
**SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 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, Gregory Taylor, and Janice Tripp. Alderperson Chuck Stowe was absent.

INVOCATION

Pastor Steve Persson of the First Baptist Church gave the invocation.

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 7 - 0.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Dan Marcinkowski, 403 E. Sycamore St., advised that they have entered into a memorandum of understanding for a temporary 90-day platoon system for callbacks at the Fire Department. He said they have reservations regarding safety for citizens and firefighters. He said they realize they have other issues to the looming overtime that need to be addressed with several guys away from the job and a lieutenant being deployed and there needs to be a solution for that. He said the platoon system has been tried three times in Sycamore history. He said they agreed to wave the 30-day posting and would begin the trial November 1, 2009.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting of October 5, 2009.
- B. Approval of the Closed Minutes for the Meetings of April 6, 2009 and May 18, 2009.
- C. Approval to Destroy the Auditory Tapes from the Closed Session City Council Meetings During the Period 10/15/07 through 3/17/08.
- D. Payment of the Bills for October 19, 2009 in the amount of \$1,769,654.29.
- E. Plan Commission Minutes for the Meeting of July 13, 2009.

Motion

Alderperson Bauer moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Alderperson Kessler seconded the motion.

Alderperson Kessler pointed out the large dollar amount going to Curran Contracting that would be larger if Public Works had not done some of the work. She also noted that is where the gasoline tax is going and this is why this type of work is being done.

Voice vote

Mayor Mundy called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderpersons voted aye. Motion carried 7 - 0.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND BILLS.

Mayor Mundy said the work that the City departments will do for Pumpkin Fest this weekend is much appreciated. He thanked City Manager Nicklas for the work he did on the UDO revisions. He noted that 7th grader students would be touring Sycamore Center Tuesday morning. He also noted that he had Flat Stanley at Council.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Manager – Bill Nicklas said the purpose of the platoon system trial was to save revenue and he applauded the cooperative effort between management and the union. He said there is no issue of safety for residents because it is a system that can be called off at any moment to go to full department recall. He said there would be a report for Council at the end of the trial period. He said the budget reflecting the FY09 audited numbers will be presented to Council November 2.

Engineer – John Brady, Sycamore Municipal Engineering, said the Curran and Baker paving contracts are almost completed and the Peace Road bikepath would be completed next week.

Building & Zoning – Lyle Doty – no report

Fire Chief – Bill Riddle said the VietNow 24-hour vigil would take place October 30 at 5:00 at the Courthouse. He reported that DeKalb County Health Department would begin inoculating Public Safety personnel this week.

Treasurer/Asst. City Manager – Brian Gregory reported that sales tax continues to lag and hoped that holiday shopping would generate more and encouraged residents to shop locally. He noted that currently revenues are slightly ahead of expenditures.

Police Chief – Don Thomas noted that over 150,000 people were expected to come to town over the Pumpkin Fest weekend. He said that 125 employees and volunteers were scheduled to handle the crowd. He said that trick or treat hours would be 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on October 31, 2009.

Public Works Director – Fred Busse said 57 trees were purchased for planting in the tree program and he noted that each year Public Works removes 40 to 50 trees. He said the leaf pickup program started today and there will be three trucks picking up leaves this year. He reported that in the Treatment Division Brad Dewey passed his Class 3 Certification and Ryan Cardinali passed his Class 4 Certification which leads to better informed and responsible operators.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance – no report

Public Safety – Chairperson Paulsen thanked the Fire Department for their agreement on the Platoon System. He said that several months ago during contract negotiations we heard the Union

had other ideas for saving money and he would welcome a Public Safety Committee meeting to discuss those ideas in the coming months.

Public Works – no report

PUBLIC HEARING

A. Public Hearing on Proposed Changes to the City of Sycamore Unified Development Ordinance.

Mayor Mundy opened the public hearing and hearing no public comment closed the hearing.

ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance 2009.37—An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission With Regard to the Petition of Darryl Wolff to Rezone the Property Known as 505/513 DeKalb Avenue and 203 S. Sacramento Street from “M-1” Light Manufacturing District to “C-2” Central Business District in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

City Manager said this ordinance is related to the next ordinance and explained that Sycamore Victory Church was looking for a new home and Pastor Trandell approached Mr. Wolff who has some vacant office space at the corner of Sacramento and California Streets. He said the current zoning is M-1 Light Manufacturing would not allow a church as a “special use.” He said City staff was receptive to the idea of rezoning to C-2 Downtown Business District which is consistent with office uses and for a “special use” for a church.

Motion

Aldersperson Kessler moved to hear Ordinance 2009.37 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 present voted aye. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Motion

Aldersperson Kessler moved to approve Ordinance 2009.37 and Aldersperson Tripp seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

Mayor Mundy called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Alderspersons Bauer, Braser, Kessler, Neubauer, Paulsen, Taylor, and Tripp voted aye. Motion carried 7 – 0.

B. Ordinance 2009.38—An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission With Regard to the Petition of the Sycamore Victory Church for a Special Use Permit to Open a Church at 505 DeKalb Avenue. First and Second Reading.

City Manager Nicklas said the focus of the “special use” request would be the impact of the proposed use on the adjacent properties. He said there was a discussion at the Plan Commission about parking and they felt that would not conflict with business hours and voted unanimously to approve the “special use.”

Motion

Aldersperson Kessler moved to hear Ordinance 2009.38 on first and second reading and Aldersperson Tripp seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Mundy called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderspersons present voted aye. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Motion

Aldersperson Tripp moved to approve Ordinance 2009.38 and Aldersperson Kessler seconded the motion.

Aldersperson Taylor asked if this would take the property off the tax rolls.

Mr. Nicklas said it would not.

Aldersperson Kessler asked if they would have to be in compliance with ADA for occupancy.

Mr. Nicklas said there are building issues that Building Commission/Zoning Officer Doty was working on with the petitioner.

Roll call vote

Mayor Mundy called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Alderspersons Bauer, Braser, Kessler, Neubauer, Paulsen, Taylor, and Tripp voted aye. Motion carried 7 – 0.

C. Ordinance 2009.39—An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission With Regard to Proposed Revisions to the City of Sycamore Unified Development Ordinance. First and Second Reading.

City Manager Nicklas said that about 2/3 of the revisions are housekeeping items. He noted a few substantial changes such as adding heft to expectation of developments putting in infrastructure in respect to quality and timing and financial guarantees, importing flood regulation to UDO, and an upgrade in backfill requirements.

Aldersperson Taylor pointed out a few discrepancies and Mr. Nicklas addressed them and asked Council to approve the document.

Motion

Aldersperson Neubauer moved to hear Ordinance 2009.39 on first and second reading and Aldersperson Paulsen seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Mundy called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderspersons present voted aye. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Motion

Aldersperson Neubauer moved to approve Ordinance 2009.39 and Aldersperson Paulsen seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

Mayor Mundy called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Alderpersons Bauer, Braser, Kessler, Neubauer, Paulsen, Taylor, and Tripp voted aye. Motion carried 7 – 0.

RESOLUTIONS - None

CONSIDERATIONS - None

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Aldersperson Paulsen moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 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 7 - 0.

Approve:

Mayor – Ken Mundy

Attest:

City Clerk – Candy Smith