
**SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 2000**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor James Edwards called the meeting to order and Clerk Nancy Marchiando called the roll. Those Alderpersons present were: Patrick Balentyne, Cheryl Maness, Keven Dahl, Pam Blickem, James Huntley, Alan Bauer and Michael Chambon. Alderperson Candy Smith was absent.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by City Treasurer Ken Mundy.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Edwards said the following items would be added to the agenda:

1. Minutes of the December 4, 2000, Workshop Session
2. Considerations: Approval to fill position of Deputy Clerk
3. Considerations: Temporary replacement of Deputy Clerk

Mayor Edwards reminded the Council of the Closed Session scheduled at the end of the meeting.

Motion

Alderperson Blickem moved to approve the agenda as amended and Alderperson Balentyne seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Edwards called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderpersons present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of December 4, 2000.

Motion

Alderperson Maness moved to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2000 Council meeting and Alderperson Blickem seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Edwards called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderpersons present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Payment of bills for December 18, 2000.

Morton

Aldersperson Bauer moved to approve the bills of December 18, 2000, in the amount of \$525,619.46 and Aldersperson Maness seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Edwards called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderspersons present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

- 3. Plan Commission minutes of November 13, 2000.

The minutes of the November 13, 2000, meeting of the Plan Commission were accepted by the Council.

- 4. Minutes of the December 4, 2000, workshop session.

Voice Vote

Aldersperson Blickem moved to approve the minutes of the workshop session of December 4, 2000 and Aldersperson Huntley seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Edwards called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderspersons present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS

At the request of Mayor Edwards, Clerk Marchiando provided information regarding the “Battle of the Badges” Blood Drive scheduled for Wednesday, December 20, 2000 in the Council Chambers.

Mayor Edwards introduced Max Finn from Boy Scout Troop #16, who is working on a Good Citizen/Community Involvement Merit Badge.

Andrew Hallgren, a Boy Scout, was also recognized for working to obtain the same merit badge.

OLD BUSINESS

Aldersperson Balentyne expressed his view on the importance of pursuing a signal “turn” light at the intersection of Route 23 & Route 64, and added that he thought angle parking on Maple Street would be a good idea and suggested a variance for parking at the new County building.

Mayor Edwards stated that the County might be willing to consider the angle parking on Maple Street and asked Engineer Brady about the time frame to make a change of the signal light at Route #64 & #23. Administrator Nicklas stated that Engineer John Brady had previously talked with IDOT District #2 and said that a preliminary cost study had been performed and that the City would need to make a

request to IDOT. The project is “doable” Administrator Nicklas said, but that it always helps the project along with some urging from the municipality. He stated that at some point a resolution may be needed from the Council.

Aldersperson Dahl stated that the County expressed a desire to help support the need for a turn lane at the Route #64 & #23 intersection and wondered if the County might help financially as well. In addition, Aldersperson Dahl asked Police Chief Garcia about the sign(i.e. children playing) for Stonehenge Drive. Chief Garcia responded that the issue had been addressed.

Aldersperson Bauer asked about the Route #64 clean-up and the deadline for that project. Engineer Brady stated the project was fairly complete.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Administrator - Bill Nicklas - introduced Mitch Hallgren, new director for the DeKalb County Housing Authority. He expressed thanks to Tami Armstrong, Chamber Director, and the local media representatives for their efforts in reporting the activities of the City government.

Building & Zoning - Lyle Doty - stated he had issued 8 permits during the past two weeks: 4 single-family, 1 miscellaneous residential and 2 miscellaneous commercial.

Treasurer - Ken Mundy - stated he had distributed to the Council the financials for the month of November and that the benchmark for November was 58% and though the expenditures were in line there were unforeseen expenses that might occur this time of year. He wished everyone a peaceful holiday.

Fire Chief - Bill Riddle - reported that 63 calls for assistance had been received during the past two weeks: 44 EMS, 19 Fire. He requested that the residents be sure the fire hydrant in their neighborhood is dug-out from the snow and suggested that they might “Adopt a Fire Hydrant”. He urged everyone to give blood on Wednesday.

Police Chief - Roy Garcia - reminded everyone not to celebrate too much over the holidays. He stated the Police Department had received 900 calls for service during the past two weeks and reported they have been working with the Street Department to enforce the snow ordinance. He said the Department had been working with Chris Zorek, who had donated 500 toys to the Sycamore School District.. He announced that there would be an awards ceremony for officers of the Police Department during the January 2, 2001 Council meeting.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance - Alan Bauer - stated he would like to see the City pursue having cameras in every squad car

as it provided good evidence and protection for the officers.

Ordinance - James Huntley - reported that all items were on the agenda. He announced that he would not be seeking reelection in April, 2001 due to health problems.

Sewer & Water - Patrick Balentyne - reported that the committee had met at 6:30 p.m. for a presentation by Supt. Fred Busse regarding equipment for cleaning the City sewers and stated the committee recommended that the item should be placed in the plans for the 2001-2002 budget. He said the committee would meet again on January 15, 2001 at 6:30 p.m..

Fire & Police - Keven Dahl - reported the committee had met prior to the Council meeting and recommended 4-0 to approve the Major Case Task Force Ordinance.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance No. 2000.50 - An ordinance abating certain real estate tax revenue for property owned by Sycamore Ford/Mazda/Hyundai in the City of Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois for fiscal year 2000-2001. Second reading.

