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SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES OF JUNE 19, 2000

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**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Mayor James Edwards called the meeting to order AT 7:32 p.m. and Clerk Nancy Marchiando called the roll. Those Alderpersons present were: Patrick Balentyne, Candy Smith, James Huntley, Pam Blickem, Keven Dahl, and Cheryl Maness. Alderpersons Alan Bauer and Michael Chambon were absent. Six Alderpersons were present and two were absent.

**INVOCATION**

Alderperson James Huntley gave the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Edwards announced that Consideration #12A would be changed to Item #11D/Resolution 362.

**Motion**

Alderperson Maness moved to approve the agenda as distributed 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.

**AUDIENCE TO VISITORS**

Ray Puentes, 1003 Meadow Lane, talked to the Council regarding the moneies granted to the Tourism Committee. He stated that the Hotel/Motel Tax was to be used to promote Sycamore and he did not feel it was necessary to use other City money.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of the minutes of the regular City Council meeting on June 5, 2000.

**Motion**

Alderperson Dahl moved to approve the minutes of June 5, 2000, 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.

B. Payment of the bills for June 19, 2000.

Administrator Nicklas, in the absence of Finance Chairman Bauer, stated that the bill of June 19, 2000, totaled \$325,104.75.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Maness moved to approve the bills 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.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND BILLS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Administrator Nicklas informed the Council that Menards would be opening at the end of August and the Country Inn & Suites would open August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Aldersperson Michael Chambon arrived at 7:39 p.m.

Aldersperson Huntley asked when Walgreens would be opening and Building Commissioner Doty stated two weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Administrator Nicklas introduced new Fire Chief Bill Riddle and announced he would begin his position on July 10, 2000. He extended thanks to Commonwealth Edison and Mario Fontana for the electric bicycle that they had donated to the City. He said the bicycle is being used by the Police Department Bike Patrol.

Mario Fontana spoke to the Council regarding the bicycle, explaining that it had a battery pack and was an experiment in technology and Com Ed asked only for feedback on how the vehicle operates.

Administrator Nicklas stated the process of adopting a TIF redevelopment plan would be in the beginning stages and that he would be meeting with the other taxing bodies later this month to review a draft plan prior to the public hearing. He asked Mayor Edwards to appoint an individual to the Joint Board of Review.

## **Motion**

Aldersperson Balentyne moved to authorize Mayor Edwards to make an appointment to the Joint Board of Review for the Tax Increment Financing. 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.

Engineer - John Brady - gave an update to the Council on the Route #23 & #64 road projects. He stated he would have a schedule of street maintenance for review by the Council at the next meeting.

Building Commissioner - Lyle Doty - reported he had issued 24 permits in the past two weeks: 7 single family, 13 miscellaneous residential and 4 miscellaneous commercial. He stated that nine applications had been received for the assistant inspector position.

Treasurer - Ken Mundy - Vacation

Fire Chief - Cary Niewold - reported that the department had received 57 incident calls: 34 EMS related 23 Fire related, they saw 38 patients and transported 26. There was a fire loss of \$20,000 incurred during a garage fire on June 8, 2000.

Police Chief - Roy Garcia - presented the 1999 crime statistics stating that Sycamore's crime rate is low. He reported there has been some "road rage" in the City due to the road construction.

Public Works - Gene Listy - presented the schedule for construction of the handicap sidewalks at the intersections. He stated approximately 65 intersections would be completed this year with approximately 120 intersections remaining for handicapped accessibility construction.

Water Supt. - Ebe Smith - vacation.

Treatment Plant Supt. - Fred Busse - no report.

## **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Finance - Alan Bauer - no report.

Ordinance - James Huntley - reported the committee had met at 7:00 p.m. regarding a massage therapy ordinance which would be prepared for the July 3, 2000 Council meeting.

Streets & Walks - Cheryl Maness - no report.

Sewer & Water - Patrick Balentyne - no report. He asked that a barricade be placed at the intersection of West Exchange and Sacramento and Engineer Brady said he would look at the situation.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

None.

#### ORDINANCES AND AGREEMENTS

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

Mayor Edwards announced that Administrator Nicklas requested that the item be postponed until the July 3, 2000 Council meeting.

#### **Motion**

Aldersperson Balentyne moved to postpone Ordinance No. 2000.12 to the July 3, 2000 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.

- B. Ordinance No. 2000.15 - An Ordinance concerning the recommendation of the Plan Commission with regard to the request of John D. Ward for the approval of an annexation agreement and zoning classification of "C-3" Highway Business District and "R-3" Multiple Family Residence District with a Special Use for a Planned Unit Development for a 66.13 acre parcel at the northwest corner of Peace Road and Illinois Route 23. First and second reading.

Administrator Nicklas - reviewed background material regarding the concept plan and stated that the plan does conform to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Map for "R-3" & "C-3" zoning. He said the Plan Commission had given their approval with a 9-0 vote and the staff recommended approval.

