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**SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2010**

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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, Rich Neubauer, Pete Paulsen, Chuck Stowe, and Gregory Taylor. Alderperson Janice Tripp was absent.

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Mike Massey of Glad Tidings Assembly of God 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**

Tyler Hill who recently earned his Eagle Scout said that his service project was soliciting supplies for the DeKalb County Animal Shelter. He was in the audience with his parents and Scout Leader and his Scout Leader's daughter.

Bill Reynolds, 140 Greeley St., spoke about the KEC Fire Science program which the Fire Department has supported since 2003 and introduced 3 of the 13 students in the program and two retired instructors Firefighter Joe Admonis and Lt. Dean Richardson.

KEC representative Bruce Griffith presented Fire Chief Bill Riddle with a clock plaque in light of his retirement for the support of the program.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting of February 15, 2010.
- B. Payment of the Bills for March 1, 2010 in the amount of \$176,547.90.

**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 7 - 0.

**PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND BILLS.**

None.

## REPORT OF OFFICERS

Manager – Bill Nicklas said there would be an opportunity to celebrate with Chief Riddle in April. Mr. Nicklas distributed photos taken from the top of the new water tower and also showing how the tower would be painted.

Engineer – John Brady, Sycamore Municipal Engineering, reported that IDOT awarded the Lindgren Road Project contract to Elliott & Wood. He said the pre-construction meeting would take place the third week in March and construction should begin about one month after that.

Building & Zoning Commissioner – Lyle Doty reported the house at 345 South Avenue has been demolished and soon the Fire Department will do some practice on the buildings at the Artery Farm before those buildings come down.

Fire Chief – Bill Riddle reported that the KEC Fire Science Program is invaluable to the community.

Treasurer/Asst. City Manager – Brian Gregory reminded everyone that Census forms will be mailed out between March 15 and March 17 to every household. He said the theme is “Take 10” which refers to the 10 questions that takes about 10 minutes to fill out and encouraged residents to fill out the surveys.

Police Chief – Don Thomas announced that new officer John Keacher was sworn in earlier in the day and he would introduce him at a Council meeting once he finishes his field training in about three months.

Assistant Public Works Director – Ebe Smith noted the steel work is completed at the new water tower site and next the underground work would begin and then the tower will be painted. He said it should be online by September.

## REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance – no report

Public Safety – no report

Public Works – no report

**PUBLIC HEARING** - None

## ORDINANCES

### **A. Ordinance No. 2009.54—An Ordinance Approving an Economic Incentive Agreement Between the City of Sycamore and Pappas Development for Redevelopment at 2700 DeKalb Avenue in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

City Manager Nicklas noted that this ordinance and agreement reflected Council direction to extend developer John Pappas \$150,000 to promote the redevelopment of Sycamore Plaza site at 2700 DeKalb Avenue.

Aldersperson Braser asked if there was an ending date when this must be completed.

Mr. Nicklas said there was not and said he did not have any reason to believe it would not be done in a couple of months.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Kessler moved to hear Ordinance 2009.54 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 voted aye. Motion carried 7 - 0.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Kessler moved to approve Ordinance 2009.54 and Aldersperson Stowe seconded the motion.

Aldersperson Kessler said the City has been proactive in trying to get industry and businesses to invest in our City and this is an example of that.

John Pappas, 3 Fairway Cir., DeKalb, IL, said he appreciated the confidence and support from the City and he has received a lot of attention from national tenants.

**Roll call vote**

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

**RESOLUTIONS - None**

**CONSIDERATIONS**

**A. Consideration of an Administration Recommendation Concerning the Bids for the Police Addition.**

City Manager Nicklas said that 23 bids with 12 alternates each were received and still being reviewed. He said he would have a recommendation at the next Council meeting.

**B. Consideration of an Extension to the Engineering Consulting Contract with Municipal Engineering Corporation.**

City Manager Nicklas said the Municipal Engineering Corp. has performed good service for the City over the past two fiscal years. He recommended a two year extension at the current price with a possibility of two one-year extensions with a 2% increase for each year.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Paulsen moved to approve the Engineering Consulting Contract with Municipal Engineering Corporation 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, and Taylor voted aye. Motion carried 7 – 0.

**C. Consideration of an Administration Recommendation to Revise the City's Purchasing Policy.**

City Manager Nicklas noted that the new sections specifically deal with the deterrence of fraud and identity theft.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Bauer moved to approve the revised City's Purchasing Policy 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, and Taylor voted aye. Motion carried 7 – 0.

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

**APPOINTMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion**

Aldersperson Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 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 7 - 0.

Approve:

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Mayor – Ken Mundy

Attest:

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City Clerk – Candy Smith