$10,000 in the Mayor/Council budget that was identified, but not allocated. He said if this is approved, he would invite proposals from community groups requesting grants. He said that the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund has allocated \$10,000 each specific to two local museums. He said if the budget is passed that money is allocated to those groups, but if they prefer to take that as a separate sitting, they would need to take action for that.

Aldersperson Bauer said this is a large plan with a lot of information, but one thing not included is that Mr. Nicklas has been charged with developing a funding source for road improvement during this year.

Amended Motion

Aldersperson Paulsen moved to remove the dedicated allocation of \$20,000 for the two museums in the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund in order to take that up at a future time and Aldersperson Stowe seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

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

Aldersperson Kessler said she appreciated the work the administration and the department heads do creating the budget and adhering to it. She said she was pleased with the budget and thought it would serve the citizens well.

Aldersperson Stowe also thanked the staff for their work on the budget.

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.

B. Ordinance No. 2006.75--An Ordinance Amending Title 1, "Administration," Chapter 10, "Personnel Rules," of the City Code of the City of Sycamore, Illinois to Authorize Non-Elective Positions in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

City Manager Nicklas explained that this ordinance basically "counts" the employees in the budget by adopting a new list of appointments.

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to hear ordinance 2006.75 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 2006.75 and Aldersperson Leach 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.

C. Ordinance No. 2006.76--An Ordinance Establishing Offices and Fixing the Compensation of Certain Appointed Officers of the City of Sycamore, County of DeKalb, State of Illinois for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the First Day of May, 2007 and Ending on the Thirtieth Day of April 2008. First and Second Reading.

City Manager Nicklas said this is commonly known as the salary ordinance.

Motion

Aldersperson Maness moved to hear ordinance 2006.76 on first and second reading 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.

Motion

Aldersperson Maness moved to approve Ordinance 2006.76 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, and Stowe voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

D. Ordinance No. 2006.77—An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Budget. First and Second Reading.

City Manager Nicklas explained that the changes have been authorized by Council throughout the fiscal year and this will prepare for an organized audit.

Motion

Aldersperson Bauer moved to hear ordinance 2006.77 on first and second reading 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.

Motion

Aldersperson Kessler moved to approve Ordinance 2006.77 and Aldersperson Knuth 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. 2006.78—An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission With Regard to the Final Plat for Phase Two of the Thanks America Commercial Subdivision in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

City Manager Nicklas said the plat defines Lots 1 – 7 of the Commercial Division of the Thanks America subdivision and will be zone “M-1” Light Manufacturing.

Motion

Aldersperson Maness moved to hear ordinance 2006.78 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 2006.78 and Aldersperson Maness 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.

F. Ordinance No. 2006.79—An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission With Regard to the Final Plat for the Gateway Medical Subdivision. First and Second Reading.

City Manager Nicklas explained that this plat combines three lots into one to accommodate a large clinic prospect on the new Lot One.

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to hear ordinance 2006.79 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 Alderpersons voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

Motion

Alderperson Paulsen moved to approve Ordinance 2006.79 and Alderperson Kessler seconded the motion.

Alderperson Kessler said this is an example of how we are getting different medical providers and specialists in the area. She said this is one of many steps coming down the road and we are seeing the fruits of our labor.

Roll call vote

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

G. Ordinance No. 2006.80—An Ordinance Amending Title 6, “Motor Vehicles and Traffic,” Chapter 4, “Traffic Schedules,” Section 6-4-1, “Stop Intersections,” and Section 6-4-4, “Yield Streets,” in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

City Manager Nicklas said this is intended to bring the City Code up to date with the addition of new intersections.

Motion

Alderperson Paulsen moved to hear ordinance 2006.80 on first and second reading 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.

Motion

Alderperson Paulsen moved to approve Ordinance 2006.80 and Alderperson Leach seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

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

RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 489--Reallocating the City of Sycamore’s Private Activity Bond Volume Cap for the Year 2007 to the Illinois Housing Development Authority for the Purpose of Issuing Mortgage Credit Certificates in the City of Sycamore, Illinois.

City Manager Nicklas said in 2007 the City’s “authority” will be \$85 per capita or \$1,263,610 based on a Census-based population of 14,866. He said it is ultimately the lender that will work with the buyers and Diane Hammon has offered to help get the word out to Realtors.

