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SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES OF JUNE 5, 2000

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**ROLL CALL**

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

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Mike Massey of Glad Tidings Assembly of God.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Edwards reminded Council Members that a closed session would be held at the end of the regular meeting.

**Motion**

Alderperson Blickem moved to approve the agenda as distributed. 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, spoke to Item C on the agenda. (Ordinance No. 2000-12) He agreed that the City should apply for as much grant money as possible. He addressed information he considered to erroneous in the recent insure of the Sycamore Business Guide and expressed that he felt it should be updated. He thinks the City should sever cord with DCCA if they are not providing updated and information and he volunteered his time to help with next year's book.

Tami Armstrong, Director of the Sycamore Chamber of Commerce, spoke to the Council regarding tourism-related activities. She stated the goal of the Tourism Committee was to enhance the cultural landscape of the City through budgeted funds from the City.

Barbara Andry, student of Kishwaukee College in massage therapy asked the Council about ordinances regarding a massage therapy business in a private home. Administrator Nicklas suggested that the issue to taken to the Ordinance Committee so

that standard can be developed this type of business. He said the standards would assist in encouraging professionalism in that profession.

## CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of May 15, 2000.

### **Motion**

Aldersperson Maness moved to approve the minutes of May 15, 2000 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. Payment of bills for June 5, 2000.

### **Motion**

Aldersperson Bauer moved to approve the bills of June 5, 2000 in the amount of \$669,295.59 with the amount of \$274,195.95 designated to the FY99-00 budget.

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.

## PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS

None.

## REPORT OF OFFICERS

Administrator Nicklas announced that a meeting would be held on Wednesday, June 14, 2000, at the Community Center to discuss the renovation project for that building.

Building & Zoning - Lyle Doty - reported that during the past two weeks he had issued 25 permits: 7 single family, 15 miscellaneous residential, 3 miscellaneous commercial.

Treasurer - Ken Mundy

None.

Fire Chief - Cary Niewold (filling in for Gene Ege)- reported that the Fire Department had received 57 calls for service which included 43 for EMS, 15 for Fire. The department saw 52 patients of which 31 of were transported.

Police Chief - Roy Garcia - reported that the police department had received 1800 calls for service. He praised the efforts of the department on Memorial Day weekend during a situation that involved a distressed resident. In addition he commended the work of Commander Pat Solar during that time and thanked the Fire Department for their response.

Treatment Plant Supt. - Fred Busse - updated the Council regarding the TV inspection unit and the training received by the staff of the WWTP and two members of the Street Dept. He explained situations in which the camera can be used and what the department has accomplished to date. Administrator Nicklas stated that a demonstration of the unit could be given to the Council during an upcoming meeting.

### **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Finance - Alan Bauer - no report.

Ordinance - Jim Huntley - all items on the agenda.

Streets & Walks - Cheryl Maness - no report.

Sewer & Water - Patrick Balentyne - no report.

Police & Fire - no report.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

### **ORDINANCES AND AGREEMENTS**

- A. Ordinance No. 2000.10 - An Ordinance concerning the recommendation of the Board of Zoning Appeals with regard to the request by Richard and Judith Schluter of 941 South Locust and Donald and Mary Miller of 943 South Locust Street for a variance from Section 8.02.10c of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and second reading.

#### **Motion**

Aldersperson Balentyne moved to have a first and second reading on Ordinance No. 2000.10 and Aldersperson Smith seconded the motion.

#### **Voice Vote**

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

**Motion**

Aldersperson Dahl 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.

Aldersperson Balentyne stated he thought it would be frugal and in the City's best interest not to have this issue occur again.

- B. Ordinance No. 2000.11 - An Ordinance approving a one-year contract with Peter Thomas Smith and Smith, Strauss, Tucker and Brown for legal services, effective May 1, 2000 to April 30, 2001 in the City of Sycamore. First and second reading.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Huntley moved to have a first and second reading for Ordinance No. 2000.11 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.

Aldersperson Dahl questioned the wording for Item #5 of the agreement regarding "special projects as approved by the Mayor" and asked if the wording should include "Mayor and Council". Attorney Peter Smith stated it would be more appropriate to add "Administrator". Administrator Nicklas said that would be appropriate considering occasionally issues of sensitive litigation and suggested the wording be "Mayor and City Council upon the advice of the City Administrator".

