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**SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 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, Pete Paulsen, Chuck Stowe, Gregory Taylor, and Janice Tripp. Alderperson Rich Neubauer was absent.

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Dan Stovall of Sycamore Baptist Church gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion**

Alderperson Braser 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**

Rick Carls, with Carls Oil Company owner of Corral Marathon, expressed interest in obtaining a liquor license. He said their family business currently has three other locations in different cities in northern Illinois and all three are licensed to sell beer and wine and are Basset certified.

Peter Barick, 433 W. High St., said he was not opposed to liquor in general, but expressed concern about expanding liquor sales and where they would be located. He said he felt notifications to neighbors would be appropriate and said he did not think it would be good for the community to have liquor sales in our neighborhoods.

Rosemary Slavenas, 1629 Park Ave., expressed concern about any change in the liquor ordinance because she felt liquor was available enough. She said that gas stations service drivers and she said it seemed like a bad idea. She suggested increasing parking meter fees to raise revenue rather than increasing liquor sales.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting of April 5, 2010.
- B. Approval of the Closed Session Meeting Minutes dated October 5, 2009 and December 21, 2009.
- C. Release of the Closed Session Minutes for the Council Meeting of October 5, 2009.
- D. Approval to Destroy the Auditory Tapes from the Closed Session Council Meetings During the Period April 7, 2008 through October 6, 2008.
- E. Plan Commission Minutes for the Meeting of March 8, 2010.
- F. Payment of the Bills for April 19, 2010 in the amount of \$253,747.56.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Bauer moved to approve the Consent Agenda 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.

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

A. Proclamation declaring April 30, 2010 as "Arbor Day" in the City of Sycamore, Illinois.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS**

A. Remarks of City Manager Bill Nicklas Concerning the Retirement of Two City Department Heads: Fire Chief Bill Riddle and Building Commissioner and Zoning Officer Lyle Doty.

City Manager Nicklas thanked Fire Chief Riddle and Building Commissioner/Zoning Officer Doty for their service and presented them with plaques and watches.

Engineer – John Brady, Sycamore Municipal Engineering, reported that materials had been delivered to the water tower/well site and water main work will start in about one week.

Building & Zoning Commissioner – Lyle Doty said they are in the middle of review of Smart Motion Robotics in Sycamore Prairie Business Park.

Fire Chief – Bill Riddle reported that Friday KEC students and instructors went to Springfield for a competition and the Sycamore/DeKalb kids placed 6<sup>th</sup>.

Treasurer/Asst. City Manager – Brian Gregory said the benchmark for the March Treasurer's report is 91.67% with expenditures running at 86.97% and revenue at 83.9%. He said that sales tax continues to fall short of expectations, but the March distribution is up from the prior year. He said that income tax distributions continue to lag at the state level. He said that pension funds have performed strongly this year with year to date returns in the 14 -16% range. He also reported that Census door-to-door enumeration will begin May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Police Chief – Don Thomas reported a quiet past two weeks, but said that Public Works has made temporary parking areas around the Police station and Stark Avenue in anticipation of construction of the police addition.

Assistant Public Works Director – Ebe Smith said they will be with a school to plant a tree. He also reported that the Water Division started flushing fire hydrants today and will continue for ten days.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

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

PUBLIC HEARING - None

**ORDINANCES**

**A. Ordinance No. 2009.60—An Ordinance Concerning the Adoption of the Combined Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

**Motion**

Aldersperson Braser moved to hear Ordinance 2009.60 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 Alderspersons voted aye. Motion carried 7 - 0.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Bauer moved to approve Ordinance 2009.60 and Aldersperson Kessler seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote**

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

**B. Ordinance No. 2009.61—An Ordinance Amending Title 1, “Administration,” Chapter 10, “Personnel Rules,” of the City Code of the City of Sycamore to Authorize Non-Elective Positions for the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

**Motion**

Aldersperson Stowe moved to hear Ordinance 2009.61 on first and second reading 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.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Stowe moved to approve Ordinance 2009.61 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, Paulsen, Stowe, Taylor, and Tripp voted aye. Motion carried 7 – 0.

