
SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF MARCH 6, 2000 - 7:30 P.M. - COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Steve Persson of the First Baptist Church gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Edwards reminded the Council that there would be a closed session following the meeting to discuss personnel and collective bargaining.

Motion

Alderperson Dahl 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

Tami Armstrong, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, introduced Michelle La Page the new Downtown Coordinator. Michelle reported to the Council on her goals, meetings with the Discover Sycamore group and objectives and the focus of her efforts. She stated committees had been formed to improve the downtown and invited the Council to join one of the three committees: building preservation, economics and promotions.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of February 21, 2000.

Alderperson Maness noted a correction in the percentage amount of the sales tax increase and Clerk Marchiando noted the correction. Alderperson Smith suggested that the time of adjournment be added the minutes.

Motion

Alderperson Blickem moved to approve the minutes of February 21, 2000 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.

- B. Payment of Bills for March 6, 2000.

Aldersperson Smith asked about the payment to Miss Kishwaukee Valley Scholarship Pageant and Clerk Marchiando responded that the payment was for money that was designated as part of the Tourism Committee budget for the annual application fee and expenses.

Aldersperson Maness asked where the Tourism Committee stood on their budget for the year. Administrator Nicklas indicated that the funds had been spent for this fiscal year.

Mayor Edwards said that he thought Brenda Hopkins from the Tourism Committee was to come before the Council at the March 20th meeting.

Aldersperson Dahl asked about the monies paid to the Lannert Group for the maps and comprehensive plan. Administrator Nicklas stated that the maps are the most expensive part and those still need to be printed and even though there is a saving by doing the text in house, the maps will be expensive. He said the plan and maps should be complete by the end of April 2000.

Motion

Aldersperson Bauer moved to approve the bills of March 6, 2000 in the amount of \$89,531.59 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Edwards introduced Jeff Arenas of the Sycamore News. Jeff is a new reported for the newspaper.

Aldersperson Maness asked City Engineer John Brady about the wood chips on DeKalb Avenue and if they would be picked up. Engineer Brady answered that the company would return the week of March 13th to clean up the chips.

Aldersperson Balentyne reminded everyone to complete and mail their census forms as the Census count would mean a large sum of money to the City.

Aldersperson Smith asked if anyone wished to discuss the proposed railway port near Maple Park, IL. Mayor Edwards stated he had spoken with other Mayors in the area and he felt that possibly we should wait to learn all the details and then discuss the issue.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Administrator Bill Nicklas - reported a new entrance signed had been placed on Route #64 on the east side of the City and that new lights had been placed in front of the City building. He informed the Council that Dan Berres had resigned from the position as Animal Control officer and until he could be replaced the DeKalb County Animal Control would be called for service. He stated that dates should be set for review of the budget by the Council and Finance Chairman Bauer suggested the dates of March 21, 22, & 23, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. The Council agreed to those dates.

Building & Zoning Inspector Lyle Doty - presented the two-week activity report for his department to the Council.

Treasurer Ken Mundy - stated that the financial reports for the month of February, 2000, which included an update on the interest income, had been given to the Council. He further reported on the previous revenue sharing program of the City.

Fire Chief Gene Ege - reported there had been 46 incidents during the past two weeks and reminded the residents of the burning ban within the City which prohibited burning construction materials or yard waste. He said that Waste Management would begin picking up the yard waste on April 1, 2000.

Lt. Patrick Solar reported to the Council in the absence of Chief Roy Garcia and gave the activity report for the department during the past two weeks.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance - Alan Bauer - stated that Ordinance No. 99.65 was on the agenda and was recommended by the committee for approval.

Ordinance - James Huntley - no report.

Streets & Walks - Cheryl Maness - no report.

Sewer & Water - Patrick Balentyne - no report.

Fire & Police - Keven Dahl - no report.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

ORDINANCES AND AGREEMENTS

- A. **Ordinance No. 99.65**--An Ordinance Amending Title 3, "Business and License Regulations," Chapter 13, "Occupation Taxes," Sections 3-13-1 and 3-13-2 of the City Code of the City of Sycamore, Illinois to Impose a Sales Tax of .75% on Gross Receipts and Services in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First Reading Only.

No action required on a first reading.

RESOLUTIONS

- A. **Resolution No. 354** - Dedicating one-third of overall receipts from the Home Rule Sales Tax to the Capital Assistance Fund for capital improvements.

Administrator Nicklas stated the resolution would designate the entire increase to the capital projects.

Motion

Aldersperson Bauer moved to approve the resolution and Aldersperson Smith 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. 355** - Supporting Northern Illinois University's bid for the IHSA Football Championships.

Administrator Nicklas stated the Northern Illinois University had contacted the City asking for assistance in bidding for the IHSA Football Championships and talked about impact on the community for this type of event. He recommended support in a non-binding manner. He said the City might possibly be asked to contribute at a later date, but mostly the assistance would involve local clubs and organizations.

Aldersperson Blickem suggested that this project be supported through the tourism fund.

Motion

Aldersperson Bauer moved to approve the resolution 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.

- C. **Resolution No. 356** - Authorizing the City Administrator to sign a technical services agreement between the City of Sycamore and Peckhem Guyton Albers & Viets (PGAV) for the preparation of a TIF redevelopment project area No. 1.

Administrator Nicklas stated that since the money was not in this year's budgets the PGAV firm have agreed to delay execution of the contract until 5-1-00.

Motion

Aldersperson Blickem moved to approve the resolution 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 called unanimously.

CONSIDERATIONS - None.

APPOINTMENTS - None.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion

Aldersperson Balentyne moved to go into Closed Session at 8:25 p.m. to discuss personnel and collective bargaining. 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 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 at 8:45 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