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SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2000 - 7:30 P.M. - COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Jim Elliott of the Harvest Time Fellowship Church gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Edwards announced that following Item #12 - Considerations, the Council would go into Closed Session and following the Closed Session the meeting would reconvene with Item #13 - Appointments

**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

Becky Haish, 619 South Cross Street, thanked the Council, Street Department, Jim Rossi of the Police Department and Administrator Bill Nicklas for their assistance with the property at 806 DeKalb Avenue.

Noel Smith, 127 W. Exchange Street, talked to the Council regarding garage sale signs and asked that the City be consistent with enforcement regarding the placement of garage sale signs. Police Chief Garcia responded to the concerns of Mrs. Smith and stated that the Police Department would do their best on the enforcement of sign locations. He stated he would issue a press release to notify citizens of the regulations concerning placement of garage signs on the City parkways.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGUALR CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING OF MAY 1, 2000

**Motion**

Aldersperson Maness moved to approve the minutes of May 1, 2000 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. PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR MAY 15, 2000

**Motion**

Aldersperson Bauer moved to approve payment of the bills for May 15, 2000 in the amount of \$122,993.87 with \$38,249.30 being credited to FY 1999-2000.

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.

The Council accepted the Plan Commission Minutes of April 10 & April 24, 2000.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND BILLS

- A. PROCLAMATION - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK
- B. PROCLAMATION - POLICE WEEK AND PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY

Mayor Edwards read and approved the proclamations.

Mayor Edwards made an announcement regarding the Memorial Day activities. He said the Mayor's Breakfast would be held on Monday, May 29, 2000 at Sophie's Bar & Grille from 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. He invited everyone to attend.

Mayor Edwards announced that the Downtown Flags Fund-raiser would be held on July 8, 2000 at the Sycamore Veterans Home. The purpose of the fund-raiser is to purchase new flags for the downtown area.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Aldersperson Dahl asked about the tree program. Administrator Nicklas said the program would be held in the fall.

## REPORT OF OFFICERS

Administrator Nicklas announced the ESDA training drill would be held on Saturday, May 20, 2000. He stated that this meeting would be the last one for Fire Chief Gene Ege because of his upcoming retirement. He said that he appreciated having had the opportunity to work with Chief Ege.

Building & Zoning - Lyle Doty - reported on the permits issued in his department during the past two weeks. He said that 24 permits were issued: 3 Single Family, 1 six-unit condo, 17 miscellaneous residential and 3 miscellaneous commercial.

Treasurer - Ken Mundy - stated the revised revenue report had been given to the Council along with the annual report of Fire & Police Pension funds and the annual Treasurer's expense report.

Fire Chief - Gene Ege - reported that during the past two weeks the department received 57 incident calls, 36 were EMS related and 21 fire related. They saw 41 patients of whom 19 were transported to the hospital.

Police Chief - Roy Garcia - reported the department had received 60 calls for service which included Governor George Ryan's visit. He said the department did a very good job with the arrangements for the visit. He stated the grass ordinance was in effect and he would present a report later. He reported that the department now has an officer trained in the proper installation of child safety seats in automobiles. He said safety checks would be set up at the Antique Car Show on July 30, 2000 to train the public in proper installation. He thanked Chief Ege for his assistance and said he would miss him.

Public Works - Gene Listy - stated that he had received calls regarding pick up of yard waste and he reported that the City only picks up tree limbs and branches following damage by a storm.

## REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance - Alan Bauer - No report.

Ordinance - James Huntley - reported all ordinances were on the agenda.

Streets & Walks - Cheryl Maness - No report.

Sewer & Water - Patrick Balentyne - No report.

Police & Fire - Keven Dahl - No report.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

## ORDINANCES AND AGREEMENTS

- A. ORDINANCE NO. 2000.1 - ADOPTING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND LAND USE MAP. FIRST AND SECOND READING.

### **Motion**

Aldersperson Bauer moved to have a first and second reading for the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Map 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.

### **Motion**

Aldersperson Bauer moved to approve the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Map 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. 2000.02 - ADOPTING VARIOUS AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SYCAMORE TO CARRY OUT THE OBJECTIVES OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. FIRST AND SECOND READING.

### **Motion**

Aldersperson Blickem moved to have a first and second reading on the Zoning Ordinances 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 Balentyne moved to approve the amendments and additions to the Zoning Ordinances in Ordinance No. 200.02 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.

- C. ORDINANCE NO 2000.03 - AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WITH REGARD TO THE REQUEST OF DANIEL JONES FOR A ZONING VARIANCE FROM SECTION 5.01.2, 5.04.2C AND 5.04.4 OF THE ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF SYCAMORE. FIRST AND SECOND READING.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Balentyne moved to have a first and second reading on Ordinance No. 2002.03 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 Balentyne moved to approve Ordinance No. 2000.03 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.

