
**SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 16, 2000**

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

City Attorney Peter Smith gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Edwards stated that Item No. 10A would be moved to the end of the agenda following Item No. 12A due to the absence of Alderperson Alan Bauer, who was to arrive late to the meeting.

Motion

Alderperson Blickem moved to approve the agenda with the change 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.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

William J. Scott, 407 South Walnut Street spoke to the Council regarding Ordinance No. 2000.40.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of October 2, 2000.

Motion

Alderperson Dahl moved to approve the minutes of October 2, 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.

2. Payment of bill for October 16, 2000.

Motion

Aldersperson Balentyne moved to approve the bills for October 16, 2000 in the amount of \$247,595.13 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.

3. Sycamore Plan Commission Minutes of September 11, 2000.

The Council accepted the minutes of the September 11, 2000, Plan Commission meeting.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS

PROCLAMATION

- A. Proclamation declaring the week of November 4, 2000 through November 11, 2000 as Veterans Week in the City of Sycamore.

Mayor Edwards read the proclamation and proclaimed the week of November 4, 2000 through November 11, 2000 as Veterans Week in the City of Sycamore.

Pat Berkhart on behalf of the Sycamore Veterans Home expressed appreciation to the Mayor and Council for passing the proclamation and extended an invitation to attend the Veterans Day events.

NEW BUSINESS

7:40 p.m. - Aldersperson Alan Bauer arrived.

Aldersperson Balentyne reminded City residents to place leaves for pick-up by the City on the parkway and not in the street, so that water flow to the storm sewers is not obstructed.

Aldersperson Maness stated she had received a call regarding a three-way stop sign at Elm & Governor Streets to slow down speeders. She thought that a traffic study would not warrant the three-way stop intersection. Police Chief Garcia offered assistance in patrolling the area for speeders and hoped that would help the situation.

Aldersperson Huntley provided the schedule for the opening ceremony of Pumpkin Festival 2000 and complimented the Pumpkin Festival Committee for the efforts.

Aldersperson Bauer asked if the City could cause sidewalks to be placed in front of Menards at the present time. Engineer Brady responded that the agreement is that sidewalks are to be placed only when out lots are completed, but that he would ask the developer.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Administrator - Bill Nicklas - stated that the day had involved several interesting events including the opening of Route 64 at about mid-morning, which was followed by a natural gas leak at approximately 1:30 p.m.. He expressed thanks to the Fire and Police Departments for their efforts during these events.

Engineer - John Brady - stated that the resurfacing projects should be completed by the end of the week and thanks to the good weather the work on Bethany Road continues.

Building & Zoning - Lyle Doty - reported he had issued 24 permits during the past two weeks that included 6 single-family, 1 8-unit condominium, 15 miscellaneous residential and 2 miscellaneous commercial. He added that Menards will not open on October 28 as previously announced, and although work is continuing the store will not be ready on that date.

Treasurer - Ken Mundy - stated he had presented to the Council a report and update of the financials for Fiscal Year 99-00 and informed the Council that the City's financial situation is good.

Fire Chief - Bill Riddle - reported it was the second week of Fire Prevention and expressed thanks to the schools for allowing the department to provide instruction to the students on fire safety. He said that some of the activities have included essay contests, fire safety talks and tours of the Fire Department. He reminded citizens that leaf burning is prohibited in the City in addition to no burning of yard waste and construction materials.

Police Chief - Roy Garcia - stated it had been a very busy day with the natural gas leak and opening of Route #64. He expressed appreciation to Administrator Nicklas and Supt. Gene Listy for their support and assistance. He reported on the meeting with the Albert Avenue Neighborhood on Thursday, October 17, 2000 and announced the Maplewood Drive Neighborhood would meet on Thursday, October 19, 2000 at the Sycamore Junior High at 7:00 p.m.. He reported the Pumpkinfest activities are well organized and ready to go.

Public Works Supt. - Gene Listy - reported on leaf pick-up stating there were not many leaves at the present time, but the department would be monitoring the situation.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance - Alan Bauer - no report.

Ordinance - James Huntley - reported all items 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.

A meeting of the Fire & Police Committee was scheduled for November 20, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. prior to the Council meeting.

Motion

Aldersperson Huntley moved to follow the regular agenda now that Aldersperson Bauer was present 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.

