
**SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF JUNE 7, 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 Steve Persson of the First Baptist Church 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

Mayor Mundy's grandchildren, Felix and Renee, said they were visiting and shopping in Sycamore.

Lt. Dan Marcinkowski of Local IAFF 3046 reported that he and City Manager Nicklas, with the cooperation of Chief Kessler and the two assistant chiefs, inked a re-up of the memorandum of understanding regarding the new call-back system which extends it until the contract expires when it will be negotiated with the new contract.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting of May 17, 2010.
- B. Payment of the Bills for June 7, 2010 in the amount of \$1,857,632.84.
- C. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes for the Meeting of June 23, 2009.

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.

Alderperson Paulsen thanked the staff for their help over the past week.

Alderperson Bauer noted that school is out and there are a lot of kids on the streets.

Mayor Mundy said the Fire Pension Board met and Cary Niewold will replace Terry Morris on the Board and Eric Walker will be President and Marc Doty remains as Secretary.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

City Manager – Bill Nicklas thanked Lt. Marcinkowski for coming and there is a press release available for the press. He noted that the platoon system shows promise and he appreciated the cooperation of Local 3046, Chief Kessler, and his two assistant chiefs.

Engineer – John Brady, Sycamore Municipal Engineering, reported that work was progressing nicely on the federal project on Lindgren Road and with nice weather they should get some soil modification work done and continue with grading and the base could be put in before too long.

Director of Building & Engineering – John Sauter reported that he received a set of plans for the Hy-Vee project at the old K-Mart site.

Fire Chief – Mark Kessler thanked Local 3046 and Lt. Marcinkowski for securing the callback agreement. He also reported that the Artery Farm was burned down as of June 4, 2010. He said that First Rockford has been sent a letter to take care of the remaining debris within 30 days.

Treasurer/Asst. City Manager – Brian Gregory updated Council on the Build America Bonds that we issued last year. He said the first repayment will be July 1, 2010 and noted that we applied for and received the rebate.

Police Chief – Don Thomas reiterated that school is out for the summer. He said that construction would start at the Public Safety Building next week and parking will be dramatically reconfigured. He said that tall grass concerns should be directed to Community Service Officer George Davis at the Police Department Administration telephone number.

City Manager Nicklas said that George Davis does a tremendous job and has the insight to get the Building & Engineering Department involved for other issues he notices.

Public Works Director – Fred Busse reported that last Tuesday Public Works started work on the alleys and when Engineer John Brady shot the grades it was determined storm sewers would be necessary.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance – no report

Public Safety – no report

Public Works – no report

PUBLIC HEARING - None

ORDINANCES

- A. Ordinance No. 2010.03—An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Sycamore Zoning Board of Appeals With Regard to a Variance from Article 5.3.1.J of the Sycamore**

Unified Development Ordinance to Allow the Conversion of a Three-Unit Building to a Two Family Dwelling at 635 South Cross Street. First and Second Reading.

City Manager Nicklas explained that Tom Weaver purchased this property this spring as an investment rental property. He noted that at the time Mr. Weaver purchased the property it was set up as a 3-unit and it is his intention to convert it to a 2-unit. He noted that because the property had been out of its “legal non-conforming use” for 60 days the parcel has converted back to single-family zoning. He said that former Building Commissioner/Zoning Officer Lyle Doty determined that a variance might be pursued and that is why this issue is before Council.

Motion

Aldersperson Braser moved to hear Ordinance 2010.03 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 Braser moved to approve Ordinance 2010.03 and Aldersperson Neubauer 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.

B. Ordinance No. 2010.04—An Ordinance Ascertaining the Prevailing Wages for Public Works in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

Motion

Aldersperson Neubauer moved to hear Ordinance 2010.04 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 Neubauer moved to approve Ordinance 2010.04 and Aldersperson Braser 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. Ordinance No. 2010.05—An Ordinance Approving a Grant of \$17,000 to the Voluntary Action Center for Direct Services to the Citizens of the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

Motion

Aldersperson Neubauer moved to hear Ordinance 2010.05 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 Neubauer moved to approve Ordinance 2010.05 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.