Gary Cordes, attorney for John D. Ward, echoed the comments of Mr. Nicklas regarding the annexation agreement. He noted that Administrator Nicklas had not mentioned the capacity of the sanitary sewer and wanted to make sure the requirements of both parties were

understood. He stated that interest in the property is moving very rapidly and they would probably be back before the Council very soon.

Aldersperson Balentyne asked Engineer Brady if there would be a declaration lane at that intersection and Engineer Brady answered yes.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Huntley moved to have a first and second reading for Ordinance No. 2000.15 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.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Huntley moved to approve Ordinance No. 2000.15 and Aldersperson Smith seconded the motion.

Aldersperson Balentyne stated that he would like to see recapture as a possibility.

**Voice Vote**

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

- C. Ordinance No. 2000.16 - An Ordinance concerning the recommendation of the Plan Commission with regard to a request by Dahlco, L.L.C. for approval of a amendment to the annexation agreement for the Townsend Woods Subdivision. First and second reading.

Aldersperson Dahl asked to be excused from the discussion on Ordinance No. 2000.16.

Administrator Nicklas reviewed the status of the amendment for the agreement. Aldersperson Balentyne asked if there were any corner lots that would create a situation that was before the Council at the last meeting. Engineer Brady and Administrator Nicklas stated they did not think so, but would double-check the plan.

This Ordinance was for a first reading only so no action was taken. Aldersperson Dahl returned to the meeting.

- D. Ordinance No. 2000.17 - An Ordinance ascertaining the prevailing wage for public works in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and second reading.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Smith moved to have a first and second reading for Ordinance No. 2000.17 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 Maness moved to approve Ordinance No. 2000.17 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.

- E. Ordinance No. 2000.18 - An Ordinance approving execution of an amendment to the sponsorship agreement between the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the City of Sycamore, Illinois for the Bethany Road detention basin in the City of Sycamore. First and second reading.

Aldersperson Chambon inquired about that the monies that were available to the City through the Dept. of Natural Resources. Engineer Brady stated that the City had applied for and was approved to receive the funds, but never had a project on which to use them and did not know that the funds were being held in an account

**Motion**

Aldersperson Dahl moved to have a first and second reading on Ordinance No. 2000.19 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.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Blickem moved to approve Ordinance No. 2000.18 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**

- A. Resolution No. 359 - Approving a grant of \$12,000 to the Voluntary Action Center for services to citizens of the City of Sycamore, Illinois.

Administrator Nicklas reviewed information provided by Ellen Rogers of the Voluntary Action Center.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Maness moved to approve Resolution No. 359 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.

- B. Resolution No. 360 - Approving a grant of \$1,000 to the DeKalb County Community Foundation for services to citizens of the City of Sycamore, Illinois.

Administrator Nicklas reviewed information regarding the grant for the Council.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Huntley moved to approve Resolution No. 360 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.

- C. Resolution No. 361 - Approving execution of an agreement between the City of Sycamore and the DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation effective May 1, 2000 to April 30, 2001 providing for a grant of \$7,000 in return for services to the City of Sycamore, Illinois.

Administrator Nicklas reviewed the background material and Director Roger Hopkins of the DCEDC presented a summary of recent industrial activities.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Blickem moved to approve Resolution No. 361 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.

- D. Resolution No. 362 - Establishing a time and place for a public hearing to consider a Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan and Redevelopment Projects for the proposed Redevelopment Project No. 1.

Mayor Edwards read the resolution to the Council and explained that the resolution was a necessary part of the process. Administrator Nicklas explained that the consultants wanted a resolution and not a voice approval by the Council.

Aldersperson Dahl asked if the TIF District could handle 30% of the administrative costs and Administrator Nicklas said yes eventually but at the present time the City would bare the expense.

Aldersperson Dahl stated he felt the infrastructure should be the first project.

Aldersperson Chambon asked what the current feeling was of businesses wishing take advantage of the TIF monies and Administrator Nicklas stated he felt it was good.

#### CONSIDERATIONS

- A. Consideration of a draft of a tax increment redevelopment plan prepared by PGVA Urban Consulting.

The consideration was taken care of by Resolution No. 362.

- B. Consideration of a request by the City Clerk to fill a vacancy in the position of Deputy Clerk.

Discussion was held regarding options that might be considered for the position.

#### **Motion**

Aldersperson Dahl moved to approve the request to fill the full-time position 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.

#### APPOINTMENTS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

**Motion**

Aldersperson Balentyne moved to go into closed session at 9:05 p.m. to discuss personnel and land acquisition. 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 9:20 p.m. 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.

ADJOURNMENT

**Motion**

Aldersperson Balentyne moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 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:

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Mayor - James S. Edwards

Attest:

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City Clerk - Nancy S. Marchiando