
SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF JULY 17, 2000

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Steve Perssons of the First Baptist Church gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of July 3, 2000.

Alderperson Dahl noted a change in a title before his name and noted that information regarding the petition from the Albert Street residents should be included.

Motion

Alderperson Huntley moved to approve the minutes of July 3, 2000, with noted changes 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.

- B. Payment of Bills for July 17, 2000.

Motion

Aldersperson Bauer moved to approve the bills of July 17, 2000, in the amount of \$256,908.05 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.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS

A. Oath of Office - William Riddle- Sycamore Fire Chief

City Clerk Nancy Marchiando administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Fire Chief Bill Riddle and Chief Riddle's wife, Sheryl, pinned on his badge.

Mayor Edwards introduced members of Chief Riddle's family that were present for the ceremony.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Edwards expressed thanks to all who served on the Fire Chief selection committee and commended them for their efforts.

Mayor Edwards announced that Boy Scout Troop #49 were present to earn a Citizenship Badge.

OLD BUSINESS

Aldersperson Huntley announced that Hayes Auto Body Shop was now open and had received approval from Building Inspector Lyle Doty.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Administrator Bill Nicklas - no report.

Engineer - John Brady - reported on the detours on the Route #64 project and the sewer work being done on DeKalb Avenue. He stated that the Route #64 project was not ahead of schedule but should finish by the end of October 2000.

Building & Zoning - Lyle Doty - reported that he had issued 7 permits, 6 were miscellaneous residential and 1 was miscellaneous commercial.

Treasurer - Ken Mundy - stated that the June financial report had been presented to the Council and gave an overview of the revenues and expenditures.

Fire Chief - Bill Riddle - reported that the Fire Department had received 46 calls for service: 32 EMS, 14 fire and there was no dollar lose incurred. He thanked the Mayor and Council for the honor and privilege to lead the Sycamore Fire Fighters and invited everyone to a reception in the Fire Department following the meeting.

Police Chief - Roy Garcia - announced that a meeting would be held on Tuesday, August 1, 2000, with the Albert Street residents regarding their concerns. He reminded everyone about the Antique Car Show scheduled for Sunday, July 30, 2000 in downtown Sycamore.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance - Alan Bauer - asked if a quarterly report could be provided that would indicate each department's level of spending and Administrator Nicklas said one would be provided.

Ordinance - James Huntley - stated there were 2 ordinances, no resolutions and 2 considerations on the agenda.

Streets & Walks - Cheryl Maness - reported that the committee had met at 7:00 p.m. and by a 4-0 vote recommended a yield sign be placed at the intersection of Russett and Pebblewood (east end) and **(Motion)** moved to have the item sent to the Ordinance Committee. 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.

Sewer & Water - Patrick Balentyne - no report.

Police & Fire - Keven Dahl - no report.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

ORDINANCES AND AGREEMENTS

- A. Ordinances No. 2000.20 - An ordinance concerning the recommendation of the Plan Commission with regard to the request of Milan Krpan for approval of an amendment to the Final Plat of Subdivision for Unit Two, Phase Two of the Grand View Townhouse Planned Unit Development in the City of Sycamore, IL. First and second reading.

Administrator Nicklas stated this was basically a "housekeeping" matter and recommended approval.

Motion

Aldersperson Balentyne moved to have a first and second reading on Ordinance No. 2000.20 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 Blickem moved to approve Ordinance No. 2000.20 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.

- B. Ordinance No. 2000.21 - An ordinance concerning an amendment to Chapter 4, "Street and House Numbering" Section 7-4-1 of the City Code of the City of Sycamore to establish standards for the painting of house numbers on City curbs in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and second reading.

Motion

Aldersperson Huntley moved to have a first and second reading for Ordinance No. 2000.21 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.

Aldersperson Maness noted that homeowners should be aware that the curb address was not mandatory and the ordinance was just setting guidelines for those that do want the address painted on the curb.

Aldersperson Dahl asked about any fees and Clerk Marchiando stated that a \$20.00 fee is required for a background check to obtain a solicitor's permit.

Motion

Aldersperson Balentyne moved to approve Ordinance No. 2000.21 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.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

CONSIDERATIONS

- A. Consideration of a grant request from the Regional Access and Mobilization Project (RAMP) to build accessible ramps on private property in the City of Sycamore.

Administrator Nicklas provided background information on the RAMP group stating that the group was located in Rockford, IL and they provided assistance to citizens in building handicap ramps for their homes.

He stated that the City has been aggressive in recent years in providing curb ramps throughout the City and did not think the City should become involved in the project. Alderperson Huntley stated he thought the idea was good but felt the project would be good for service groups such as the Kiwanis. Alderperson Bauer thought it was a good cause but if the City should have any "extra" money that it should be used to reduce taxes. Alderperson Blickem concurred with the Administrator and stated she was not in favor of the City becoming involved in the project.

- B. Consideration of a report by the City Engineer regarding the annual Street Maintenance Program.

Administrator Nicklas reviewed information with the Council regarding the life expectancy of road surfaces and the reconstruction of Route #64. He stated the staff recommendation would be to complete projects #3, #4, #6 & #7 from the Street Maintenance List prepared by Engineer Brady.

Alderperson Blickem asked about the reconstruction of Route #64 in downtown Sycamore as to what would be done. Administrator Nicklas explained the proposed project.

Alderperson Maness asked if the Chamber of Commerce or the businesses downtown were going to donate streetlights for the downtown area. Administrator Nicklas said that the Chamber is attempting to do that and that some businesses have enrolled.

Alderperson Dahl asked how much money would be designated for the Bethany Road project and if those monies could be used for the downtown reconstruction project. Engineer Brady explained where the money would come from for the Bethany Road project, but Administrator

Nicklas added that Bethany Road is a corridor for prime industrial locations so the Council must think carefully before walking away from improving that road.

Motion

Aldersperson Balentyne moved to have Engineer John Brady seek bids for projects # 3, #4, #6, & #7, which would allow for approximately \$60,000 for crack sealing and \$170,000 for resurfacing of the designated roads. Aldersperson Maness seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

APPOINTMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Aldersperson Balentyne moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 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.

Approve:

Mayor - James S. Edwards

Attest:

City Clerk - Nancy S. Marchiando