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**SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2009**

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**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Ken Mundy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and City Clerk Candy Smith called the roll. Those Alderpersons present were: Alan Bauer, Steven Braser, Terry Kessler, Richard Neubauer, Pete Paulsen, Chuck Stowe, Gregory Taylor, and Janice Tripp.

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Harlene Harden of Sycamore United Methodist Church gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion**

Alderperson Braser moved to approve the 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.

**AUDIENCE TO VISITORS**

Ed Stover, 955 E. State St., said he thought the loitering ordinance was unfair to the children of our City – most of whom are good kids. His daughter just received a loitering ordinance violation ticket with a fine of \$50 along with 15 to 20 other children who had gathered near businesses that draw children. He said he was concerned that children gathering in parks, schools, or at the library would receive loitering tickets. He asked Council to maybe speak to Police Chief Thomas to let him know that this type of heavy-handed activity should not happen.

City Manager Nicklas suggested that Mr. Stover speak with Police Chief Don Thomas.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting of September 8, 2009.
- B. Payment of the Bills for September 21, 2009 in the amount of \$3,018,122.42.

**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.**

Alderperson Paulsen said he felt the County, City, and School District have worked well together trying to make a safe intersection at the new school. He also asked that now that Larson Park is nearing completion,

if Mr. Brady could place a stop sign at Janet and the Park entrance. He said that he stopped at the food pantry today and they are low on food and paper products.

Mayor Mundy said he agreed with Mr. Stover in that the kids in Sycamore are generally good kids. He noted that recently our Police Department conducted a tobacco and an alcohol sting and Sycamore businesses were 95% compliant and the state average is 75% compliance. Mayor Mundy thanked Alderperson Bauer for conducting the last meeting in his absence.

## **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

Manager – Bill Nicklas said he would send revisions of the Unified Development Ordinance to the next Plan Commission meeting for review and it should be back to Council at the October 19 meeting with a Plan Commission recommendation.

Engineer – John Brady, Sycamore Municipal Engineering, said that the street maintenance contract work with Curran should be finished by next week.

Building & Zoning – Lyle Doty said he will soon issue a permit for a new building for Neil's Truck Center at 204 N. Fair Street.

Fire Chief – Bill Riddle said the Fire Department recently received a grant for \$500 from Sycamore Kiwanis for to Purchase smoke detectors and batteries. He said that an Eagle Scout and his troop would be going door-to-door to make sure the citizens are aware of the need for smoke detectors. Chief Riddle also noted that on September 12<sup>th</sup> firefighters effected the save of a sudden cardiac arrest of a 50-year-old man who was released from the hospital yesterday.

Treasurer/Asst. City Manager – Brian Gregory said the August Treasurer's Report shows revenues in line with the benchmark of 33% and expenditures are under. He said the State and Home Rule sales taxes continue to lag. He said the pension funds are doing very well and if all things stay the same in the market we are close to where we want to be.

Police Chief – Don Thomas explained that a few years ago the Police organizations in Illinois formed a group called ILEAS which was based on the Fire model MABAS. He said that 2,000 police officers from throughout the United States will be going to the G20 Summit in Pittsburgh and two of our officers, Sgt. Mike Anderson and Sgt. Jeff Wig will be going. He said their costs and salaries will be reimbursed by the Pittsburgh Police Department. He also reported that Officer David Haas will be retiring October 7 and there will be a coffee and cake reception October 5. He said a new hire list has been recently posted and he expects that one of those on the list will be hired to replace Officer Haas in January, 2010.

Public Works Director – Fred Busse distributed the hydrant flushing schedule for the next two weeks. He noted that the water tower foundation is in and the area around the foundation has been back-filled. He said the Waste Water Treatment Plant construction trailers will be coming in this week and all the documents have been approved and signed. He reminded residents that the leaf pickup program will start mid-October.

## **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Finance – no report

Public Safety – Chairperson Paulsen said the bond issue for the Police Department expansion is on the agenda and they will look forward to learning the results of the labor/management meetings in the Fire Department.

Public Works – no report

**PUBLIC HEARING** - None

## **ORDINANCES**

- A. Ordinance No. 2009.34---An Ordinance providing for the issuance of \$3,570,000 Taxable General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009, of the City of Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois, and providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds. First and Second Reading.**

City Manager Nicklas explained that in July City Council approved the approach to borrow funds for the Police Department addition through the Build America Bond program. He said that Eric Anderson helped the City through the process and the next step was having Standard & Poors rate our community which they upgraded to AA. Mr. Nicklas recommended Council approval of the ordinance.

### **Motion**

Aldersperson Paulsen moved to hear Ordinance 2009.34 on first and second reading and Aldersperson Bauer seconded the motion.

### **Voice Vote**

Mayor Mundy called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderspersons present voted aye. Motion carried 8 – 0.

### **Motion**

Aldersperson Paulsen moved to approve Ordinance 2009.34 and Aldersperson Bauer seconded the motion.

### **Roll call vote**

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

## **RESOLUTIONS**

- A. Resolution No. 526—A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Contract with Peter Baker Construction in the Amount of \$157,261.68 for Re-Surfacing on Somonauk Street in the City of Sycamore, Illinois.**

City Manager Nicklas explained that because MFT Funds are used in this project the Local Preference Policy would not apply.

### **Motion**

Aldersperson Bauer moved to approve Resolution 526 and Aldersperson Neubauer seconded the motion.

Aldersperson Kessler asked if the City Manager and Pubic Works Director Busse could look at posting roads to lengthen the life of our streets. She said that she knew there were industrial areas that required truck traffic, but asked if they could have a discussion on that and get back to Council.

City Manager Nicklas said he could respond right now. He said that Somonauk is a Class II Truck Route and whether we like it or not it is a major thoroughfare going north and south. He said they could try to maintain it more aggressively with crack-filling and resurfacing. He said there are side streets that are pretty aggressively watched. He said he did not see an alternative route for Somonauk until we have a bypass.

Aldersperson Bauer said he thought we had a bypass and that was Route 23.

Mr. Nicklas said the local businesses like Driv-Lok, Ideal, and others that are served more directly by Somonauk traffic would have a problem.

**Roll call vote**

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

**B. Resolution No. 527—A Resolution Authorizing the City manager to Sign a Contract with Stran’s Garden Center in the Amount of \$10,100 for the 2009 Tree Replacement Program in the City of Sycamore, Illinois.**

City Manager Nicklas noted that the average price of trees would be lower than last year.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Stowe moved to approve Resolution 527 and Aldersperson Paulsen seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote**

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

**C. Resolution No. 528—A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Contract for Final Paving of the Peace Road Bikepath in the City of Sycamore, Illinois.**

City Manager Nicklas said that \$136,067 had been set aside for this project and the low bid came in under that from Curran Contracting for \$100,798.88.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Paulsen moved to approve Resolution 528 and Aldersperson Neubauer seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote**

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

**CONSIDERATIONS** - None

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

**APPOINTMENTS**

## ADJOURNMENT

### **Motion**

Alderson Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. and Alderson Paulsen seconded the motion.

### **Voice vote**

Mayor Mundy called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Aldersons voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

Approve:

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Mayor – Ken Mundy

Attest:

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City Clerk – Candy Smith