
**SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF AUGUST 20, 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, Rich Neubauer, Pete Paulsen, Chuck Stowe, and Gregory Taylor.

INVOCATION

Deacon Chuck Ridulph of Senior Christian Ministry gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

Alderperson Kessler moved to approve the agenda and Alderperson Adee 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

Bart Scharlau, 15586 Whipple Road, said he was frustrated that the questions asked by the audience are not answered. He said he would like to have an answer to the question "Why is Sycamore considering another development when a demand for the current homes has not been established?" He said he lives on the greenbelt on the Comprehensive Plan yet he has no alderperson to represent him. He asked Council to respect those whose backyards will be directly affected.

City Manager Nicklas said as a matter of procedure Council does not address the speakers during Audience to Visitors. He said that he and Mayor Mundy are available during the day to answer questions.

Karen Lyons, 310 Garden Court, quoted a section of the UDO pertaining to permit pacing to approach an overall average of 250 per year starting 2010 and out. She said her name was in the Midweek because she spoke at the last meeting and she received many calls desiring to get rid of the developers. She said the City is in millions of dollars in debt to fulfill the promises we've made and we cannot afford any more. She said there is a middle class and she would like to see diverse neighborhoods because that is what Sycamore is all about.

Phil Cuthbert, 27572 Divine Way, said he moved here from Elmhurst for exactly this reason. He said he did not see anything that Inland was offering as a benefit to Divine Oaks. He said there are 545 properties available in Sycamore and asked why add more. He said he moved here for the openness and would like to keep it that way.

Ann Scharlau, 15586 Whipple Road, expressed her opposition to the annexation. She said July 2003 Alderperson Stowe expressed concern about how much growth was really desired while discussing the Sycamore Creek II annexation. She said that February 2004 Alderperson Paulsen said he could not support additional growth at that time of the Sycamore Creek II Subdivision because of his concern of the school system's ability to build and support quality schools. She related that June of this year Alderperson Kessler said the City and the school district were healthy and strong and Ms. Scharlau said while that may be true today, the City has yet to feel

the impact of more than 3,000 homes approved. She went on to say that Alderperson Knuth has noted that the two fiscal impact studies identified some major deficiencies and those seem to have been ignored by Council. Ms. Scharlau said the Mayor had said to use facts and she quoted from the UDO the purpose and intent to insure that land would be subdivided only when subdivision is necessary to provide for uses of land where market for land exists and which are in the public interest. She argued that in view of the thousands of pending subdivisions and houses already approved and the severe decline of the housing market, this developer has not demonstrated there is any current demand for housing. She said the only prudent vote regarding this annexation would be no.

Ann Thompson, 15350 Whipple Road, asked Council to vote no because we already have enough and suggested Council look for something different in the future like a tennis community or senior housing.

Julie Wiengars, 27660 Gerry Lane, said she moved out here from Schaumburg to escape what is now happening here. She said Sycamore does not want to turn into a Schaumburg. She said she does not think the straightening of Plank Road or providing a safe way to transport people to and from Sycamore should be tied to development.

Carol Quinn, 124 Center Cross, expressed concern about what is happening to Sycamore and urged Council to vote no for the annexation.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting of August 6, 2007.
- B. Payment of the Bills for August 20, 2007 in the amount of \$913,266.43.
- C. Plan Commission Minutes for the Meeting of June 11, 2007.

Motion

Alderperson Bauer moved to approve the Consent Agenda 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 8 - 0.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND BILLS.

- A. Proclamation declaring September 7 and September 8, 2007 as Lions Candy Days in Sycamore, Illinois.
- B. Presentation by Chuck Criswell and Les Gibbons of the Turning Back Time Car Show Committee regarding the successful show on July 29.

June Ehrler thanked the car club and the town for the money the car show earns and gives to the high school scholarship fund in her late husband's name.

