
**SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 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

Father Timar of St. Mary's Catholic Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

Alderperson Taylor 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

John Garman, 350 Grant Street, said as Sycamore's #1 fan, he was glad the Council was recognizing the Football Team for their great year.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting of November 5, 2007.
- B. Payment of the Bills for November 19, 2007 in the amount of \$2,456,326.03.
- C. Plan Commission Minutes for the Meeting of October 8, 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 Bauer reminded residents to rake their leaves onto their parkways and not into the street because they plug the storm sewers.

Mayor Mundy expressed his thankfulness for being able to serve such a great community.

- A. Recognition of the 2007 Sycamore High School Football Team for their successful season and post-season play.

Coach Ryan said he appreciated the opportunity for the team to be recognized by Council.

B. Recognition of Roger Hopkins for his service to the City of Sycamore. Mr. Hopkins, executive director of the DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation since 1988, is leaving his position to take a similar position in DuPage County.

Roger Hopkins thanked Council for the recognition, but reminded Council that they are the ones who sit in judgment and make the policy decisions and funding decisions and the commitment to make this a wonderful community. He said he appreciated their past support.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Manager – Bill Nicklas said there will be Public Hearings on the Corporate Levy and on the options for public funding for street maintenance on the next agenda.

Engineer – John Brady said he recently received FEMA's new preliminary flood insurance rate maps and study and he would review and thought that sometime in late 2008 the City should be ready to adopt the new map.

Building & Zoning – Lyle Doty said last week he had the pleasure of participating in the final inspection of the new Suter Building on Bethany Road. He said it is a remarkable building and they are almost ready to move in.

Fire Chief – Bill Riddle said the DeKalb County Marines Toys for Tots drive will run throughout the community until December 15th. He said that all toys collected would stay local.

Treasurer/Asst. City Manager – Brian Gregory said the October Treasurer's report reflects a 50% benchmark and outside the Transfers, revenues are at 53.86% and expenditures are at 32.36%. He said he broke out the Transfers on a separate page. He noted that the Blue Line bus route schedule is on the City's website. Asst. City Manager/Treasurer Gregory said he is anticipating about \$15,500 from FEMA for overtime and expenditures during the August flood.

Public Works Director – Fred Busse stated that the leaf pickup program will officially end November 29 and encouraged residents to get leaves raked to the curb over the weekend. He said they will be outfitting one of the trucks for spreading salt this week. He said Waste Management's last yard waste pickup will be next week.

Assistant Public Works Director – Ebe Smith said the water main tie-in at Mt. Hunger and Route 23 has been completed and is being tested before going into the system. He said the Water Department is using a laptop to read water meters in the new subdivision and all of Reston Ponds can be read from the truck parked at the corner of Bethany and Somonauk Roads.

Police Chief – Don Thomas said this Wednesday through Sunday is the biggest travel time in the United States and reminded everyone to wear seat belts and to use designated drivers if drinking. He said that Officer Ann Carlson will be returning to work on Monday, December 3, and there will be a reception for her at 11:30 a.m. at the training room. He also mentioned that the Police Department won Ben Gordon's Dodge Ball Tournament.

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. 2007.29—An Ordinance Approving the Execution of an Agreement Between the City of Sycamore, Illinois and the IMLRMA for Worker’s Compensation and Liability Coverage for City Employees. First and Second Reading.

City Manager Nicklas explained that Human Resources Director Jean Tritle requested quotes from three other agencies who all felt that, considering our past losses, we were getting a good rate from IMLRMA.

Human Resources Director Tritle said the City has been working hard with the Safety Committee and the employees to get our loss ratios down. She said the employees are doing a great job, but unfortunately this will not be reflected for the next year or two.

Motion

Aldersperson Kessler moved to hear ordinance 2007.29 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 2007.29 and Aldersperson Stowe seconded the motion.

Aldersperson Kessler thanked the Safety Committee and Ms. Tritle for keeping Council abreast of their work with risk management. She said the City has high risk professions such as police, fire, and public works and when the insurance is calculated it is much different than those businesses with all office work.

Roll call vote

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

B. Ordinance No. 2007. 30—An Ordinance Amending Title 6, “Motor Vehicles and Traffic,” Chapter 4, “Traffic Schedules,” Section 1, “Stop Intersections,” and Section 12, “No Parking Zones” of the City Code of the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

City Manager Nicklas said part of this creates stop signs for new streets and the other part restricts parking along Sarah Drive on either side both east and west of the intersection of Peace Road.

Motion

Aldersperson Paulsen moved to hear ordinance 2007.30 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 Paulsen moved to approve Ordinance 2007.30 and Aldersperson Neubauer 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, and Taylor voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

RESOLUTIONS - None

CONSIDERATIONS

A. Consideration of a Recommendation from the Architectural Review Committee to Extend a Façade Grant of \$3,150 to Rod Griffis.

City Manager Nicklas explained that this request was for tuck-pointing the façade of the Blue Moon Bike Shop building.

Motion

Aldersperson Knuth moved to award a Façade Grant of \$3,150 to Rod Griffis 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, and Taylor voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

B. Consideration of a Fire Department Recommendation to Award a Contract to Foster Coach Sales for a Replacement Ambulance in the Amount of \$107,064.00.

City Manager Nicklas said the bid includes the trade-in value of the 1996 vehicle.

Aldersperson Kessler asked what “complete exception” meant.

Fire Chief Riddle said they specified that all ambulances have the equipment in the same place and that vendor chose to go with their own design.

Aldersperson Bauer asked if there was an estimated delivery date.

Chief Riddle said they are looking at 150 to 160 days.

Motion

Aldersperson Paulsen moved to award the contract to Foster Coach Sales for \$107,064.00 and Aldersperson Bauer seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

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

C. Consideration of an Administration Request for a Closed Session to Discuss Land Acquisition.

Motion

Aldersperson Paulsen moved to go into Closed Session at 7:50 p.m. 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 Kessler moved to return to Open Session at 8:00 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.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 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