D. Ordinance No. 2010.06—An Ordinance Approving a Grant of \$20,000 to the Voluntary Action Center to Support the Blue Line Flexible Bus Route Service in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

Motion

Aldersperson Neubauer moved to hear Ordinance 2010.06 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 Neubauer moved to approve Ordinance 2010.06 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.

E. Ordinance No. 2010.07—An Ordinance Approving a Grant of \$13,500 to the DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation for Direct Services to Citizens of the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

City Manager Nicklas said he has worked with DCEDC for the past 12 years and felt that in the last year DCEDC offered Sycamore more direct service than he has ever seen. He noted that he and Mayor Mundy went on many of the retention calls and said the summary of the retention visits were very interesting and offered hope during these tough economic times.

Paul Borak, DCEDC Executive Director, said they work to recruit, promote, and attract new businesses to communities in DeKalb County. He said they partnered with ComEd to use a survey tool to identify how they could help businesses reduce costs, improve productivity, solve problems, and support opportunity for growth. He said they teamed up with IMEC, Illinois Manufacturing Extension Center, a not-for-profit industrial consulting organization to help visit 80 of the largest businesses in DeKalb County. He noted that all-in-all DeKalb County companies are financially strong despite some pretty adverse conditions. He said Mayor Mundy and Bill Nicklas accompanied them on most of the Sycamore business visits. He thanked Council for the City's support and pledged to work diligently with Sycamore.

Aldersperson Taylor asked if the ComEd tool would be available in the future or if it was a one-time only thing.

Mr. Borak said that tool will be available to them in the future.

Mr. Nicklas said it is a 5 or 6 page survey form and he personally did not think a CEO or a top manager would sit down and go through it page by page, but they ate it up. He said the meetings were interesting and dynamic.

Aldersperson Taylor asked if this program had the ability to find similar counties with similar or better conditions and the reasons behind those conditions.

Mr. Borak said the kind of information that might be available would be through comparison of companies with multiple locations in other states and not necessarily from that tool. He said there were no bad comments regarding Sycamore and DeKalb County, but they said the State of Illinois was challenging companies. He said he thought we would be well-served to do something to support the efforts to strengthen the business climate in the state of Illinois as a whole.

Mayor Mundy said he was thankful that some companies are looking at expansion in this time when the big challenge is doing more with less and said that he appreciated the City's partnership with DCEDC.

Motion

Alderson Neubauer moved to hear Ordinance 2010.07 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 Aldersons voted aye. Motion carried 7 - 0.

Motion

Alderson Paulsen moved to approve Ordinance 2010.07 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, and Taylor voted aye. Motion carried 7 – 0.

F. Ordinance No. 2010.08—An Ordinance Requesting the Permission of the Illinois Department of Transportation to Close IL Route 64 from Main Street to Sacramento Street from 6:00 A.M. Until 4:00 P.M. on Sunday, July 25, 2010 to Allow the “Turning Back Time” Car Show in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

Motion

Alderson Braser moved to hear Ordinance 2010.08 on first and second reading and Alderson Kessler 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 Braser moved to approve Ordinance 2010.08 and Alderson Neubauer 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.

Alderson Paulsen stepped out of the Council Chambers at 7:51 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS - None

CONSIDERATIONS

A. Consideration of an Administration Recommendation Regarding a Contract for the Site Improvements Associated with the Police Department Addition at 535 DeKalb Avenue.

City Manager Nicklas said the lowest bid was from N-Track Group from Rockford for \$210,215.28.

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to award the bid to N-Track Group for \$210,215.28 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, Neubauer, Stowe, and Taylor voted aye. Motion carried 6 – 0.

B. Consideration of an Administration Recommendation Regarding a Contract for the 2010 Bituminous Resurfacing Program at Scattered Locations within the City of Sycamore.

City Manager Nicklas said that a number of companies took out plans, but we received only one bid from Curran Contracting Company for \$736,991.50. He noted that a potential bidder said there is ongoing concern about the way we structure our local preference policy and Mr. Nicklas said he would bring that back sometime in July.

Mayor Mundy pointed out that this amount represents only part of the street program.

Aldersperson Paulsen returned to the meeting.

Motion

Aldersperson Bauer moved to award the bid to Curran Contracting Company for \$736,991.50 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.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 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