Chuck Criswell presented June Ehrler with a check for \$1,750 for the scholarship fund. He also presented checks to Pay It Forward House for \$500, Sycamore Food Pantry for \$1,250, and the Sycamore Police Department for \$4,000. He also presented a plaque for Lt. Cary Singer who works with the committee. Mr. Criswell introduced the committee members who were in the audience Les Gibbons, Guy Stone, Mark Collins, Ray Felts, and those who could not make the meeting Terry Wheeler, Roger Ullmark, Steve Aurand, and Tom Taylor.

Mayor Mundy expressed his appreciation for the committee giving back to the community the successes of the car show.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Manager – Bill Nicklas said the downtown façade grant applications are due Friday and once those are received a meeting of the Architectural Review Committee will be convened.

Engineer – John Brady reported that the rain has slowed progress on the S. California Street project. He they are still working on electrical conduit and storm sewer and maybe in ten days to two weeks curb and gutter will be going in.

Building & Zoning – Lyle Doty said one permit was issued on a new medical building on Hauser Ross Drive and he has two more medical building applications in to review.

Fire Chief – Bill Riddle reported that the floor has been poured in the living quarters and office area in Fire Station II. He said Wednesday they will begin the 5th year of KEC classes at the Fire Station.

Treasurer/Asst. City Manager – Brian Gregory said he had distributed the 1st quarter Treasurer's report with revenue at 26% and expenditures at 13%. He said the auditor will present the financial statement at the 2nd meeting in September.

Public Works Director – Fred Busse said the City received a letter from the Il Dept of Health officially recognizing our water system for maintaining perfect compliance in 2006 for 12 consecutive months in accordance with the Illinois fluoridation law. He said this is the 12th year of continuous compliance.

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

Police Chief – Don Thomas reminded everybody that school starts next week and said there will be 10 areas covered by crossing guards. He asked that everybody drive slowly through school zones.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance – no report

Ordinance – no report

Police & Fire – no report

Sewer & Water – no report

Streets & Walks – no report

PUBLIC HEARING

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 explained that this plan was brought to Plan Commission as a workshop in June 2006 and returned June 11, 2007 for approval and moved to Council for first reading June 18, 2007. He said the Park District has reviewed and recommended this plan for annexation. He said the administration recommendation in the background recommends extending the timing of the first permit to 2012 and the deletion of some language in the agreement.

Roger Brown, Inland Real Estate, 2901 Butterfield Road, Oak Brook, IL, said they would abide by the recommendation in the background.

Chuck Hanlon, Land Vision, said the plan represents and is in concert with the current Comprehensive Plan. He said there is an open-space buffer along Whipple Road with no roadway connections to Whipple Road. He said this in many ways is the final piece of what was forward planning of the B & B and other previous annexations. He said the economy has changed and this is not so much an issue of demand at the moment, but the ability to complete what has been years in the works of planning for this northeast quadrant. He said this development has coordinated roadways and trail ways with previous subdivisions. He said the plan allows a 50-foot buffer from the existing subdivision and may relieve some of the water issues for Devine Oaks. He said this development will also work toward a gateway design with community input. He said the developer will provide right-of-way and \$250,000 toward the realignment of Plank Road and will assume the entire cost of realignment of Moose Range Road. He said when warrants are reached a stoplight will go at the intersection of Plank Road and Moose Range Road. He said they are hoping for approval from the City Council for the last part of a long range plan.

Motion

Aldersperson Bauer moved to approve Ordinance 2007.10 with the pricing and language recommendations and Aldersperson Neubauer seconded the motion.

Aldersperson Knuth said that progress is a flexible word and he did not think that removing farmland was progressive. He said this was a very impressive sales pitch, but the critical question is do we need this and can we afford it and he said the answer has to be no.

Aldersperson Taylor thanked everyone for coming forward to talk about this, but it troubled him to hear that a lot of people came to be near Sycamore, but not in Sycamore. He said he sees a strong City, schools that are planning for the future and under control, a new bus line coming in, a new hospital which is happening because of the population base, and new medical buildings that are the benefit of growth. He said Jewel is coming and there are more shopping choices. He said that growth has been happening at a measured pace. He said he thought the straightening of Plank Road was a County issue and suspected the drainage issues at Devine Oaks would not be worsened by this development.