Motion

Alderperson Stowe moved to adopt Resolution No. 489 and Alderperson Maness seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

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

B. Resolution No. 490—Approving a Lease Agreement Between the City of Sycamore and the Bridgeport Corporation for Use of a Portion of the Harvester Square Site for Nursery Purposes.

City Manager Nicklas said on September 5, 2006 the City Council approved a one-year lease with a one-year extension option with the Bridgeport Corporation whose principal owners are Joel and Joan Barczak. He said if the City has not been able to secure IEPA closure regarding its ongoing Brownfield reclamation efforts, the lease could be extended for an additional year under essentially the same terms.

Motion

Aldersperson Kessler moved to approve Resolution No. 490 and Aldersperson Adey seconded the motion.

Aldersperson Bauer said this reminds him of the deal with PJ's and although he wants business owners to be successful, he is not voting for this on principle in fairness to all taxpayers that \$10 is not enough.

Mr. Nicklas said we will have to go out for proposals for the ultimate use of the property, but in the interim there are no comparables and he would be open to suggestions.

Aldersperson Bauer said he thought \$250 would be better, but then said \$10 was fine.

Roll call vote

Mayor Mundy called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Alderspersons Adey, Kessler, Knuth, Leach, Maness, Paulsen, Stowe, and Mayor Mundy voted aye with Aldersperson Bauer voting nay. Motion carried 8 - 1.

C. Resolution No. 491—Providing for the Retirement of Certain Municipal Indebtedness by the Use of Motor Fuel Tax Funds from May 1, 2007 Through April 30, 2008.

City Manager Nicklas said this appropriates up to a sum of \$52,042.50 that correlates with the 1991 IDOT schedule, even though the actual MFT contribution toward debt service on the 2005 bond will be \$50,000 in FY08.

Motion

Aldersperson Paulsen moved to approve Resolution No. 491 and Aldersperson Maness 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.

D. Resolution No. 492—Providing for the Maintenance of Streets and Highways by the City of Sycamore under the Illinois Highway Code from May 1, 2007 Through April 30, 2008.

City Manager Nicklas said the combination of City expenditures for debt service and maintenance authorized by proper agreement with IDOT is \$120,000 and the difference between the authorized total of this Resolution and Resolution 491 is \$67,957.50.

Motion

Aldersperson Leach moved to approve Resolution No. 492 and Aldersperson Adey seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

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

CONSIDERATIONS

A. Consideration of the City’s Final Tax Extension Report.

City Manager Nicklas said the final tax computation report from the DeKalb County Clerk shows the City’s rate setting EAV for 2006 as \$359,225,508 which will result in a City tax rate of \$0.66868 per \$100 EAV, the lowest City tax rate since the late 1950’s.

B. Consideration of a Police Department Recommendation to Award a Contract to Veto Enterprises \$36,594 for Two New Police Squad Cars Under the FY08 City Budget.

Motion

Aldersperson Paulsen moved to award the contract to Veto Enterprises for \$36,594 and Aldersperson Adee seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

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

C. Consideration of a Police Department Recommendation to Award a Contract to AMR Digital Corporation for a Digital In-Car Video Recording System.

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to award the contract to AMR Digital Corporation for \$48,490 and Aldersperson Maness seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

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

D. Consideration of a Closed Session to Discuss Closed Session Minutes.

Motion

Aldersperson Leach moved to go into Closed Session at 8:30 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 Paulsen moved to return to Open Session at 8:47 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

Council returned from Closed Session to approve and release Closed Session minutes discussed and to destroy tapes over 18 months old.

Motion

Aldersperson Maness moved to approve Closed Session Meeting Minutes dated 6/5/06, 6/19/06, 8/21/06, 9/18/06, 1/2/07, 2/15/07, 2/5/07, 2/19/07, and 3/19/07 and Aldersperson Bauer 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 release Closed Session Meeting Minutes dated 9/7/04, 4/4/05, 4/18/05, 3/6/06, 4/3/06, 6/5/06, 6/19/06, 9/18/06, 3/5/07, 2/19/07 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.

Motion

Aldersperson Maness moved to authorize destruction of Closed Session tapes dated from 11/1/04 through 8/22/05 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.

APPOINTMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Aldersperson Leach moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. 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.

Approve:

Mayor - Ken Mundy

Attest:

City Clerk – Candy Smith