
**SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF JULY 2, 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, Darren Knuth, Rich Neubauer, and Chuck Stowe. Alderpersons Terry Kessler, Pete Paulsen and Gregory Taylor were absent.

INVOCATION

Mayor Mundy asked for a moment of silence to reflect on our freedom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

Alderperson Adee moved to approve the agenda and Alderperson Stowe seconded the motion.

Voice vote

Mayor Mundy called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderpersons voted aye. Motion carried 5 - 0.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Dan Pavlich, 617 Sandberg Drive, said he has a property management company and he currently manages condominium and townhouse associations. He said he was representing River Edge Condominium Association off of Mt. Hunger Road and would like to have the sewer charges waived for the irrigation system for common areas.

Mayor Mundy said his request will be taken under advisement and will have discussion with department heads and the City Manager.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting of June 18, 2007.
- B. Payment of the Bills for July 2, 2007 in the amount of \$1,055,943.25.

Alderperson Neubauer asked to revise the minutes by changing the figure stated on Page 11 from \$11,000 to \$15,000.

Motion

Alderperson Bauer moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the change in the minutes and Alderperson Neubauer seconded the motion.

Voice vote

Mayor Mundy called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderpersons voted aye. Motion carried 5 - 0.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND BILLS.

Mayor Mundy introduced Sycamore's most recent Eagle Scout Joe Evans from Troop 49.

Joe Evans said he fulfilled the Eagle Scout requirements June of 2006, but he went away to school and so is just getting around to receiving it. He said his project was building a footbridge over Queen's Creek in McQueen Forest Preserve.

Mayor Mundy said that Upstaging has been enlisted by the County to provide lighting at the Courthouse for the 4th of July. He said there are concerts at the park on Thursdays that are worth attending. He said the Car Show will be held July 29 and the Farmer's Market is open every Sunday from 11:00 to 2:00. Mayor Mundy asked the public to drive safely and watch for pedestrians and bicyclists. He announced that the Mayor's Ad Hoc Growth Management Committee would meet Thursday, July 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Aldersperson Bauer announced that the Sycamore Historical Society would dedicate the Veteran's Memorial at Elmwood Cemetery on Sunday, July 8, at 1:00 p.m.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Manager – Bill Nicklas said he had disbursed descriptions of the secondary water meter pilot program to Council and said those would be posted on our website. He said that when he spoke with Dan Pavlich earlier he did not encourage him to think that the pilot program would be available for commercial use and common areas. He said he would not recommend this and asked for Council direction.

Aldersperson Bauer said the Sewer and Water Committee could not come to a consensus for the residential secondary meters and he said personally he was not in favor of making the program available for commercial use and common areas.

Aldersperson Stowe said he would like to look at the pilot program results first.

Engineer – John Brady reported that Nicor has finished preliminary work on S. California Street and the general contractor Elliott & Wood has started work. He said the intent is to get S. California Street back open at the end of August. He said they may allow delivery trucks in once the stone is down.

Building & Zoning – Lyle Doty – no report.

Fire Chief – Bill Riddle reported that the concrete has been poured and the walls will be going up at Fire Station 2. He said that the NFPA reported that there are more fires on July 4 than any other day of the year. He emphasized that any type of fireworks are illegal in Sycamore.

Treasurer/Asst. City Manager – Brian Gregory said last week \$1.2 million were invested in a 5.27% CD and that rate is down to 4.49%. He said in the second quarter of 2007 the City transferred to the School District \$198,490.

Public Works Director – Fred Busse reported that the traffic lights at DeKalb Avenue and Center Cross will hopefully be restored tomorrow. He also reported that Well #6 has run flawlessly for two start-ups and July 11 the radium removal system will be connected. He said that once Well #6 is up they will start on Well #8.

Asst. P.W. Director – Ebe Smith – no report

Police Chief – Don Thomas reminded everyone to be safe on July 4. He said the Police Department will enforce the law regarding fireworks.

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. 2007.10—An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission With Regard to the Petition of IRED Sycamore, LLC., Inland Real Estate Investment Corporation, and Yvonne Wolfenberger for the Approval of an Annexation Agreement with the City of Sycamore, Illinois for Property Located on the North Side of Plank Road and East of Moose Range Road, and also South of Plank Road Both East and West of Moose Range Road, and the Subsequent Annexation and Rezoning to “R-1,” One Family Residence District, Planned Unit Development and to “C-1,” Neighborhood Business District, Planned Unit Development. Second Reading.**

City Manager Nicklas recommended tabling this ordinance until the July 16 meeting because it is important to have all members of Council present.

Motion

Aldersperson Bauer moved to table Ordinance 2007.10 until the July 16 meeting and Aldersperson Neubauer seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

Mayor Mundy called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Alderspersons Adee, Bauer, Knuth, Neubauer, and Stowe voted aye. Motion carried 5 - 0.

- B. Ordinance No. 2007.11—An Ordinance Annexing the 201.64-Acre Property Located on the North Side of Plank Road and East of Moose Range Road, and also South of Plank Road and Both East and West of Moose Range Road in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. Second Reading.**

Motion

Aldersperson Bauer moved to table Ordinance 2007.11 until the July 16 meeting and Aldersperson Stowe seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

Mayor Mundy called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Alderspersons Adee, Bauer, Knuth, Neubauer, and Stowe voted aye. Motion carried 5 - 0.

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

City Manager Nicklas explained that Alderperson Bauer brought this matter of a pending Illinois house bill that would permit two member of a five-member Council committee to converse about committee business without violating open meetings provisions under state statute to Council's attention at the last meeting. He recommended hearing this on first reading because that bill has not yet been enacted.

RESOLUTIONS - None

CONSIDERATIONS

A. Consideration of an Administration Request for a Meeting of the Water & Sewer Committee on July 16 at 6:15 P.M.

City Manager Nicklas said that Public Works is inviting the Water & Sewer Committee and all interested alderpersons to a demonstration of a mechanical de-watering machine.

Alderperson Bauer asked if they could do this as a demonstration or open house rather than as a committee meeting.

Mr. Nicklas said that committee presence would be useful down the road and would be good background for future decision making.

Mayor Mundy said this was important and strongly recommended Council to attend.

Public Works Director Busse said this is a piece of equipment Council will be voting on in the future. He said he has researched a lot of machines in other municipalities and asked Council to attend the demonstration.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Alderperson Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. and Alderperson Neubauer seconded the motion.

Voice vote

Mayor Mundy called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderpersons voted aye. Motion carried 5 - 0.

Approve:

Mayor - Ken Mundy

Attest:

City Clerk – Candy Smith