Aldersperson Neubauer said he was not sure the straightening of Plank Road would prevent accidents. He said according to the traffic study, this development would increase the traffic on Plank Road by 70% which is hardly a prescription for safety. He said the permitting timeline is already surpassing the 250 permits per year in 2010. He said this growth creates strains on our infrastructure and the fiscal impact study calls for tripling the school impact fees.

Aldersperson Adey said this is the wrong time to put anything out there. She said she wanted to slow it down and not use up all the farmland.

Aldersperson Kessler said the \$250,000 figure to straighten Plank Road came from the County engineer. She said she spoke to County Board representatives Anita Turner and John Hulsberg and they are in support of this subdivision because it will improve traffic flow. Ms. Kessler said the 100,000 population of the County is a big deal because we now get recognized by commercial and industrial interests. She said the City of Sycamore is financially strong and working on the infrastructure with a new Well #9, upgrade of sewer system, repair of streets, addition and repair of sidewalks, and building an additional fire station without going to our residents for more taxes. She said if the impact fees increase this subdivision will pay the increased fee and the Park Board said this subdivision is desired. She said she believed all the taxing bodies have weighed in. She said she spoke to 23 people and 20 are for this annexation and 3 are opposed to it. She said she has received no phone calls regarding this issue. She said she thought this was a good development and would support this annexation.

Aldersperson Neubauer said currently the school district impact fees for a four-bedroom house are \$5,560 and the fiscal impact study calls for a minimum defensible impact of \$15,370 for that same home. He said the actual reasonable impact for a four-bedroom would be \$21,818. He said he hoped that Aldersperson Kessler would support him in raising impact fees to \$21,818 so those new houses would pay for themselves. He asked Mr. Nicklas to address Mr. Scharlau's question of why we are considering this annexation.

Mr. Nicklas said the City is obliged to provide fair and equal opportunities to all landowners. Mr. Nicklas also noted that Dr. Emanuelson's study talked about impacts and impact fees, but his figures did not resonate with the school officials at the Ad Hoc meeting.

Mayor Mundy said all the groups are represented in the Ad Hoc Committee and said the School District wanted 60 days to review the data. He said the School District and the Park District will be returning to the Ad Hoc Committee with requests. He said City Council has always passed the recommended impact fees and by Illinois Law the School and Park Districts must go through the City for impact fees.

Aldersperson Stowe said the schools are definitely a concern and he has always asked if they are requesting enough. He said if this annexation does not go through, the School District is still looking to build schools in 2009, 2010, and 2011. He said we need to get the impact fees right.

Aldersperson Paulsen said no matter what decision is made tonight, this has been thought through. He asked if the existing roadways at Plank & Moose Range would become City streets and if so would they be brought up to City standards. He also asked for a description of the 50-foot berm.

Chuck Hanlon explained that they anticipate a berm with plantings on the top with a dip where needed for drainage. He said the final height will be determined upon final grading with regard to drainage. He said regarding the roadways, the provisions and specs of planning would be in terms of how the City would accept it.

Aldersperson Neubauer clarified that he did not think anybody was opposed to growth. He said the question is whether we want explosive growth or moderate growth. He said when he votes no for this annexation he does so with the understanding that they are welcome to come back in five years when we have room.

Roll call vote

Mayor Mundy called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Alderspersons, Kessler, Paulsen, and Stowe voted aye with Aldersperson Adey, Bauer, Knuth, Neubauer, Taylor, and Mayor Mundy voting nay. Motion failed 3 - 6.

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 Stowe moved to approve Ordinance 2007.11 and Aldersperson Adee seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

Mayor Mundy called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Alderspersons Adee, Bauer, Kessler, Knuth, Neubauer, Paulsen, Stowe, Taylor, and Mayor Mundy voted nay. Motion failed 0 - 9.

Mayor Mundy said the vote on this issue has been held over in order to have the full corporate authority in attendance. He said obviously the road and drainage are not worth it to those outside the corporate limits. He noted that two members of the Plan Commission are representative of those outside the corporate limits. He said that lowering the speed limit may make a difference in the safety of Plank Road.