Administrator Nicklas stated this ordinance had been postponed from the December 4, 2000 Council meeting for revisions to the agreement and proposed options. He said the area of disagreement concerns the sales tax rebate and he reviewed the back-ground material and explained three possible options.

Alderman Bauer stated he was in favor of option #3 and felt the City should proceed with the property tax abatement. Mayor Edwards explained his recollection of the agreement and stated the agreement was for both a property tax abatement and a sales tax rebate.

8:04 p.m. - Alderman Candy Smith arrived.

Administrator Nicklas recommended Option #3, but added that with each option a decision needs to be made regarding whether to abate the property tax for the Sycamore Ford parcel and that if the Council wished to approve Option #3 negotiations would need to proceed to refine the sales tax rebate concept.

Alderman Dahl stated he agreed that the City owed the property tax rebate. He said if the entire agreement is renegotiated he felt the \$30,000 per year amount was agreeable. Alderman Blickem stated she was not inclined to re-write a new agreement as she felt the City had an agreement and wondered just how concerned Sycamore Ford is and why were they not present at the meeting.

Motion

Aldersperson Bauer moved to approve the agreement using option #3 to proceed with the property tax abatement, in a 10-year agreement at \$30,000 per year. Aldersperson Balentyne seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Edwards called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderspersons present voted aye except for Aldersperson Chambon who voted no. Motion carried.

2. Ordinance No. 2000.57 - An ordinance approving the execution of an agreement between the City of Sycamore, Illinois and the Major Case Task Force to allow participation in and assistance from other regional law enforcement agencies in investigating major criminal cases in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. Second reading.

Motion

Aldersperson Maness moved to approve Ordinance No. 2000.57 and Aldersperson Huntley seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Edwards called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderspersons present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Ordinance No. 2000.58 - An ordinance in connection with rights and responsibilities related to locally imposed and administered taxes of the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and second reading.

Motion

Aldersperson Balentyne moved to have a first and second reading for Ordinance No. 2000.58 and Aldersperson Maness seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Edwards called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderspersons present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

Aldersperson Balentyne moved to approve Ordinance No. 2000.58 and Aldersperson Maness seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Edwards called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderspersons present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Ordinance No. 2000.59 - An ordinance concerning the recommendation of the Plan Commission with regard to the request of John D. Ward to amend the preliminary and final plats for the commercial property located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Illinois Route #23 and Peace Road and Plank Road in the City of

Sycamore, Illinois. First and second reading.

Motion

Aldersperson Bauer moved to have a first and second reading for Ordinance No. 2000.59 and Aldersperson Huntley seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Edwards called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderspersons present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

Aldersperson Huntley moved to approve Ordinance No. 2000.59 and Aldersperson Bauer seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Edwards called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderspersons present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Ordinance No. 2000.60 - An ordinance concerning the recommendation of the Plan Commission with regard to the request of John Tallitsch for the approval of an agreement to annex certain property located on Illinois Route #23 near Coltonville Road with a zoning classification of "C-3" Highway Business District in the City of Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois. First and second reading.

4. Ordinance No. 2000.61 - An ordinance concerning the recommendation of the Plan Commission with regard to the request of John Tallitsch to annex certain property located on Illinois Route #23 near Coltonville Road with a zoning classification of "C-3" Highway Business District in the City of Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois. First and second reading.

5. Ordinance No. 2000.62 - An Ordinance of Annexation of property located on Illinois Route #23 near Coltonville Road in the City of Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois.

Motion

Aldersperson Balentyne moved to have a first and second reading on Ordinances No. 2000.60, No. 2000.61 & No. 2000.62 and Aldersperson Maness seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Edwards called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderspersons present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

Aldersperson Balentyne moved to approve Ordinances No. 2000.60, No. 2000.61 and No. 2000.62 and Aldersperson Chambon seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Edwards called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderspersons present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Ordinance No. 2000.63 - An ordinance adopting the amended Zoning Ordinance of 20001 in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First Reading.

No action required on a first reading.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

CONSIDERATIONS

- A. Request for temporary part-time help for City Clerk
2. Request to fill vacancy of the Deputy Clerk's position.

After some discussion it was decided that the request for the temporary part-time help would be addressed at a later date should filling the position take some time.

Motion

Aldersperson Dahl moved to approve the request to fill the vacancy of the Deputy Clerk's position.

Roll Call Vote

Mayor Edwards called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Those Alderspersons voting aye were: Maness, Dahl, Blickem, Huntley, Bauer and Chambon. Those Alderspersons voting nay were: Balentyne and Smith. Six Alderspersons voted aye and two voted nay. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion

Aldersperson Balentyne moved to go into closed session at 8:45 p.m. and Aldersperson Maness seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Edwards called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderspersons present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion

Aldersperson Balentyne moved to return to open session at 9:07 p.m. and Aldersperson Maness seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Edwards called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderspersons present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Aldersperson Balentyne moved to adjourn the meeting and Aldersperson Maness seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Edwards called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderspersons present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve:

Mayor - James S. Edwards

Attest:

City Clerk - Nancy S. Marchiando