**Motion**

Aldersperson Huntley moved to approve Ordinance No. 2000.11 with the change in wording 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.

- C. 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 in the City of Sycamore, Illinois.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Balentyne moved to have a first and second reading for Ordinance No. 2000.12 and Aldersperson Smith seconded the motion.

Administrator Nicklas reviewed the proposed contract, monetary assistance for fireworks during Pumpkin Festival and a contingency of \$5000. Alderperson Maness asked about the contingency amount and Administrator Nicklas stated that the Tourism Committee would only be reimbursed from paid invoices and a written report would be submitted each month to the Clerk. Alderperson Smith inquired about the tracking of each event. Alderperson Blickem asked what group received the revenue that was generated from the recent Civil War Reenactment? Tami Armstrong, Chamber Director, responded that the Sycamore Park District had received the money.

Alderperson Maness asked for a clarification of item #6 concerning lighted community signs for upcoming events. Chamber Director Armstrong explained the signs.

Alderperson Blickem stated that she supports the funding of fireworks and would like to make that commitment to the Pumpkin Festival. Alderperson Maness suggested that the \$5000 for the lighted signs might be designated for the fireworks.

Alderperson Bauer suggested that Item C be postponed until a later meeting. Alderperson Balentyne withdrew his motion for a first and second reading and Alderperson Smith agreed. No action was required as it was a first reading.

- D. Ordinance No. 2000.13 - An Ordinance approving execution of a collective bargaining agreement between the City of Sycamore and the Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council, representing the City of Sycamore F.O.P. Lodge No. 133 effective May 1, 2000 to April 30, 2004 in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and second reading.

**Motion**

Alderperson Maness moved to have a first and second reading for Ordinance No. 2000.23 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.

Alderperson Dahl asked if there was a Code of Ethics for the Police Department and Chief Garcia answered yes and that he would get a copy to him. Mayor Edwards asked that a copy be placed in each of the Alderpersons mailboxes.

**Motion**

Alderperson Dahl moved to approve the collective bargaining agreement with F.O.P. Lodge No. 133 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.

- E. Ordinance No. 2000.14 - An Ordinance approving execution of an employment agreement between the City of Sycamore and William Riddle for service as Fire Chief, effective July 17, 2000 to July 16, 2003 in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and second reading.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Smith moved to have a first and second reading for Ordinance NO. 2000.14 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 Dahl moved to approve the agreement with William Riddle 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.

**RESOLUTIONS**

None.

**CONSIDERATIONS**

- A. Consideration of a request for proposals for accounting assistance in preparing the annual City audit for FY 1999-2000.

Administrator Nicklas informed the Council that he had circulated a request for bids for accounting services with a deadline of May 31, 2000, and only one bid was received from Siepert and Company. He stated that he did follow-up calls to the companies and received no response.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Balentyne moved to award the bid to Siepert and Company 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.

- B. Consideration of an administration report on the process for the adoption of a TIF redevelopment plan.

Administrator Nicklas stated he wanted to give the Council a "heads-up" report as the City is getting into the schedule of TIF development plan and said state statues guide the schedule. He informed the Council that he had met with the other taxing bodies and that he would have a draft form of the plan at the June 19, 2000 Council meeting. He said the plan would not be much different from the feasibility study.

- C. Consideration of an administration report on the bidding process for new medium duty trucks for the Street Department.

Administrator Nicklas stated that few dealerships wanted to bid against the State of Illinois package price for the trucks. The monies for the trucks is budgeted in FY00-01 vehicle purchase and although he had wanted to purchase all vehicles at the same time there is a deadline for the purchase price of the trucks. He proposed that the trucks be purchased at this time and explained that the money could be used from the Capital Assistance Fund.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Maness moved to award the bid for the two Street Department trucks at this time 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.

**APPOINTMENTS**

None.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Motion**

Aldersperson Dahl moved to go into closed session at 8:45 p.m. 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.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**Motion**

Aldersperson Dahl moved to return to open session at 9:25 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:

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Mayor - James S. Edwards

Attest:

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City Clerk - Nancy S. Marchiando