RESOLUTIONS - None

CONSIDERATIONS

A. Consideration of an Administration Recommendation Regarding a Grant Request to Assist with the Relocation of a New Industrial Business to the City of Sycamore, Illinois.

City Manager Nicklas said this is an exciting prospect of the relocation an industrial company from Elgin and introduced Bob Boey, co-owner of Sycamore Industrial Park.

Bob Boey said he was joined by his partner Mike Kreiger from Connecticut, and Jim Darrow of Elgiloy. He said it is important to bring manufacturing jobs to the area that also bring with them professional positions that in turn brings this area to the next level. He said they are requesting the City's help to separate metering of power and gas for this company.

Jim Darrow, Elgiloy, said the company began in 1865 as Elgin Watch Company and developed Elgiloy and have processed 51 more alloys. He said they have expanded 5 times and now are separating with wire and strip operations. He said they always try to find sites that are manufacturing friendly. He said the move will cost between \$400,000 and \$600,000 and will use local contractors and are asking the City for \$30,000 to help separate the gas and electric meters.

Roger Hopkins, Executive Director DCEDC, said when you look at the wages generated by a new company like this it is usually returned many times over in job and sales tax revenue. He said he thought this company would be a good addition to Sycamore.

Motion

Aldersperson Kessler moved to approve the grant of \$30,000 for Elgiloy relocation and Aldersperson Knuth seconded the motion.

Aldersperson Paulsen welcomed the business to the community and said we will more than recoup this \$30,000 in the way of wages.

Mayor Mundy expressed appreciation for Mr. Boey's distinguished record for business attraction and retention. He said he has been a strong partner with Sycamore in turning a plant that could have sat empty into productive use.

Alderson Neubauer said he supported this grant, but wanted to issue it in the form of property tax abatement over five years. He said this would absolve the City of the business risk which should be born by the private sector. He said he thought the \$30,000 found in the fuel fund should be added to the 2007 street maintenance budget. He said he felt it was irresponsible to treat this in any way other than a tax abatement.

Mr. Boey said it is a matter of cash flow and Mr. Darrow has signed a 5-year lease.

Alderson Neubauer suggested they could get a loan for \$30,000. He said a tax abatement is more prudent for the City because it is not subject to business risk.

Mayor Mundy said the City has a history of investing in business retention with \$500,000 to Ideal for Sycamore Prairie Business Park and to Driv-Lok to help the employees purchase the business. He said this is an opportunity for Sycamore and there is an urgency here that Council needs to appreciate.

Alderson Neubauer said he was in favor of granting the \$30,000 and at worst it would cost the company \$2,000 over the 5-year tax abatement.

Motion

Alderson Neubauer moved to amend the original motion to make this a tax abatement grant over five years and Alderson Bauer seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

Mayor Mundy called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Aldersons Adey and Neubauer voted aye with Aldersons Bauer, Kessler, Knuth, Paulsen, Stowe, and Taylor voting nay. Motion failed 2 - 6.

Roll call vote (original motion)

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

B. Consideration of a Professional Services Agreement with the Daley Group.

City Manager Nicklas explained that the current contract expired August 1 and the question is whether to extend that contract for another year. He said the projects being worked on for federal support are the Harvester Square Brownfield Site and Bethany Road reconstruction from Peace to Somonauk.

Patricia Daley said the appropriations have been submitted and currently the House has passed all the appropriations and have been sent to the Senate. She said before the August recess they only passed appropriations for Homeland Security. She said in the next 60 days the Senate will probably pass all the bills which are above the President's budget and she thinks he will veto them. She said they will go back to the House and Senate and she said she could not predict the outcome. She said with the new Congress and the transparency issue, it is difficult to move projects forward, but there is light at the end of the tunnel. She said the transportation reauthorization bill does not face the new appropriation process and will occur in February or March of 2008.

Mr. Nicklas proposed suspension of the contract until the first of February because we are not seeing business happening on the Senate side. He said he is being prudent at this point to suggest a moratorium on spending on this lobbying contract until February 2008, but he still wants the City to maintain a relationship with the Daley Group.

