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**SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2, 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**

Father Timar of St. Mary's Catholic Church gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion**

Alderperson Neubauer moved to approve the agenda and Alderperson Braser 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**

Daniel Sherrill, 427 Normal Rd. #7, DeKalb, said he was the events coordinator for Border's Books in DeKalb and he and Larry Zevnik from the Sycamore Library wanted to invite Council to the first annual "A Sycamore Thanksgiving" on November 23 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Sycamore Library. Mr. Sherrill said there would also be a fashion show put on by Maurice's.

Larry Zevnik, Head of Adult Services of Sycamore Public Library, said they will have author readings and musicians provided by Border's and they hope to make this a big fall event for Sycamore.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting of October 19, 2009.
- B. Payment of the Bills for November 2, 2009 in the amount of \$486,681.73.

**Motion**

Alderperson Bauer moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Alderperson Stowe 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 Bauer said he was concerned that the leaves residents were raking into the street would cause more work for Public Works and wondered if the guidelines for raking leaves onto the parkway and not into the streets should be enforced or residents should be educated.

City Manager Nicklas said he shares the concern and said it is almost impossible to enforce. He said he thought it might be better because the crews talk to residents as they move throughout town.

Public Works Director Busse said this year all the leaves fell within a few days because of the rain and that may have magnified what was on the street at any given time.

Aldersperson Taylor said he received an email shortly after the parade from a 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward resident that had parked at the Sycamore Civic High Rise during the parade and once the parade was over found her car had been towed. He said he appreciated the fast response from the Police Department and emphasized that he did not want predatory towing in Sycamore.

Aldersperson Kessler said she had requested from the City Manager a list of cost-saving projects that City employees did in-house rather than contracting out. She said the list totaled \$71,220. She said the City has made good hires to create a diversely skilled organization.

Mr. Nicklas said the total of \$71,220 is a materials number only and would probably be doubled if contracted.

Mayor Mundy thanked Public Safety and Public Works for their work at Pumpkin Fest, commended Sycamore High School athletics for their successes this year, and encouraged residents to shop locally.

## **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

Manager – Bill Nicklas said at the next regular meeting he would present levy options for a levy discussion.

Engineer – John Brady, Sycamore Municipal Engineering, said the tree planting program was going well and should be completed by the end of the week.

Building & Zoning – Lyle Doty reported an old, rickety apartment house on North Maple has been demolished and Premier Builders are going to build a 4-unit on that lot. He said that cleans up another area of town a little bit.

Fire Chief – Bill Riddle said their new recall system started Sunday and he would have statistics at a December meeting. He also noted that Maple Park began paramedics service today which will give Sycamore another neighbor to call when 3 paramedic ambulances are not enough. Chief Riddle reported that Lt. Penn is training for deployment to Afghanistan January 4, 2010.

Treasurer/Asst. City Manager – Brian Gregory reported for the Safety Committee that the City's loss ratio through August is 10.54% which is much improved over the best loss ratio of 36% over the past five years. He said that a few of those years the ratio was over 100%. He said he hoped by continuing a lower loss ratio it would lower our liability premium.

Police Chief – Don Thomas reported that over 120 people worked the 10k race and the parade. He said that included Police Department employees, volunteers, and surrounding Police Departments. He asked that suggestions for improvements be relayed to himself or to Sgt. Mike Anderson.

Public Works Director – Fred Busse thanked Sycamore and Cortland Townships for the use of their equipment for some of our street projects.

## REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

**PUBLIC HEARING** - None

## ORDINANCES

### **A. Ordinance 2009.40—An Ordinance Amending the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriations Ordinance for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

City Manager Nicklas explained that this revision reflects the audited numbers for the previous fiscal year ending April 30, 2009 and the actual construction bids and costs from the more substantial summer capital projects.

#### **Motion**

Aldersperson Bauer moved to hear Ordinance 2009.40 on first and second reading and Aldersperson Stowe 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 Bauer moved to approve Ordinance 2009.40 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.

## RESOLUTIONS

### **A. Resolution No. 529—A Resolution to Include Taxable Allowances as IMRF Earnings.**

City Manager Nicklas explained this as a clean-up item to reflect a longstanding practice that is annually noted in our audit, but not acknowledged by official resolution. He said that IMRF is encouraging municipalities to do this.

#### **Motion**

Aldersperson Paulsen moved to approve Resolution 529 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**

**A. Consideration of a Public Works Recommendation to Award the Subcontract for Digester Cleaning to Veolia ES Industrial of Ft. Atkinson, Wisconsin in the Amount of \$25,240 in the City of Sycamore, Illinois.**

City Manager Nicklas said this was a small sub-contract to remove the solids and take them off site to be land applied in order to proceed with the upgrade.

Aldersperson Tripp said she thought the numbers looked very good.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Stowe moved to award the contract to Veolia ES Industrial for \$25,240 and Aldersperson Taylor 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.

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

**APPOINTMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion**

Aldersperson Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 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