
SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 2001

ROLL CALL

Mayor John Swedberg called the meeting to order and Clerk Candy Smith, called the roll. Those Alderpersons present were: Alan Bauer, Cheryl Maness, Pete Paulsen, Chuck Stowe, Michael Chambon, Andrew Larson, Pam Blickem, and Janice Tripp.

INVOCATION

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

Alderperson Blickem moved to approve the agenda as distributed and Alderperson Maness seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Ross Niebergall, 27561 Moose Range Road, Sycamore, introduced Greg Hanson and Dr. Ramona Cornea of Lantech to explain a memorandum of understanding between the City of Sycamore and the IEPA to avoid remediation of his property on Sacramento Street. Mr. Hanson said the rules regarding underground tanks were formulated to protect the ground water. Mayor Swedberg asked if the EPA is asking Mr. Niebergall to ask the City to assume responsibility for what might or might not be underground at that sight. Mr. Hanson said the City will be required to keep records to report to the EPA on the sights in question. Mr. Nicklas explained that the City needs to understand all the implications of the memorandum of understanding.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of minutes of the regular City Council meeting of May 21, 2001.

Payment of bills for June 4, 2001, in the amount of \$384,814.56.

Motion

Alderperson Blickem moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Alderperson Tripp seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Police Chief Johnson introduced Officer Jeffrey Wig to the Council. Officer Wig just successfully completed the ten-week training program at Illinois State Police Training Academy, in Springfield. Chief Johnson attended the graduation ceremony in Springfield and thanked Mayor Swedberg for attending also. Officer Wig will now begin Sycamore's 8-10 week department skilled training officer program and is assigned to Officer Mike Anderson. Chief Johnson welcomed Officer Wig to the organization.

Mayor Swedberg announced that DCEDC would be holding a "Welcome and Orientation Reception for the New Municipal Leaders" in their conference room at 421 North California Street, Wednesday, June 20, 2001, from 4:00-6:00 P.M.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Administrator - Bill Nicklas – suggested that with the Census figures in, the City may need redistricting of the four wards to spread the population more evenly. The County will be generating the redistricting map free of charge to the City.

Engineer - John Brady – stated that his items are on the agenda.

Building & Zoning - Lyle Doty – reported 27 permits: 1 single-family, 1 three-unit townhouse, 21 miscellaneous residential, and 2 miscellaneous commercial and 2 house demolition.

Treasurer - Ken Mundy –no report

Fire Chief - Bill Riddle – reported 49 calls: 32 EMS and 17 other with no fire loss.

Police Chief – Darrell Johnson –no report

Public Works Supt. --Fred Busse – no report

Water Supt. – Ebe Smith – reported two water main breaks at the Center Cross construction leaving neighborhood without water for a short time. He stated water service was restored by 4:30 P.M. Mr. Smith also mentioned that the GPS Service would begin walking neighborhoods Wednesday, June 6, 2001.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance – no report

Ordinance – Alderperson Maness reported that ordinances were on the agenda.

Streets & Walks – no report

Sewer & Water – Chairperson Bauer reminded the committee there will be meeting before the Council Meeting on June 18.

Police & Fire - no report.

ORDINANCES

- A. Ordinance No. 2001.04—An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission with Regard to the Request of the Aberdeen Family Limited Partnership for Approval of a Resubdivision of the Lots Adjoining Midlands Court and Aberdeen Court in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First Reading.**

City Administrator Nicklas informed Council that the petitioner was not prepared for Council to take action on this ordinance. The Council agreed to hear this on First Reading.

- B. Ordinance No. 2001.10—An Ordinance Approving the Execution of an Agreement Between the City of Sycamore, Illinois and the United Aviation Fuels Corporation for Economic Development in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First Reading Only.**

City Administrator Nicklas explained that this was an incentive proposal for United Aviation Fuel Corporation, a subsidiary of United Airlines, to locate an order acceptance facility in the City of Sycamore. Mr. Nicklas said that this would be a modest operation housing several employees in an office suite of less than 1,000 square feet, placing no demand on city services. Under the terms of the agreement, the City and the retailer would agree for a period of ten years to share sales tax revenue from the firm's operations. The City would retain \$300,000 in the first year, and could realize up to a 3 percent increase per year for each of the next nine years. Mr. Nicklas stated that such an infusion of sales tax was welcome and suggested this money should be used for capital purposes rather than operational. Mr. Nicklas recommended this heard on first reading only.

Jay Thomas Johnson, a partner with public accounting firm K P & G in Chicago, stated his firm was representing United Aviation Fuels Corporation in this effort. Mr. Johnson said they have appreciated the candor of our Administrator throughout negotiations. He said that based on his firm's recommendation, United Airlines Fuels Corporation chose to establish their call center in the City of Sycamore/

Motion

Aldersperson Blickem moved to have a first and second reading on Ordinance No. 2001.10 and Aldersperson Chambon seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote to approve the motion. Seven Alderspersons voted aye with Aldersperson Stowe voting nay. Motion carried.

Motion

Aldersperson Bauer moved to bring into Ordinance and Aldersperson Blickem seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 382—Awarding a Construction Contract for the Necessary Site Improvements for the City's Proposed Public Works Department Building Project on North Cross Street in the City of Sycamore, Illinois.

City Engineer recommended awarding the bid to D.R. Gilbert & Sons, Inc., Rochelle, IL for \$495,019.76.

Motion

Aldersperson Tripp moved to award the contract to D.R. Gilbert & Sons, Rochelle, IL for \$495,019.76, and Aldersperson Paulsen seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

CONSIDERATIONS

Mayor Swedberg reminded the City Council and the Audience that the Sycamore News and the Junior High were sponsoring an anti-violence program at the Sycamore Junior High, Wednesday, June 6, at 7:00 P.M.

A. Consideration of an Administration Request for a Closed Session to Discuss Personnel Matters.

Motion

Aldersperson Blickem moved to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters at 8:20 p.m. and Aldersperson Tripp seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to return to open session at 9:00 p.m. and Aldersperson Maness seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Swedberg appointed:

Plan Commission	Dick Wagley
Human Relations	Martha Wetzel as Chair
	James Stallworth
	Fr. Frank Timar
	Janice Anderson
	Rev. Steve Persson
	Rev. Dan Stovall
	Sharon Holmes
	Richard Plenger
	Juanita Mundy
Police Pension Board	Katie Johnson
	Bob Keil

The Council expressed concern with the appointment of Martha Wetzel as Chairperson. Mayor Swedberg reconsidered Ms. Wetzel as chairperson and appointed her as a member of the Human Relations Commission.

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to approve the reconsidered appointments and Aldersperson Larson seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. and Aldersperson Maness seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

Approve:

Mayor – John L. Swedberg

Attest:

City Clerk – Candy Smith