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**SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2008**

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**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**

Elder William Bridgewater of the Israel of God Church gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Mundy moved appointments to follow Ordinance 2008.01.

**Motion**

Alderperson Kessler moved to approve the agenda and Alderperson 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.

**AUDIENCE TO VISITORS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting of April 21, 2008.
- B. Approval of the Closed Session Meeting Minutes dated 4/7/08; 3/17/08; 2/18/08; 2/4/08; 1/21/08; 12/17/07; 12/3/07; 11/19/07; 11/5/07; 10/15/07.
- C. Release of Closed Session Meeting Minutes dated 10/15/07 and 9/4/07.
- D. Authorization for the destruction of Closed Session tapes dated from 5/1/06 through 9/18/06.
- E. Payment of the Bills for May 5, 2008 in the amount of \$2,273,307.79.

**Motion**

Alderperson Bauer moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Alderperson Taylor 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.**

Mayor Mundy said the City turns 150 years old this month and noted there would be cake and Culver's on the Courthouse lawn Friday evening and Saturday would be a picnic in the park. He said there were tickets available for the Mayor's Memorial Day Breakfast. He also announced that he had held a press conference before the meeting announcing that he would be seeking another term as Mayor.

- A. Recognition of MPA intern Adam Orton's promotion to the full-time permanent position of Accounting Supervisor.

City Manager Nicklas said that Adam Orton just graduated from the Public Administration Program at NIU with a perfect 4.0 and won the Model Public Administrator Award (Pre-Service).

Mr. Orton said he was excited about working full time and thanked Council for the opportunity. He also thanked the City for supporting the MPA Intern Program.

- B. Introduction of Paid-On-Call firefighter Nick Young who has completed the three-year college intern program.

Fire Chief Riddle presented POC firefighter Nick Young with a certificate and a trophy award for his achievement.

- C. Proclamation focusing attention on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the GFWC Sycamore Women's Club during the week of May 5, 2008.

Mary Safford, President of the Women's Club introduced members that were in the audience and listed the many charities they have supported.

- D. Proclamation declaring the week of May 5 to May 9, 2008 as Public Employee Appreciation Week in the City of Sycamore, Illinois.

## **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

Manager – Bill Nicklas said that tax bills are out and noted that besides the bottom line, the City gets about 60¢ for every \$100 of EAV for a range of services that is considerably greater, wider, and deeper than even five years ago.

Engineer – John Brady reported that the plans and specs for the State and Main Street project were just about finished and would be released for bid next week.

Building & Zoning – Lyle Doty said construction has started on Superior Industries on Afton Road.

Fire Chief – Bill Riddle said the firefighters do a good job of mentoring the interns.

Treasurer/Asst. City Manager – Brian Gregory said the new fiscal year began May 1 and he would bring numbers that will be on a cash basis where we finished up to the next meeting. He said the auditors will be here the end of June and those reports should be completed in early fall. He said the City is two weeks shy of a quarter with no time lost.

Police Chief – Don Thomas said he wanted to thank the Women's Club for the quilts they give the Police Department. Chief Thomas said a nine-year-old paper boy, Ethan Hall, noticed papers accumulating at an elderly woman's home and went home and called the police. He said there was a 92-year-old woman inside who had fallen and was taken to Kish Hospital with severe dehydration. He said the story was on CNN.

Public Works Director – Fred Busse reported that he attended a seminar on the Emerald Ash Borer presented by the University of Illinois Extension at the Farm Bureau where he discovered that even though we are in the quarantined area there have not been any Borer sightings in this area. He said it was interesting that the people that actually suspend the Emerald Ash Borer traps are members of Homeland Security and do have the right by federal law to trespass on property.

Assistant Public Works Director – Ebe Smith said there are 7 participants in the secondary watering program and there is room for a few more before the program ends in October.

## **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. 2008.01—An Ordinance Amending Title 1, “Administration,” Chapter 6, “City Council,” Section 1-6-5, “Committees” of the City Code of the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

Mayor Mundy said he felt that most committee business would fit into the three categories of Finance, Public Safety, and Public Works. He said this would not preclude the ability of Council to meet as a whole to discuss issues.

#### **Motion**

Aldersperson Bauer moved to hear Ordinance 2008.01 on first and second reading and Aldersperson Neubauer 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 2008.01 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.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Mundy appointed Alan Bauer-Chairperson, Terry Kessler, Pete Paulsen, Chuck Stowe, Gregory Taylor to Finance; Pete Paulsen– Chairperson, Grace Adee, Alan Bauer, Darren Knuth, Rich Neubauer to Public Safety Committee; Chuck Stowe – Chairperson, Terry Kessler, Darren Knuth, Rich Neubauer, Gregory Taylor to Public Works Committee; George Bridgewater, Bill Davey, and Bill Lorence to Plan Commission until 2010; Beth Krogman and Dave Willey to Zoning Board of Appeals until 2013; Jeff Peterson to Fire & Police Commission until 2011; Marc Doty and Jeff Rolczynski to Fire Pension Board until 2011; Katie Johnson to Police Pension Board until 2010; Edward Curzon and Jesus Romero to Human Relations Committee until 2012; Rose Tremel and Jim Huntley to Economic Development Commission until 2011; and Kathi Shipper, Lois Anderson, and Ron Bemis to the Library Board until 2011.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Kessler moved to approve the appointments 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.

