
**SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 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

Pastor Steve Best of Harvest Time Chapel gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

Alderperson Bauer 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

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting of November 16, 2009.
- B. Payment of the Bills for December 7, 2009 in the amount of \$2,745,731.53.
- C. Proclamation declaring December 2009 as “Drunk and Drugged (3D) Prevention Month” 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.

Mayor Mundy said he received a letter from a school student suggesting how to paint the new water tower. He asked residents to support local businesses and charities.

- A. Recognition of Sycamore High School sports teams (cross-country, football, volleyball and tennis) for their post-season accomplishments.
- B. Annual presentation of service awards to City of Sycamore employees. Human Resource Director Jean Tritle will assist the City Manager in presenting awards to employees with 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and over 30 years of service to the citizens of Sycamore.

5 YEAR CERTIFICATE

George Davis, Evidence Technician and Ordinance Officer (10/25/2004)
Scott Flatter, Firefighter/Paramedic (6/7/2004)
Kristen Gineman, Auxiliary Police (6/18/2004)
Ryan Goodman, Police Officer (12/29/2004)
Dan Hoffman, Police Investigator (12/29/2004)
John Owens, Public Works Laborer (6/7/2004)
Andrew Powers, Firefighter/Paramedic (6/21/2004 PT; 9/4/2007 FT)
Dustin Ruby, Firefighter/Paramedic (6/21/2004 PT; 6/4/2007 FT)
Lisa Scott, PT Custodian (5/24/04)
Brian Thompson, Firefighter/Paramedic (11/2/2004)
James Ward, Firefighter/Paramedic (3/1/2004)

10 YEAR CERTIFICATE

Steve Elbrecht, Police Officer (1/18/99)
Mose Kingsnorth, Crossing Guard (9/27/99)

15 YEAR CERTIFICATE

Kevin Mikkelson, Firefighter/Paramedic (9/1/94 PT; 10/1/01 FT)

20 YEAR PLAQUES

Lyle Doty, Building/Zoning Commissioner (4/29/89)
Ray Puentes, Auxiliary Police (5/1/89)

25 YEAR AWARDS

Fred Busse, Director of Public Works (11/12/1984)

30 YEAR PLUS AWARDS

Alice Bennett, Crossing Guard, 40 years (5/1/69)
Eugene Listy, POC Firefighter, 45 years (8/31/64)
Jack Spartz, Fire Lieutenant, 35 years (10/1/74 PT; 8/16/76 FT)

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Manager – Bill Nicklas said at the next Council meeting he would have some considerations of objectives for the next fiscal year for Council to review.

Engineer – John Brady, Sycamore Municipal Engineering, said that on January 15 they would have bids on the Lindgren Road project for Council to award.

Building & Zoning – Lyle Doty said the building on Maness Court that burned last month is in the process of being torn down and it will be rebuilt.

Fire Chief – Bill Riddle reported that during Fire Prevention Week Firefighter Darin Hepker led the team that contacted 2,950 children between elementary school and fire station visits.

Treasurer/Asst. City Manager – Brian Gregory reported that the census would be conducted through the mail and noted that the City website would provide sample documents. He noted that temporary job opportunities would be available on the U.S. Census website.

Acting Police Chief – Cary Singer said the Police Department was conducting a media blitz regarding parking on the streets after a snowfall.

Public Works Director – Fred Busse said the water tower project was on schedule and he noted that Public Works has their equipment ready for snow.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

PUBLIC HEARING

A. Public Hearing on the Proposed 2009 Corporate Levy.

Mayor Mundy opened the public hearing.

Sarah Tobias, Sycamore Public Library Director, noted that after the last meeting it appeared that misinformation made it into the newspaper that their budget was going to help pay for the remodeling of the library. She said she wanted to make it clear that the remodel project would be paid for through money raised through grants and capital improvement funds and other resources and would not be paid through operating expenses.

Hearing no further public comment, Mayor Mundy closed the public hearing.

ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance No. 2009.41--An Ordinance Levying Taxes for the Corporate Purposes of the City of Sycamore for the Fiscal Year Commencing May 1, 2010 and Ending April 30, 2011. First Reading.

City Manager Nicklas explained that the first seven ordinances would be heard on first reading and all refer to some aspect of the annual levy season. He said that this ordinance is related to the corporate levy proposed at \$3,646,142 which includes the City levy of \$2,624,621 and the Sycamore Public Library levy of \$839,521. He said the Sycamore Public Library Board voted on that amount contingent upon the City following through with a one-time capital grant of \$15,000.

B. Ordinance No. 2009.42--An Ordinance Abating the Debt Service Levy for the General Obligation Bond Issue Series 2002 for the City of Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. First Reading.

City Manager Nicklas said the entirety of the debt service for this bond and those in the following four ordinances are proposed to be abated.

- C. Ordinance No. 2009.43--An Ordinance Abating the Debt Service Levy for the General Obligation Bond Issue Series 2003 for the City of Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011. First Reading.**
- D. Ordinance No. 2009.44--An Ordinance Partially Abating the Debt Service Levy for the General Obligation Bond Issue Series 2005 for the City of Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011. First Reading.**
- E. Ordinance No. 2009.45—An Ordinance Abating the Debt Service Levy for the General Obligation Bond Issue Series 2007 for the City of Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011. First Reading.**
- F. Ordinance No. 2009.46--An Ordinance Abating the Debt Service Levy for the General Obligation Bond Series 2009 for the City of Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011. First Reading.**

City Manager Nicklas said he has proposed to abate this debt service out of our sales tax distributive fund.

- G. Ordinance No. 2009.47—An Ordinance Abating Certain Real Estate Revenue Due for Property Owned by Emmaus Holdings/d.b.a. Superior Industrial Equipment at 1609 Afton Road in the City of Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. First Reading.**
- H. Ordinance No. 2009.48—An Ordinance Revising Title 6, “Motor Vehicles and Traffic,” Chapter 4, “Traffic Schedules,” Section 6-4-1, “Stop Intersections,” of the City Code of the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

City Manager Nicklas said Alderperson Kessler brought this to his attention.

Motion

Alderperson Kessler moved to hear Ordinance 2009.48 on first and second reading and Alderperson 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

Alderperson Kessler moved to approve Ordinance 2009.48 and Alderperson Tripp seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

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

RESOLUTIONS - None

CONSIDERATIONS - None

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Mundy noted that Todd Hendrey resigned from the Architectural Review Committee and appointed Jesus Romero to that Committee.

Motion

Aldersperson Paulsen moved to approve the appointment 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 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