**C. Ordinance No. 2009.62—An Ordinance Establishing Offices and Fixing the Compensation of Certain Appointed Officers of the City of Sycamore, Illinois, County of DeKalb, State of Illinois for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the First Day of May, 2010 and Ending on the Thirtieth Day of April, 2011. First and Second Reading.**

**Motion**

Aldersperson Paulsen moved to hear Ordinance 2009.62 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 Alderspersons voted aye. Motion carried 7 - 0.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Paulsen moved to approve Ordinance 2009.62 and Aldersperson Stowe seconded the motion.

Aldersperson Taylor expressed concern about going to mid-range of the comps because he did not like basing our salaries in the middle of what those around us are doing.

City Manager Nicklas noted that they are not mid-range; they are substantially below those of our comparable cities.

**Roll call vote**

Mayor Mundy called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Alderspersons Bauer, Braser, Paulsen, Stowe, Taylor, and Tripp voted aye and Kessler abstained. Motion carried 6 - 0 - 1.

**D. Ordinance No. 2009.63—An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

**Motion**

Aldersperson Paulsen moved to hear Ordinance 2009.63 on first and second reading and Aldersperson Tripp 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 Paulsen moved to approve Ordinance 2009.63 and Aldersperson Tripp seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote**

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

**E. Ordinance No. 2009.64—An Ordinance Amending Title 3, “Business and Licenses Regulation,” Chapter 2, “Liquor Control,” of the City Code of the City of Sycamore, Illinois to Revise the Conditions for Issuance of a Class “F” Liquor License. First and Second Reading.**

Mayor Mundy said this ordinance would lift the restriction of package wine and beer sales at food and fuel establishments. He noted that he received a communication from an employee of one of the food and fuel establishments saying they hoped it would not pass.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Taylor moved to hear Ordinance 2009.64 on first and second reading and Aldersperson Braser seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote**

Mayor Mundy called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Alderspersons Braser, Paulsen, Stowe, and Taylor voted aye with Bauer, Kessler, and Tripp voting nay. Motion failed 4 – 3.

## RESOLUTIONS

### **A. Resolution No. 536—Resolution Requesting the Approval of the Illinois Department of Transportation for Sanitary Sewer, Storm Sewer and Water Main Improvements within the Illinois Route 23 Right-of-Way.**

City Manager Nicklas said this is a formality that requests IDOT approval of this work.

#### **Motion**

Aldersperson Stowe moved to approve Resolution 536 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, Paulsen, Stowe, Taylor, and Tripp voted aye. Motion carried 7 – 0.

### **B. Resolution No. 537—Reallocating the City of Sycamore's Private Activity Bond Volume Cap for the Year 2010 to the Illinois Housing Development Authority for the Purpose of Issuing Mortgage Credit Certificates in the City of Sycamore, Illinois.**

City Manager Nicklas explained that this is the City's major contribution of helping first time buyers get into houses.

#### **Motion**

Aldersperson Paulsen moved to approve Resolution 537 and Aldersperson Kessler seconded the motion.

#### **Roll call vote**

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

**CONSIDERATIONS** - None

## OTHER NEW BUSINESS

## APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Mundy appointed George Bridgewater, Bill Davey, Bill Lorence, Steve Nelson (Dist 427), Michelle Schulz (SPD), and Aldersperson Chuck Stowe to Plan Commission; Jesus Romero and Aldersperson Gregory Taylor to Architectural Review Committee; Samantha Dailey to Fire & Police Commission; Mark Kessler to Fire Pension Board; Leo Turner and Janice Anderson to Human Relations Commission; Tim Beasley, Craig Mathey, Kevin Buick, Larry Forsberg, and Aldersperson Pete Paulsen to SYEDC; Charles Larson and Aldersperson Gregory Taylor to the Public Library Board.

#### **Motion**

Aldersperson Paulsen moved to approve the appointments 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.

## ADJOURNMENT

### **Motion**

Aldersperson Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 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