
**SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 20, 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: Steven Braser, Terry Kessler, Rich Neubauer, Pete Paulsen, Chuck Stowe, Gregory Taylor, and Janice Tripp. Alderperson Alan Bauer was absent and Rich Neubauer arrived at 7:15 p.m.

INVOCATION

Mayor Mundy asked for a moment of silent reflection.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

Alderperson Kessler 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 6 - 0.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting of December 6, 2010.
- B. Payment of the Bills for December 20, 2010 in the amount of \$1,314,227.22.
- C. Plan Commission Minutes for the meeting of November 8, 2010.

Motion

Alderperson Stowe moved to approve the Consent 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 6 - 0.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND BILLS.

Alderperson Paulsen announced that the DeKalb County Board Highway Committee would meet January 6, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the DeKalb County Nursing Home to discuss the intersection of Peace and Freed.

Mayor Mundy noted that decades of public service were going to be recognized and thanked the employees for their service.

- A. Annual presentation of service awards to City of Sycamore employees. Human Resource Director Jean Tritle will assist the City Manager in presenting awards to employees with 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and over 30 years of service to the citizens of Sycamore.

5 YEAR CERTIFICATE

John (Mike) Domenighini, Police Officer (5/2/2005)
Phyllis Knudson, Crossing Guard (2/14/2005)
John Laskowski, City Engineer (5/2/2005)
Steve Senteney, Building Inspector (2/7/2005)
Eric Walker, Firefighter/Paramedic (9/12/2005)
Mary Ann Warman, Crossing Guard (8/17/2005)
Nick Young, Firefighter/Paramedic (6/6/2005)
Tiffany Ziegler, Investigator (9/1/2005)

10 YEAR CERTIFICATE

Ray Baker, Crossing Guard (9/5/2000)
Brad Belanger, Firefighter/Paramedic (9/1/2000)
Justin Fleetwood, Laborer, 5/22/2000)
Linda Morgan-Sauer, Parking Officer (12/11/2000)
Stephen Rubeck, Auxiliary (11/1/2000)

15 YEAR CERTIFICATE

Bryan Carlson, Laborer (6/16/1995)
Megan Petit, Records Clerk (12/26/1995)
Bob Ray, Superintendent (5/17/1995)
Sandy Wright, Account Clerk (3/7/95)

20 YEAR PLAQUES

Linda Gilbreth, Custodian (5/1/1990)

25 YEAR AWARDS

Mark Kessler, Fire Chief (2/26/1985)
Tom Pritchett, Fire Lieutenant (8/27/1985)
Paul Rubeck, Firefighter/Paramedic (7/22/1985)

30 YEAR PLUS AWARDS

Todd Turner, Fire Lieutenant (11/1/1980)

Jack Spartz, retired after 36 years of employment (2 PT, 34 FT)

REPORT OF OFFICERS

City Manager – Bill Nicklas wished everybody a pleasant Holiday season and a rewarding New Year.

Engineer – John Brady, Sycamore Municipal Engineering, reported that they were calculating final quantities on all projects in order to prepare for next year's budget.

Director of Building & Engineering – John Sauter reported a certificate of occupancy was issued to Smart Motion Robotics, a temporary certificate of occupancy was issued to SK Tools, and HyVee is close to having the exterior of the building buttoned up. He noted that the business next to the HyVee store has agreed to match its façade.

Fire Chief – Mark Kessler asked residents with fire hydrants in their yards to clear the snow from around them.

Treasurer/Asst. City Manager – Brian Gregory distributed the November Treasurer’s Report which represents 7 months and said we received our final property tax installment. He noted that Home Rule sales tax for general merchandise sales were up 1.4% in May, 2.3% in June, 7.7% in July, and 7.9% in August, and reminded Council that there is a 3-month lag.

Police Chief – Don Thomas reported that Sadie Prestave has been hired to replace retired officer Doug Martha. He also encouraged residents to drive carefully during the holidays and suggested offering rides to those who might be over served.

Public Works Director – Fred Busse reported that the Waste Water Treatment project has passed the substantial completion stage. He said the cold weather has created a challenge, but will be up and running. He said some of the landscaping will have to wait until spring.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

PUBLIC HEARING - None

ORDINANCES

- A. Ordinance No. 2010.23—An Ordinance Levying Taxes for the Corporate Purposes of the City of Sycamore for the Fiscal Year Commencing May 1, 2011 and Ending April 30, 2012. Second Reading.**

Aldersperson Neubauer arrived at 7:15 p.m.

Motion

Aldersperson Braser moved to approve Ordinances 2010.23 through 2010.30 in omnibus fashion and Aldersperson Stowe seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

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

- B. Ordinance No. 2010.24—An Ordinance Abating the Debt Service Levy for the General Obligation Bond Issue Series 2002 for the City of Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. Second Reading.**
- C. Ordinance No. 2010.25—An Ordinance Abating the Debt Service Levy for the General Obligation Bond Issue Series 2003 for the City of Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year 2011-2012. Second Reading.**

- D. **Ordinance No. 2010.26—An Ordinance Partially Abating the Debt Service Levy for the General Obligation Bond Issue Series 2005 for the City of Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year 2011-2012. Second Reading.**
- E. **Ordinance No. 2010.27—An Ordinance Abating the Debt Service Levy for the General Obligation Bond Issue Series 2007 for the City of Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year 2011-2012. Second Reading.**
- F. **Ordinance No. 2010.28—An Ordinance Abating the Debt Service Levy for the General Obligation Bond Issue Series 2009 for the City of Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year 2011-2012. Second Reading.**
- G. **Ordinance No. 2010.29—An Ordinance Abating Certain Real Estate Revenue Due for Property Owned by Emmaus Holdings/d.b.a Superior Industrial Equipment at 1609 Afton Road in the City of Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. Second Reading.**
- H. **Ordinance No. 2010.30—An Ordinance Abating Certain Real Estate Revenue Due for Property Owned by Larocco Family LLC/d.b.a. Ample Supply at 1401 S. Prairie Drive in the City of Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. Second Reading.**

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to approve Ordinances 2010.23 through 2010.30 and Aldersperson Paulsen seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

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

- I. **Ordinance No. 2010.31—An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission With Regard to the Petition of Jonathan Miller for the Partial Vacation of a Utility easement Located Along the North Side of the Property at 1167 Penny Lane in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

City Manager Nicklas explained that upon receipt of the plat of survey, Mr. Miller discovered that the north side of the duplex encroached on a utility easement by approximately 1 foot and even after the partial vacation there will still be a 10-foot easement.

Motion

Aldersperson Kessler moved to hear Ordinance 2010.31 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 Paulsen moved to approve Ordinance 2010.31 and Aldersperson Kessler seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

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

RESOLUTIONS - None

CONSIDERATIONS - None

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 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:

Mayor – Ken Mundy

Attest:

City Clerk – Candy Smith