- D. ORDINANCE NO 2000.04 - AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLAN COMMISSION WITH REGARD TO THE REQUEST OF DAHLCO, L.L.C. TO APPROVE THE FINAL PLAT FOR PHASE ONE OF THE LANDAHL SUBDIVISION AND TO REZONE 19 LOTS TO "R-2" TWO FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT. FIRST READING.

First reading. No action required.

- E. ORDINANCE NO. 2000.05 - AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLAN COMMISSION WITH REGARD TO A REQUEST BY MIDWEST HOLDINGS, L.L.C. AND BARBARA MESSINGER AND DANIEL JAHNS, CO-TRUSTEES OF TRUST NO. 100 TO APPROVE AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE PROPERTY ON THE EAST SIDE OF SOMONAUK ROAD AT THE INTERSECTION WITH GEORJEAN COURT WITH AN "R-1" ONE FAMILY RESIDENCE ZONING DISTRICT AND WITH A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR AN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY. FIRST AND SECOND READING.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Maness moved to have a first and second reading on Ordinance No. 2000.05 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.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Dahl moved to approve Ordinance No. 2000.05 with the annexation agreement being concurrent with the park district agreement 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.

- F. ORDINANCE NO. 2000.06 - AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLAN COMMISSION WITH REGARD TO THE REQUEST OF MIDWEST HOLDINGS L.L.C. AND THE JAHNS TRUST NO. 100 FOR THE APPROVAL OF A PETITION TO ANNEX WITH ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS OF "R-1" ONE FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT, SPECIAL USE FOR AN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY FOR PROPERTY ON THE EAST SIDE OF SOMONAUK ROAD AT THE INTERSECTION WITH GEORJEAN COURT IN DEKALB COUNTY, ILLINOIS

**Motion**

Aldersperson Balentyne moved to have a first and second reading on Ordinance No. 2000.06 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 Balentyne moved to approve Ordinance No. 2000.06 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.

- G. ORDINANCE NO. 2000.07 - AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLAN COMMISSION WITH REGARD TO THE REQUEST OF DEBRA CRITTENDON TO REZONE THE PROPERTY AT 751 PARK AVENUE FROM "M-1" LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO "R-2" TWO FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT. FIRST AND SECOND READING.

Administrator Nicklas explained the rezone request for Items G, H & I.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Balentyne moved to have a first and second reading on Items G, H & I 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 Balentyne moved to approve Ordinance No. 2000.07 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.

- H. ORDINANCE NO. 2000.08 - AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLAN COMMISSION WITH REGARD TO THE REQUEST OF HAROLD AND ANNA STRANGE TO REZONE THE PROPERTY AT 745 PARK AVENUE FROM "M-1" LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO "R-2" TWO FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT. FIRST AND SECOND READING.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Balentyne moved to approve Ordinance No. 2000.08 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.

- I. ORDINANCE NO. 2000.09 - AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLAN COMMISSION WITH REGARD TO THE REQUEST OF WANDA ASKELSON TO REZONE THE PROPERTY AT 737 PARK AVENUE FROM "M-1" LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO "R-2" TWO FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT. FIRST AND SECOND READING.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Dahl moved to approve Ordinance No. 2000.09 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.

## RESOLUTIONS

None.

## CONSIDERATIONS

- A. CONSIDERATION OF A PRESENTATION HONORING FIRE CHIEF GENE EGE FOR HIS TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF SYCAMORE.

Mayor Edwards read a City proclamation congratulating Fire Chief Gene Ege on his retirement and presented Chief Ege with a plaque. Chief Ege expressed his appreciation for the recognition stating that he had served under three Mayors. He thanked all the Mayors, Clerks, Treasurers, the two administrators, and the City attorneys and staff members. He willed to Fred Busse the responsibility of being the practical joker. Most importantly he thanked the Fire Department staff and all the Fire Chiefs that encouraged him to further his career.

- B. CONSIDERATION OF AN ADMINISTRATION REPORT ON THE SEARCH FOR A NEW FIRE CHIEF.

Administrator Nicklas said the item would be discussed in closed session.

- C. CONSIDERATION OF AN ADMINISTRATION REQUEST TO HIRE A NEW FULL-TIME TELECOMMUNICATOR.

### **Motion**

Aldersperson Balentyne moved to approve the consideration 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

## CLOSED SESSION

### **Motion**

Aldersperson Balentyne moved to go into closed session at 8:35 p.m. for discussion of 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 Smith moved to return to open session 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.

## APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Edwards appointed the following individuals to the Boards & Commissions of the City:

Plan Commission - Barbara Sorrel (replacing Daniel Kempton)

Zone Board - William Fitzpatrick

Fire Pension - Terry Morris

Police Pension - Louis Bolt

Library - Tony Stahl

### **Motion**

Aldersperson Bauer moved to approve the appointments 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.

Mayor Edwards appointed William Riddle of East Peoria, Illinois to the position of Fire Chief for the Sycamore Fire Department.

### **Motion**

Aldersperson Balentyne moved to approve the appointment 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.

## ADJOURNMENT

### **Motion**

Aldersperson Dahl 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