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**SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF MARCH 15, 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, Gregory Taylor, and Janice Tripp.

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Steve Persson of First Baptist 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**

Joyce Mathey and Mary Lou Eubanks thanked the City and the Community for their support of Pay-It-Forward-House. Ms. Eubanks said they are celebrating 5 years of service and will have 5 events over the next 5 months.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting of March 1, 2010.
- B. Payment of the Bills for March 15, 2010 in the amount of \$364,195.54.
- C. Plan Commission Minutes for the Meeting of February 8, 2010.

**Motion**

Alderperson Bauer moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Alderperson Paulsen 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.**

- A. Presentation of the "Patriot Award" to the City of Sycamore by Chief Petty Officer and Police Officer Ann Carlson.

Mayor Mundy noted that he received and completed his 2010 census form and encouraged residents to do the same.

## REPORT OF OFFICERS

Manager – Bill Nicklas reminded Council there would be a Special Council Meeting Wednesday, March 17, to review FY2010-2011 budget and to award a contract for the Police Addition. He warned residents to beware of early spring phone scams.

Engineer – John Brady, Sycamore Municipal Engineering, reported that March 22 the City will receive bids for Lindgren Road Sanitary Water Extension which will be brought back to Council for approval on April 5.

Building & Zoning Commissioner – Lyle Doty - no report

Asst. Fire Chief – Mark Kessler noted the past Friday the MABAS technical rescue team was called out to Steward and Friday evening there were 3 incidents requiring 5 ambulances and 2 engines. He said the current callback system is showing signs of progress.

Treasurer/Asst. City Manager – Brian Gregory said the February Treasurer's report reflects 83.33% benchmark with revenues tracking at 77.7% and expenditures at 79.9%. He reported that pension funds showed positive growth in February. He also emphasized turning in census information so each resident will be counted for the shared revenue the City receives.

Police Chief – Don Thomas noted laws about driving with cell phones include no texting while driving and no cell phone use in school zones.

Public Works Director – Fred Busse reported that this year's street maintenance program is under review and will get the list finalized to present at a near future Council meeting.

## REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance – no report

Public Safety – no report

Public Works – no report

**PUBLIC HEARING** - None

## ORDINANCES

### **A. Ordinance No. 2009.55—An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission With Regard to the Final Plat for the Pappas-Cassett Second Resubdivision in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

City Manager Nicklas explained that this plat would re-subdivide Lot Two that was created in July, 2009 and create two new lots to accommodate Mr. Pappas's new ownership interest. He said that it carves out the Radio Shack parcel which remains the property of Mr. Cassett.

### **Motion**

Aldersperson Stowe moved to hear Ordinance 2009.55 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 voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

**Motion**

Alderson Paulsen moved to approve Ordinance 2009.55 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 No. 2009.56—An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission With Regard to Final Plat No. 2 of the Sycamore Crossings Planned Unit Development in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

City Manager said this plat depicts the balance of commercially-zoned frontage lots along Peace Road. He said the property owners were trying to prepare for interest that may arise this spring or summer.

Alderson Braser asked how long they had been in control of the property.

Mr. Nicklas said since 2005.

Alderson Braser said the property maintenance has not been good.

Mr. Nicklas said an application to tear down the old buildings is in the works and once that is approved they can get in there to knock the weeds down.

**Motion**

Alderson Kessler moved to hear Ordinance 2009.56 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 voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

**Motion**

Alderson Kessler moved to approve Ordinance 2009.56 and Alderson Neubauer seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote**

Mayor Mundy called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Aldersons Kessler, Neubauer, Paulsen, Stowe, Taylor and Tripp voted aye and Bauer and Braser voted nay. Motion carried 6 – 2.

**C. Ordinance No. 2009.57—An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission With Regard to the Revision of Table 5.3.1.D of the Sycamore Unified Development Ordinance in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

City Manager Nicklas said there has been some interest in portable food vending and this ordinance will allow portable food vending in our UDO.

**Motion**

Alderson Neubauer moved to hear Ordinance 2009.57 on first and second reading and Alderson 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.

**Motion**

Alderperson Neubauer moved to approve Ordinance 2009.57 and Alderperson Taylor 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.

**D. Ordinance No. 2009.58—An Ordinance Revising Title 3, “Business and License Regulations,” Chapter 4, “Peddlers, Solicitors, and Itinerant Merchants,” Section 6, “Restrictions on Permit,” to Add a New Paragraph E, “Portable Food Vending” in the City Code of the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

City Manager Nicklas explained that this ordinance details specific regulations for portable food vending businesses.

**Motion**

Alderperson Neubauer moved to hear Ordinance 2009.58 on first and second reading and Alderperson Braser seconded the motion.

Alderperson Paulsen said the hot dog stand was at the Kishwaukee Valley Art Show on the courthouse lawn and asked if this would keep them from selling hot dogs at that show.

Mr. Nicklas said this would not preclude that.

**Voice vote**

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

**Motion**

Alderperson Neubauer moved to approve Ordinance 2009.58 and Alderperson Stowe seconded the motion.

Mr. Nicklas explained that this would not affect the food vendors during Pumpkin Fest.

Alderperson Kessler asked if a peddler had to identify where they would be located.

Mr. Nicklas said the City would allow a little bit of latitude, but would require pretty specific locations.

Alderperson Kessler said they would be located on private property and asked if this meant they would not be allowed to wander up and down a street.

Mr. Nicklas said that is our parameter right now.

**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.

**E. Ordinance No. 2009.59—An Ordinance Revising Title 9, “Building Regulations,” Chapter 2, “Building Codes,” Section 9-2-2, “Residential Code,” Paragraph B, “Residential Code Amendments,” of the City Code of the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

City Manager Nicklas explained that this revision describes the proper bolting of wood floor framing systems to concrete foundations bolted as well as the relationships of well-nailed and glued framing members.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Stowe moved to hear Ordinance 2009.59 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 voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Paulsen moved to approve Ordinance 2009.59 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.

**RESOLUTIONS** - None

**CONSIDERATIONS**

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

City Manager Nicklas said the City was in negotiation with the apparent low bidder to make some deducts in cost from the project and he hoped that by Wednesday night to be able to recommend a resolution that would allow him to sign a contract.

Aldersperson Taylor said he appreciated the effort to reduce costs and asked if any contingency was factored.

Mr. Nicklas said there was none in the base bid, but contingencies were factored into the financing.

Aldersperson Neubauer asked if there was any control over jobs in Sycamore or hiring a local work force.

Mr. Nicklas said the general contracting firm is working with sub-contractors a number of which are local, but the City cannot guarantee a local work force.

**B. Consideration of an Administration Recommendation Concerning the Bids for the Site Improvements for Water Tower #2 and Well #10 on the Engh Farm.**

**Motion**

Aldersperson Bauer moved to accept the low bid from Wagner Excavating for \$247,452.60 and Aldersperson Kessler 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.

**C. Consideration of the Preliminary FY2010-2011 City Budget.**

Mr. Nicklas said he would see Council at the meeting Wednesday, March 17, at 7:00 p.m.

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

**APPOINTMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion**

Aldersperson Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 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