
SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF JULY 3, 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, Alan Bauer, Michael Chambon, Pam Blickem, Cheryl Maness, James Huntley and Keven Dahl. Alderperson Candy Smith was absent. Seven Alderpersons were present and one was absent.

INVOCATION

Steve Perrson of the First Baptist Church gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Edwards announced that Alderperson Smith would be absent from the meeting due to deaths in her family.

Motion

Alderperson Blickem moved to approve the agenda as distributed and Alderperson Huntley 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

Michael McVey, 143 North Avenue, Sycamore, IL spoke to the Council regarding a recent decision by the Supreme Court concerning prayer/invocations at sporting events. He asked how the City would react to enforcement of the ruling and he encouraged the City not to infringe on the rights of the people.

Mayor Edwards stated that no changes were planned for the City and the desires of the students regarding the decision would be honored.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 19, 2000.

Motion

Alderperson Blickem moved to approve the minutes of June 19, 2000 and Alderperson Dahl seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

B, PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR JULY 3, 2000.

Motion

Aldersperson Bauer moved to approve the bills of July 3, 2000 in the amount of \$ 707,066.44 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.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS

A. CITIZENSHIP AWARD PRESENTED BY MAYOR EDWARDS TO STEPHANIE FIGUEROA, DOMINIQUE WEBER, KIM RILEY AND RILEY JOHNSON.

Mayor Edwards presented the City's Citizenship Award to Kim Riley and Stephanie Figueroa and told those present the story of why the students were being presented the award. Dominique Weber and Riley Johnson were on vacation and could not be present.

Mayor Edwards reminded the Council of Representative David Wirsing's Business Breakfast scheduled for Wednesday, July 12, 2000.

Mayor Edwards announced that the Miss Kishwaukee Valley Scholarship Pageant had been presented the award for Outstanding Pageant of the Year at the Miss Illinois Pageant. He stated there were 30 other pageants in the state some that have been in existence for over 40 years and he congratulated the group on their accomplishment.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Edwards stated that a petition had been received from the Albert Street residents concerning the parking problems on their street when the high school is in session. Chief Roy Garcia said he would set up a public meeting with the neighborhood and school officials for the first part of August 2000.

Aldersperson Bauer expressed thanks for all the kind words and thoughts while he was hospitalized.

Aldersperson Dahl stated he had been asked about placing a stop or yield sign at the intersection of Russet and Pebblewood in the Woodgate Subdivision and he requested that the item be placed in the Streets and Walks Committee.

Aldersperson Blickem stated she has been asked about placing a 4-way stop at the intersection of Johnson Ave. & DeKalb Ave saying that the road construction was making it difficult to turn onto DeKalb Avenue. She also asked if during the road construction in the downtown area next year the sewers were being redone. Engineer Brady answered that some were but that there would probably not be enough money to do all so others would be repaired. Aldersperson Blickem felt that the work should be done and Engineer

Brady stated the City would have an opportunity to look at it again before the reconstruction begins.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Administrator - Bill Nicklas - extended condolences to the family of Candy Smith and welcomed Alderperson Bauer after his hospital stay.

Engineer - John Brady - stated the sewer work on DeKalb Avenue should be completed in two weeks and the detour should be moved back in two weeks time.

Building and Zoning - Lyle Doty - reported he had issued 18 permits: 3 single-family, 1 three-unit, 1 commercial, nine miscellaneous residential and four miscellaneous commercial.

Treasurer - Ken Mundy - reported he would have the June financials at the next meeting.

Fire Chief - Lt. Cary Niewold - stated the department had received 35 incident calls, 15 of which were EMS related, 20 fire related, there were no dollar losses due to fire and the department saw fourteen patients, of which seven were transported.

Police Chief - Roy Garcia - reported the department had received 1600 calls for service. He said they are receiving many traffic complaints. In addition he said that during the recent "sting" all the liquor license holders were targeted and that no one had been singled out. He thought that the State Police did a great job and good investigation.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance - Alan Bauer - no report.

