

**SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA
March 3, 2008**

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No Committee Meetings Are Scheduled

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**Regular City Council Meeting
7:00 P.M.**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. INVOCATION**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 5. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS**
- 6. CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting of February 18, 2008.**
 - B. Payment of the Bills for March 3, 2008.**
- 7. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND BILLS.**
- 8. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**
- 9. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**
- 10. PUBLIC HEARINGS**
 - A. Public Hearing on the City of Sycamore's Notice of Intent for its General Permit Issued by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for Discharges from the City's Storm Sewer System.**

Under federal law, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has permit authority to control stormwater discharge to local streams. Municipalities are partners in this system of control through local ordinances (e.g. the Sycamore Unified Development Ordinance) and through general permits with the IEPA. Such general municipal permits run for five years, and describe the general types of runoff that are permissible. The key receiving streams in the Sycamore area are the east and south branches of the Kishwaukee River and Blue Heron Creek.

The purpose of the public hearing is to give interested citizens an opportunity to comment on the proposed five-year extension to the City's present IEPA permit. A copy of the general permit application is appended to this agenda.

11. ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance No. 2007.58—An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Sycamore and the Sycamore Park District Regarding the Receipt of Land/Cash Fees and Indemnification. Second Reading.

On February 18, the City Council reviewed an intergovernmental agreement requiring the Park Board to indemnify the City for costs arising from legal challenges as to the appropriateness, amount, or timing of any land/cash contribution. Some suggestions were recommended by the Council which have been incorporated in the revised attachment.

Specifically, the agreement has been revised to include the following:

- A stipulation that all monthly billings will be paid "in full" (see paragraph 2,A);
- A stipulation that the reimbursable City expenses will include both reasonable legal costs and administrative costs. The billable administrative staff time includes time needed to gather documents, give depositions or otherwise participate in court proceedings, formal responses to public inquiries as to the validity of impact fees or the schedule used to charge such fees, etc. (see Paragraph 2,A).

City Council approval is recommended.

B. Ordinance No. 2007.61—An Ordinance Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Sycamore and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council, Representing Sycamore F.O.P. Lodge No. 133. First and Second Reading.

The labor contract between the City of Sycamore and F.O.P. Lodge 133 expires on April 30, 2008. In January, representatives of the Illinois F.O.P. Labor Council and Lodge 133 met with City management representatives to negotiate the terms of a new collective bargaining agreement. A tentative agreement has been reached. The key terms of the tentative agreement are as follows:

1. A 4% increase in wage schedule steps.
2. A one-year term. In view of the uncertainty attending the local and regional economy at this time, it was agreed that both parties should resist longer-term financial commitments. The parties will return to the bargaining table in a year to re-consider the economic terms and conditions of the contract.

F.O.P. Lodge 133 has ratified the agreement, subject to the City Council's approval. City Council approval is recommended.

C. Ordinance No. 2007.62—An Ordinance Amending Title 6, “Motor Vehicles and Traffic,” Chapter 4, “Traffic Schedules,” Section 6-4-14, “All-Night Parking,” of the City Code of the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

The attached ordinance prohibits parking in the Sycamore Center between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. to permit snow removal in the colder months and sweeping in the warmer months. This restriction had been assumed but it was recently discovered that it had not been codified in the City Code after the City purchase of the former Henderson lot.

City Council approval is recommended.

12. RESOLUTIONS--None

13. CONSIDERATIONS

A. Consideration of a Request from the Sycamore Park District Regarding the Park Land/Cash Fee.

The Sycamore Park Board met to reconsider their proposed impact fee increase on Tuesday, February 26. By a vote of 3-1 (Jahnel absent), the Board voted to table further consideration of a proposed fee increase until the Park Board meeting in May. Board president Larry Steczo explained that this action would provide time for Board members to visit with City Council members and members of the community who may have pertinent views on this topic. In view of the Park Board's decision, no Council action is recommended at this time.

14. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

15. APPOINTMENTS

16. ADJOURNMENT