Ms. Daley said her company is bi-partisan, but the situations with the war, New Orleans, and the recent bridge collapse require much of the money.

Mr. Nicklas said it is important we jockey for position this coming federal fiscal year for the transportation reauthorization bill.

Ms. Daley said that bill comes up every 6 years and is worth hundreds of millions of dollars. She said it will be important for Sycamore to decide what projects they want to go after.

Mayor Mundy asked if we were still in the hunt.

Ms. Daley said that Bethany Road is still in the works and the City needs to establish priorities for the transportation reauthorization bill.

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to follow the City Manager's recommendation to suspend the Daley Group contract until February 4, 2008 and Aldersperson Paulsen seconded the motion.

Aldersperson Kessler asked if February 4 was a good date or did they want to think about the second week in January.

Mr. Nicklas said he was considering the second meeting in February because then they would know what the President's pet projects are.

Roll call vote

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

C. Consideration of Various Proposals for the Use of City Property at 1730 N. Main Street.

City Manager Nicklas explained the Engh family farmstead was donated to the City spring of 2005 and was recently vacated by the farm tenants. He said the DeKalb County Probation Department and the Sycamore Historical Society will each present their proposals and Council will have an opportunity to provide direction on how to proceed.

Alice Elliott, Juvenile Supervisor for DeKalb County Court Services, proposed using the farmstead for a group foster home for cooling off periods for juveniles detained for domestic violence. She said they are in need of foster homes to provide rules, regulations, and rewards for these children. She said a safe house is needed for kids that need a place to cool off and ideally these would be short-term stays. She said this would look like a typical house with the kids mowing the lawn or playing ball outdoors. She said the improvements required by the City would be to make it handicapped accessible.

Mayor Mundy asked about the likely population.

Ms. Elliott said there can never be more than five at any one time, but the foster family selected may have children which would lower that number.

Mayor Mundy asked about people coming and going and about family visits.

Ms. Elliott said it would not be like a group home because a family would live there. She said that any family visitation would be off-site in order to maintain confidentiality of the family environment.

Aldersperson Neubauer asked the typical length of stay.

Ms. Elliott said there is a 72-hour cooling off period, but under special circumstances the stay may last two weeks.

Aldersperson Kessler expressed concern about the criteria for placement in the safe house and the screening process.

Ms. Elliott said they would not accept anybody that would put the foster family in danger. She said currently the arresting police officer has a screening tool with a point system that determines if the child should be detained. She said typically that child would be detained in a juvenile detention center. She said they are working on the safe house project as well as finding longer-term foster care.

Aldersperson Kessler said she would need to know the parameters before allowing this type of housing in Sycamore.

Aldersperson Knuth asked if the foster family was a permanent fixture.

Ms. Elliott said they would be and her department would pay them to live there and an adult would have to be present around the clock. She thanked the City for the opportunity to present their proposal.

Michelle Donahoe, Executive Director of the Sycamore Historical Society and Museum, said they are currently located in the lower level of the Sycamore Center and are out of space for exhibits, programs and the collection. She said the core of their mission is to collect, study, research, preserve, and exhibit artifacts and archival material of the Sycamore area. She said the Engh farm is a good fit for space, the farm site – since agriculture is an important part of Sycamore history, and the site lends itself to a wide variety of programming possibilities. Ms. Donahoe said they would attract new volunteers with agricultural ties to the area. She said the Historical Society is actively working toward establishing an endowment in an annual giving campaign that would provide them with long-range financial stability, but for now they would offer \$1 per month rent. She said this would be a good fit with the objective of the Comprehensive Plan because they would help to preserve the community's small-town feel through their collections, exhibits, and programs. She said that land would not just be green space with an old farm, but would be a place to visit to discover the community's past.

Aldersperson Neubauer asked if they anticipated being able to provide more programming.

Ms. Donahoe said they do ongoing programs with girl scouts and boy scouts and hope to offer summer camps.