Ordinance - James Huntley - reported that the committee had met at 7:00 p.m. to discuss a massage therapy ordinance and the item was approved by a unanimous vote. He said the committee had also discussed house addresses being painted on curbs and they suggested the numbers be 4" high and that only non-profit organizations be allowed to do the painting.

Streets & Walks - Cheryl Maness - scheduled a meeting for 7:00 p.m. prior to the July 19, 2000 Council meeting.

Sewer & Water - Patrick Balentyne - no report.

Fire & Police - Keven Dahl - no report.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

ORDINANCES & AGREEMENTS

- A. Ordinance No. 2000.12 - An Ordinance approving execution of an agreement with the Greater Sycamore Chamber of Commerce awarding a grant of \$60,000 for tourism-related services to the City of Sycamore, Illinois. Second reading.

Administrator Nicklas stated there had been no changes since the first reading on June 19, 2000 and no provisions had been made for fireworks.

Aldersperson Dahl asked about how often the Council could receive reports or minutes of the meetings, and he asked if grants are applied for would they come through the City. He said the reports could be given to the Administrator and then the Council and Administrator Nicklas said the report or minutes could be part of the consent agenda. Aldersperson Bauer felt that six reports a year would be adequate.

Administrator Nicklas said he felt the present format was good and as administrator he was comfortable with the fact he would be in the middle and would know where the money was being spent.

Aldersperson Blickem reported she had attended a recent Tourism Committee meeting and gave an overview of the setup. She said the committee would welcome Council members to attend the meetings and suggested that a meeting notice could be placed in the Council mailboxes.

Motion

Aldersperson Balentyne moved to approve Ordinance No. 2000.12 and Aldersperson Blickem seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

- B. Ordinance No. 2000.19 - An Ordinance concerning an amendment to section 4.15 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Sycamore to add qualified massage therapists to Home Occupations in the City of Sycamore. First and second reading.

Motion

Aldersperson Maness moved to have a first and second reading on Ordinance No. 2000.19 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 Bauer moved to approve Ordinance No. 2000.19 with the language of the ordinance reflecting the direction of the Ordinance Committee from June 19 and July 3rd, 2000 and Aldersperson Maness seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

RESOLUTIONS

None.

CONSIDERATIONS

- A. Consideration of an administration recommendation regarding the replacement of a vehicle for the Police Department.

Administrator Nicklas reviewed the background report and noted the money to be spent. He said the budget reflected the purchase of two vehicles and one vehicle to be rebuilt, but his proposal was to purchase one new vehicle and have another squad car rebuilt. Aldersperson Dahl asked why the Yukon instead of a passenger car. Chief Garcia stated it was because of the electrical package and harness, which is very important, for handling the equipment placed in the vehicles.

Motion

Aldersperson Maness moved to approve the purchase a 1998 GMC Yukon and having the Caprice rebuilt. 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.

- B. Consideration of an administration recommendation regarding the purchase of replacement vehicles for the Engineering and Building Departments.

Administrator Nicklas reported that bids (RFP) had been sent to the dealers and that three proposals had been received from Sycamore Ford Mazda, Countryside Wheels and Fargo Motors. He recommended approval of the Fargo Motors proposal.

Aldersperson Chambon asked if the vehicles were all okay. Administrator Nicklas stated that the purchase was still subject to a hands-on inspection.

Motion

Aldersperson Bauer moved to approve the proposal from Fargo Motors and Aldersperson Dahl seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

- C. Consideration of an administration recommendation to establish standards for house numbering on City curbs.

Administrator Nicklas reported the matter was discussed at the Ordinance Committee meeting prior to the Council meeting. He stated he wanted uniformity and guidelines set so that there would be no potential for a scam. In addition he stated that along with the general requirements it had been recommended to restrict the project to only not for profit organizations.

Aldersperson Chambon he did not want to take an occupation away from someone.

Following discussion It was decided to follow the standards set by the ordinance and that either a business or a not for profit organization could do the project.

APPOINTMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Aldersperson Maness moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. and 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.

Approve:

Mayor - James S. Edwards

Attest:

City Clerk - Nancy S. Marchiando