
SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF APRIL 5, 2010

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 Dan Stovall of the Sycamore Baptist Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

Alderperson Paulsen 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

Bill Mitchell, 113 Brian St., said that he had met with Mayor Mundy and Chief Thomas to discuss loud vehicles and asked Council to consider addressing the issue.

Mike Fogelsanger, 845 Sunset Ln., thanked Chief Riddle for organizing the DeKalb County Marines to fund raise in front of Jewel March 26 and 27 to raise money for the Red Cross. He said regarding Resolution 534 and said the City should not count on funds promised from the State and Federal Governments in case they do not come through with the money.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting of March 15, 2010 and the Special City Council Meeting of March 17, 2010.
- B. Payment of the Bills for April 5, 2010 in the amount of \$2,063,767.87.

Motion

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

Alderperson Kessler noted that much of the Aviation Fuel reimbursement is included in the bills and many of our capital projects are paid with a portion of that money.

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.

A. Proclamation declaring April 2010 as “National Life Month” in honor of Illinois organ donors.

Margaret Shannon, local representative for State of Illinois Donate Life Illinois, said that hope comes in the form of generous, anonymous donors who have signed up for organ and tissue donation upon their deaths. Ms. Shannon introduced DeKalb resident, Roger Grandys, who is a heart recipient.

Roger Grandys said he received a heart in 1998 and the donor also donated organs and tissue to at least 25 other people.

B. Proclamation declaring April 21, 2010 as “Administrative Professionals Day” and April 18-24, 2010 as “Administrative Professionals Week.”

Mayor Mundy said at the annual DCEDC program it was highlighted that 40 of the 80 businesses interviewed were planning expansion. He cautioned drivers to drive carefully with more people outside because of the nice weather. He also suggested everybody shop locally to support our local businesses and generate sales tax.

Aldersperson Stowe said he had received many phone calls regarding parking on North Avenue.

Chief Thomas explained that because of several complaints a few months ago they chose a minimalist response by placing signs eliminating parking on the far east end of the street and between the stop signs at the California/North Avenue intersection. He said that no ordinance is required because the signs are placed where it is illegal to park by state law. He said that people have been parking there illegally for many years so police will give warning tickets for the first two weeks.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Manager – Bill Nicklas noted an open house invitation for the DeKalb County Safe House April 21, 2010.

Engineer – John Brady, Sycamore Municipal Engineering, reported the EPA permits have been received for the site utilities for the water tower/well #10 project and the IDOT permit is close to completion.

Building & Zoning Commissioner – Lyle Doty said he received a call from Scott Gilmore of Smart Motion Robotics saying the plans would be turned in soon for their building in Prairie Business Park.

Fire Chief – Bill Riddle said this was his second to last meeting and with the support of City Manager Nicklas and Council listed the Fire Department accomplishments over the last 10 years as: additional training and responsibility after 911, paramedic services, KEC program/College intern program, St. John’s Church fire, remodel of fire station 1, design and build of fire station 2, and in 2008 lowered the ISO rating from 5 to 4.

Treasurer/Asst. City Manager – Brian Gregory reported the transfer tax for the 1st quarter totaled \$22,336 for the school district. He noted that April 1 was the official census day – a soft deadline for returning the forms. He said that census workers will be knocking on doors soon and will have identification.

Police Chief – Don Thomas suggested those residents placing noise complaints should try to get license numbers or identifying information for the police.

Public Works Director – Fred Busse said the Street Division has begun cutting in off-street parking to the east of the Public Safety building on Stark Avenue. He said they are borrowing Sycamore Township’s excavator, but the City will be purchasing one in this fiscal year. He also reported that the Water Division has been painting fire hydrants in the shop all winter long. Mr. Busse said that major concrete pours have been made on the Waste Water Treatment project and within the next few weeks all foundations should be completed.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

PUBLIC HEARING

A. Public Hearing on the Proposed FY2010-2011 City Budget.

Mayor Mundy opened the Public Hearing and with no public comment closed the hearing.

ORDINANCES - None

RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 534—Resolution Opposing the Reduction of the Local Government Distributive Fund.

City Manager Nicklas corrected his background of the projected state shortfall from \$12.8 million to \$12.8 billion. He noted that all of our capital projects are from sources other than state and federal funding, but we do look to the state shared revenue for operating expenses.

Motion

Aldersperson Bauer moved to approve Resolution 534 and Aldersperson Braser seconded the motion.

Aldersperson Kessler suggested that besides acting as the Council as a whole, individuals should contact their representatives.

Roll call vote

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

B. Resolution No. 535—Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways Under the Illinois Highway Code.

City Manager Nicklas explained that this is a necessary formality to use motor fuel tax funds. He said this would lay out a dedication of up to \$150,000 to be used for street maintenance.

Motion

Alderson Braser moved to approve Resolution 535 and Alderson Stowe 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, and Taylor voted aye. Motion carried 7 – 0.

CONSIDERATIONS

A. Consideration of an Administration Recommendation to Award the Contract for Sewer and Water Main Extensions at Lindgren Road to Wagner Excavating in the Amount of \$115,832.35.

City Manager Nicklas said this would be paid from impact fee accruals.

Motion

Alderson Braser moved to accept the low bid from Wagner Excavating for \$115,832.35 and Alderson Paulsen 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, and Taylor voted aye. Motion carried 7 – 0.

B. Consideration of an Administration Request for a Closed Session to Review Closed Session Minutes.

Motion

Alderson Paulsen moved to go into Closed Session at 7:55 p.m. and Alderson Taylor seconded the motion.

Voice vote

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

Motion

Alderson Paulsen moved to return to Open Session at 8:05 p.m. 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 7 - 0.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 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