Aldersperson Taylor said both were noble organizations, but he would like to open this up to comments from local residents. He said this is a valuable piece of property and it would be good to get input.

Aldersperson Neubauer said it was his understanding that Mr. Engh's preference was that the farm be used for the Historical Society.

Mr. Nicklas said at the time of the donation they did not have that conversation. He said Mr. Engh made it clear that he had approached the Park District, but was not given any encouragement to proceed with negotiation. He said the end use was not part of the discussion.

Aldersperson Stowe said he preferred Option 3 because they definitely need to hear other ideas and felt there was no rush to move things. He said he thought the Court services presentation was fuzzy and needed more specifics. He said we are already underwriting Sycamore Historical Society with a grant and would like to see them on better financial feet before they take on something like this. He does not want to see different agencies becoming part of the budget for the City.

Aldersperson Neubauer said he spoke with Ted Strack of the Park Board who said he would like to see this donated to the Sycamore Park District. He said his inclination was to pass this on to the Park District and let them go through public notice. He said that Mr. Strack said the Park Board would be discussing this at their next meeting.

Aldersperson Kessler said she would rather get proposals from other areas and disagreed that saying this is a recreation thing because that would rule out the Court system. She said she would like to put feelers out to see who might be interested.

Mayor Mundy said part of the land is dedicated to the water tower and well and asked what land area will be available for other uses.

City Engineer Brady said plenty of land will be required to paint the water tower and to drill the well. He said they will need to fully define the space and access needed by the City.

Aldersperson Adee said she agreed with Option 3 and they need to think about this for a while.

Aldersperson Paulsen said they need to see what interest there is and see if the Park District might consider taking the property.

Mr. Nicklas said that Option 3 and 4 are not mutually exclusive because if we go out for proposals, we would send one to the Park District. He said for Option 3 he would prepare a formal RFP that would include the area required by the City.

Aldersperson Bauer said there is a lot of potential and said this might be too much property for the Court Services and he said he thought the goal of the Historical Society was to be in the downtown area. He said that Tom Woodstrup, founder of the Historical Society, said that Harry Engh wanted the Historical Society to have it, but frustrated as negotiations with the Park district broke down, Mr. Engh turned the property over to the City.

Aldersperson Neubauer asked if they wanted to accommodate both requests, could the City work with the County to find a safe home in another location.

Mr. Nicklas said they collaborate with the County on many occasions and would be happy to work with them.

Mayor Mundy asked County representative Russ Josh if the County had pursued other locations.

Rush Josh, County Probation Officer, said they want a nurturing place for children who have a lot of sadness in their lives. He said they like this site for the location that is somewhat removed and has a capability for some programs.

The consensus of Council was to open this up to all the possible uses.

D. Consideration of a Recommendation from the City Engineer to Award a Contract for the 2007 Street Maintenance Program.

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to award the contract to the lowest bidder Curran Construction for \$279,052.80 and Aldersperson Paulsen seconded the motion.

Aldersperson Bauer asked if the Peace Road Median was deleted. He said he realized they could not fix all the streets and they had just given \$30,000 to Elgiloy and to say there is \$400,000 of unallocated money in the fuel fund is hard to sell from an alderman's standpoint.

Mr. Nicklas said he was directed to eliminate the Peace Road Median. He said the City goes year to year on the fuel fund and that can be removed by the legislature of the State of Illinois at any session. He said they have guarded that prudently and that is the only emergency money the City has from the general capital fund balance. He said today he met with the director of the Illinois Taxpayer Association and the purpose of that meeting was to let us know that there is a Senate bill that will probably move forward in the next session that will do away with point of sale agreements. He said it is very likely the champion of that bill will be the next head of the Senate. He said with that in mind, that money is precious.

Roll call vote

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

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

Motion

Aldersperson Taylor moved to go into Closed Session at 10:25 p.m. and Aldersperson Neubauer seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

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

Motion

Aldersperson Kessler moved to return to Open Session at 10:44 p.m. and Aldersperson Taylor seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

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

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 p.m. 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.

Approve:

Mayor - Ken Mundy

Attest:

City Clerk – Candy Smith