
**SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2009**

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

Mayor Mundy asked for a moment of silent reflection.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

Alderperson Neubauer moved to approve the 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.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Mike Fogelsanger, 845 Sunset Lane, thanked City Manager Nicklas for his fiscal responsibility and reminded Council to make frugal budget decisions.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting of September 21, 2009.
- B. Payment of the Bills for October 5, 2009 in the amount of \$411,557.99.
- C. FY10 Budget Report Ending September 14, 2009.
- D. Proclamation declaring October 18, 2009 as Crop Hunger Walk Day in the City of Sycamore.
- E. Proclamation declaring the week of October 4-10, 2009 as Fire Prevention Week in the City of Sycamore.

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 Paulsen said the Fire Department visited his son's class and he appreciated their work and the awareness they brought to families about fire prevention.

Mayor Mundy congratulated City Manager Bill Nicklas on his eleven years of service with the City.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Manager – Bill Nicklas announced that there was a tentative agreement on a call back system with the Fire Department. He said he would have a progress report in 30 to 60 days.

Engineer – John Brady, Sycamore Municipal Engineering, said orders are being taken for the tree program. He noted that information was available in the Clerk's office or on the City's website.

Building & Zoning – Lyle Doty reported that he would be out on medical leave for two weeks beginning Friday, October 9, 2009.

Fire Chief – Bill Riddle reported that the Fire Department has a supply of smoke detectors for those who cannot afford them.

Treasurer/Asst. City Manager – Brian Gregory reported that just over \$96,000 would be submitted to the School District for Transfer Tax for the quarter ending in September. He said that in September there were more exempt stamps issued than paid stamps. He said there is an audit report at the Library and he would post it to the website after the meeting.

Police Chief – Don Thomas reported that the Homecoming Parade would take place Wednesday, October 7 at 6:00 p.m.

Public Works Director – Fred Busse distributed a flyer depicting the leaf pickup schedule which would begin October 19, 2009. He reminded residents not to rake their leaves into the street because it plugs up catch basins and emphasized they would pick up leaves only.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance – no report
Public Safety – no report
Public Works – no report

PUBLIC HEARING - None

ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance 2009.35—An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2008.85 Authorizing and Providing for the City of Sycamore, Illinois to Borrow Funds from the Water Pollution Control Loan Program. First and Second Reading.

City Manager Nicklas said this is a minor change to an ordinance approved in April in anticipation of our launch of Phase I of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He noted that this revision was anticipated.

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to hear Ordinance 2009.35 on first and second reading and Aldersperson Taylor seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

Motion

Alderson Stowe moved to approve Ordinance 2009.35 and Alderson Taylor seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

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

B. Ordinance 2009.36—An Ordinance Amending the Sycamore City Code of the City of Sycamore, Title 6, “Motor Vehicles and Traffic,” Chapter 4, “Traffic Schedules,” Section 6-4-12, “No Parking Zones,” to Prohibit Parking on National Street from Republic Avenue North to Lindgren Road in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

City Manager Nicklas explained that now that school has started traffic has increased on National Street and the congestion and limited visibility have resulted in the need to prohibit parking.

Motion

Alderson Paulsen moved to hear Ordinance 2009.36 on first and second reading and Alderson Neubauer seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

Motion

Alderson Paulsen moved to approve Ordinance 2009.36 and Alderson Neubauer seconded the motion.

Alderson Paulsen said he wholeheartedly supports this ordinance.

Alderson Taylor said he would hate to see an event where there was not enough parking and cars parked on National Street would be ticketed.

Mr. Nicklas said it was a short stretch and another issue is that it is a through street.

Alderson Paulsen said it was difficult to get a car through when cars are parked on both sides of the street and there is a lot of parking at that school.

Roll call vote

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

RESOLUTIONS - None

CONSIDERATIONS

A. Consideration of the City of Sycamore's Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2008-2009, Including the Independent Auditor's Report.

City Manager Nicklas said that Dennis Hildebrandt and his audit team worked closely with Brian Gregory to complete the independent audit.

Dennis Hildebrandt of Siepert & Co., LLP said there were no findings this year. He said in past years there was segregation of duties and this year with the addition of the Finance Supervisor and several changes in policies and procedures there were enough checks and balances in place to remove that finding from the audit. He said the City should be very proud to have taken the steps to remove that finding. He said there is one point in the management letter and that is segregation of duties in the Library, but because that is a small point in the big picture of the City it is not considered a finding. He said that no major changes were made to the numbers. He said that combined fund balances of all the funds are \$11.5 million compared to \$14.3 last year putting the ratio of fund balance to operating expenditures at just under 40% compared to 50% last year. He said the City still falls within the good range which is one of the reasons the City recently received the increase in the bond rating even in a down year. He said that is a good accomplishment for the City and shows there are good accounting practices in place.

B. Consideration of an Administration Request for a Closed Session to Discuss Closed Session Minutes and Personnel Matters.

Motion

Aldersperson Neubauer moved to go into Closed Session at 7:45 p.m. and Aldersperson Taylor 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 return to Open Session at 8:02 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

APPOINTMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 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