ORDINANCES

- A. Ordinance No. 2000.35 - an Ordinance establishing compensation for elected officials in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. Second reading.

Motion

Aldersperson Blickem moved to approve the amounts of compensation as stated in Ordinance No. 2000.35 and Aldersperson Dahl seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Mayor Edwards asked for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Those Alderspersons voting aye were: Dahl. Those Alderspersons voting nay were: Huntley, Bauer, Smith, Chambon, Maness, Balentyne and Blickem.. One Aldersperson voted aye and seven voted nay. Motion failed.

Motion

Aldersperson Chambon moved to raise the Treasurer's salary to \$15,000 and to have the Mayor and Clerk's salaries remain at the current amount which was established in 1996..

Roll Call Vote

Mayor Edwards asked for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Those Alderspersons voting aye were:

Huntley, Chambon, Balentyne and Dahl. Those Alderpersons voting nay were: Bauer, Smith, Maness and Blickem. Four Alderpersons voted aye and four voted nay. Due to the tie vote, Mayor Edwards voted nay. The vote was then four aye votes and five nay votes. Motion failed.

Motion

Alderperson Maness moved to amend Ordinance No. 2000.35 in regards to the City Clerk's salary only. Alderperson Maness suggested a salary increase of 2% to replace the request of 2.5%, reducing the amount of \$41,000 approved on the first reading of the ordinance to an amended amount of \$39,500. She reviewed the amounts of \$18,000 for the Mayor, \$2000 for the Liquor Commissioner, \$15,000 for the Treasurer and \$39,500 for the Clerk. Alderperson Dahl seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Mayor Edwards asked for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Those Alderpersons voting aye were: Huntley, Smith, Chambon, Maness, Dahl and Blickem. Those Alderpersons voting nay were: Bauer and Balentyne. Six Alderpersons voted aye and two voted nay. Motion carried.

2. Ordinance No. 2000.36 - an ordinance approving the execution of an employment agreement between the City Administrator and the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and second reading.

Motion

Alderperson Balentyne moved to have a first and second reading for Ordinance No. 2000.36 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.

Motion

Alderperson Smith moved to approve Ordinance No. 2000.36 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.

3. Ordinance No. 2000.37 - An ordinance amending Title 6, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Section 6-4-12.a No Parking Zones designated of the City Code of the City of Sycamore by adding a no parking zone on the west side of Walnut Street in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and second reading.

Motion

Aldersperson Maness moved to have a first and second reading on Ordinance No. 2000.37 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. 2000.37 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.

4. Ordinance No. 2000.38 - An Ordinance amending Title 6, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Section 6-4-1a. Stop Intersections designated of the City Code of the City of Sycamore by adding “stop” signs where Maplewood Drive intersects with Kevin Street, Everett Street, Martin Street, and Arneita Street in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and second reading.
5. Ordinance No. 2000.39 - an Ordinance amending Title 6, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Section 6-4-4:a Yield Streets of the City code of the City of Sycamore by adding a “yield” sign at the corner of Kevin Street and Maplewood Drive and Kevin Street and Wendy Street in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and second reading.

Motion

Aldersperson Huntley moved to have a first and second reading for Ordinance No. 2000.38 and Ordinance No. 2000.39. 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.

Motion

Aldersperson Balentyne moved to approve Ordinance No. 2000.38 and Aldersperson 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.

Motion

Aldersperson Huntley moved to approve Ordinance No. 2000.39 and Aldersperson 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.

- 6. Ordinance No. 2000.40 - an ordinance amending Title 6, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 2, Parking Regulations of the City Code of the City of Sycamore, Illinois by adding restrictions on the parking of motor vehicles and trailers in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First reading.

First reading only. No action required.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

CONSIDERATIONS

- 1. Consideration of an administration recommendation to create the position of Accounting Supervisor.

Administrator Nicklas presented options for hiring an individual to oversee the Finance Department. He stated it would a union position and explained other criteria for the position and how it would be advertise.

Motion

Aldersperson Balentyne moved to have the administrator pursue in an active manner an individual for the position of Accounting Supervisor and Aldersperson 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.

APPOINTMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Aldersperson Maness moved to adjourn the meeting and Aldersperson Balentyne seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

Approve:

Mayor - James S. Edwards

Attest:

City Clerk - Nancy S. Marchiando