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SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 3, 2000

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CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

William Mills of the Bethal Assembly of God gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Edwards stated that Item #12A would be moved between Item #9 and #10.

**Motion**

Alderperson Dahl moved to approve the agenda as distributed and amended and Alderperson Smith 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

Chuck Criswell, Sycamore businessman, Rt #23, Genoa, IL, presented to the Council an idea and plan for an antique car show to be held in Sycamore on July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2000. The show would be held in the downtown area from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on that day. He indicated that it would be possible to have 250-800 cars participate in the show. An entry fee of \$10.00 per car would be charged and all proceeds would benefit the DARE Program.

He further stated that four major sponsors had been secured for the "Turning Back Time Weekend" and they are: Brown's County Market, American National Bank of DeKalb County, Carquest and Auto Meter. Mayor Edwards asked if this would be a yearly event and Mr. Criswell answered yes and it is hoped that a service club or other similar local group would eventually take over the project.

Alderperson Smith asked about clean-up following the event and Mr. Criswell said he still needed to talk with the City about that matter. Administrator Nicklas stated that if the Council was agreeable to the concept of the plan then he and the staff would work out the details. The Council thought it would be a great idea and gave the okay to

move forward with the plans.  
CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the minutes of the special Council meeting of November 22, 1999.
2. Approval of the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of December 20, 1999.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Maness moved to approve the minutes of November 22, 1999 and December 20, 1999 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. Payment of bills for January 3, 2000.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Bauer moved to approve the bills of January 3, 2000, in the amount of \$73,327.23 and Aldersperson Dahl 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. Monthly budget report for the period May 1, 1999 through December 22, 1999.

The report was accepted by the Council.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS**

City Administrator - Bill Nicklas - reported there were not any problems with Y2K, stated an City entrance sign was in place on Route 64 West by Hardwood Connections and informed the Council that the State of the County dinner would be held on Thursday, January 27, 2000 from 5:15 - 8:00 P.M..

Building & Zoning - Lyle Doty - reported that 3 permits had been issued in the past two weeks: 2 miscellaneous residential and 1 miscellaneous commercial to remove underground storage tanks.

Treasurer - Ken Mundy - reminded everyone of the importance of the 2000 Census because the population figures would mean \$120.00 per resident and that amount generally increases 5-6% per year.

Fire Chief - Gene Ege - reported that the department had responded to 78 incidents during the past two

weeks. There were 53 EMS calls and 25 Fire calls, 63 ambulance patients 40 of which were transported. He reminded the citizens as a matter of public safety that with the recent fluctuations of temperature ponds used for ice skating should be checked for safety. He said all City ponds are posted with "No Skating" signs.

Police Chief - Roy Garcia - reported there not any Y2K problems, thanked the Sycamore News for articles printed concerning the sign ordinance and informing the public of the regulations. He further stated that the City ordinances need to be more specific so that the regulations are easier to enforce. He informed the Council of a new program initiated by Mike Coghlan, former States Attorney, that presents a more positive message to young people concerning drugs. He stated the department had received 1635 calls for service during the past two weeks.

Treatment Plant - Fred Busse - asked that a Sewer & Water Committee meeting be scheduled prior to the next Council meeting on January 17, 2000.

City Clerk - Nancy Marchiando - introduced new staff member, Deputy Clerk Dottie Hove, and informed the Council that she had been working part-time for the past two weeks and had started full that day and administered the Oath of Office to Dottie.

#### REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance - Alan Bauer - None.

Ordinance - James Huntley - reported Ordinance No. 99.59 was on the agenda. He expressed thanks to Lyle Doty, Bill Nicklas and Gene Ege for their assistance on the Brickville Road project.

Streets & Walks - Cheryl Maness - None.

Sewer & Water - Patrick Balentyne - None.

Fire & Police - Keven Dahl - None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None.

#### CONSIDERATIONS

1. Consideration of a Fire Department demonstration of a new robotic training device.

Administrator Nicklas updated the Council on the means by which the device was purchased by informing them that the Sycamore Elementary School children raised \$578.00 which was donated for the purchase and the Fire Fighters Union #4046 donated the remaining amount.

Fire Fighter Jim Lyon gave a presentation on the fire plug robot “Pluggie” for the Council and stated it was an educational tool - not a toy - that would be used in teaching the school children about fire safety. He stated the robot would be a great addition to what they teach now in the schools. Fire Fighter Tom Pritchett assisted with the movements of “Pluggie” by a remote control devise

Aldersperson Chambon thanked the Fire Department for the excellent training provided to the school age children.

## ORDINANCES AND AGREEMENTS

1. Ordinance No. 99.59 - An Ordinance approving execution of a grant agreement between the City of Sycamore and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for a fund for Illinois’s future grant. First and second reading.

### **Motion**

Aldersperson Balentyne moved to have a first and second reading on Ord. No. 99.59 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 Ord. No. 99.59 and Anderson 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.

## CONSIDERATIONS (cont.)

2. Consideration of an administration report on a proposed FY200-2001 Budget Schedule.

Administrator Nicklas reviewed the budget schedule with the Council and they agreed to proceed as planned.

3. Consideration of the proposed Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Map.

Administrator Nicklas used a copy of the proposed land use map and a copy of the written text of the comprehensive plan to explain and provide information to the Council concerning these proposed documents of the City.

He stated the main idea shared by all reviewing the map and text is to maintain the small town feeling

while planning for growth. He stated this would be a difficult job, but asked the Council to share ideas and their impressions of the map prior to the map being reviewed by the Plan Commission next week.

Some of the Council comments included: DeKalb Airport expansion, Cortland boundary, a Cortland boundary agreement (felt important), low density area on the south part of the City. Administrator Nicklas was asked about new ordinances to address building design, etc. and he responded that setting design standards would take more time and could be completed later in the process and would not conflict with the plan.

#### MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

##### **Motion**

Aldersperson Huntley moved to go into closed session for the purpose of discussion on personnel and collective bargaining at 8:45 P.M.. Aldersperson Balentyne 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 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.

##### **Voice Vote**

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

Approve:

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James S. Edwards - Mayor

Attest:

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Nancy S. Marchiando - City Clerk