Mayor Mundy said these are all volunteer positions and expressed gratitude for the work the committee members do for the City.

**RESOLUTIONS - None**

**CONSIDERATIONS**

**A. Consideration of a Contract Award for the Procurement of Certain Equipment Items for Phase One of the Solids Handling Improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant on North Cross Street.**

City Manager Nicklas said action was postponed for these items at last meeting for further review. He said they are recommending a departure from the lowest bid for 3 items because of failure to meet certain specifications.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Stowe moved to award the bids according to the recommendation (ATAD System to Thermo Process for \$1,397,041; Plant Drain Lift Station to Metro for \$58,890; Effluent Reuse System to Metro for \$33,829; Chopper Pumps to LAI for \$24,800; Rotary Lobe Pumps to Riley Fluid for \$39,250; Polymer System to LAI for \$33,750; Chemical Feed System to LAI for \$28,342; Rotary Drum Thickener to Parkson for \$178,912; Shaftless Screw Conveyor to Spirac for \$44,442; Coarse Bubble Aeration Equipment to Aquarius Tech for \$8,950; and Chemical Storage Tank to Design Tanks for \$59,958) and Aldersperson Taylor 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 an Administration Recommendation to Revise the Local Bidder Preference Policy and to Adopt a Responsible Bidding Ordinance.**

City Manager Nicklas explained that the change is the creation of a sliding scale that varies according to the size of the bid. He said the intent is to encourage outside firms to bid on our projects to minimize the local taxpayer cost yet giving some preference to local bidders.

Consensus of Council was to approve the revision.

Mr. Nicklas said he would bring this back as a resolution at the next meeting.

**C. Consideration of a Responsible Bidder Ordinance.**

Mr. Nicklas said this is a companion piece to the previous consideration which defines responsible bidder and if Council is agreeable he will also bring this back as a resolution. He noted that the standards of the responsible bidders are as follows:

- Comply with all laws pre-requisite to doing business in Illinois.
- Produce evidence of a federal employer tax number or social security number.
- Provide evidence of compliance with Equal Opportunity Employer requirements.
- Provide evidence of all specified insurance coverages.
- Comply with all provisions of the Illinois prevailing Wage Act.
- Show evidence of participation in a US Department of Labor-approved and registered apprenticeship program.

Aldersperson Stowe said he was concerned that the apprenticeship program might knock out the smaller companies.

Mr. Nicklas said the apprenticeship program may assure the City that the workers have gone through some kind of training.

Aldersperson Kessler asked about the enforceability and accountability after the bid.

Mr. Nicklas said they would have to answer to us and to the Department of Labor if they lied on the application.

Aldersperson Taylor said it sets the bar high for who can and will bid and is a matter of insuring credibility of the workmanship.

Mr. Nicklas said we are not forcing a standard on anybody doing private work in Sycamore, but does place standards on those doing projects for the City.

Council directed Mr. Nicklas to bring back an ordinance.

#### **D. Consideration of an Administration Recommendation to Adopt the 2005 Edition of the National Electrical Code.**

City Manager Nicklas explained that the City usually adopts an edition a couple of years after it is published in order to allow the revisions to shake out. He said the Building Department is requesting the adoption of the 2005 Edition with a couple of amendments.

The consensus of Council was to proceed and bring back an ordinance at the next meeting.

#### **E. Consideration of an Employment Contract Between the City of Sycamore and Fire Chief Bill Riddle.**

City Manager Nicklas explained this would be a one-year contract with an option of a second year with mutual consent of both parties.

#### **Motion**

Aldersperson Stowe moved to approve the contract and Aldersperson Paulsen seconded the motion.

#### **Roll call vote**

Mayor Mundy called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Alderspersons Adey, Bauer, Knuth, Neubauer, Paulsen, Stowe, and Taylor voted aye with Aldersperson Kessler abstaining. Motion carried 7 – 0 - 1.

**F. Consideration of a Park District Request to Sell Alcoholic Beverages from a Beverage Cart During Special Permitted Events.**

Kirk Lundbeck, Park District Representative, said there are many events too large to hold in the clubhouse and they would like to extend the liquor license to the grounds to cover those events in order to capture that revenue. He said they have no interest in selling liquor at ball games or soccer games, but want the extended license for events such as weddings.

Mayor Mundy said with the consent of Council they would bring back as an ordinance at the next meeting.

**G. Consideration of an Administration Request for a Closed Session to Discuss Collective Bargaining.**

**Motion**

Aldersperson Taylor moved to go into Closed Session at 8:08 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 Knuth moved to return to Open Session at 8:14 p.m. and Aldersperson Neubauer 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**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Aldersperson Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 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:

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Mayor - Ken Mundy

Attest:

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City Clerk – Candy Smith