

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

Mike Massey of the Glad Tidings Church gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Edwards reminded the Council that there would be a closed session at the end of the meeting to discuss collective bargaining.

**Motion**

Alderperson Blickem moved to approve the agenda as distributed 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.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Michael McVey, 143 North Avenue, spoke about a topic important to him, that being the quality of life in Sycamore. He read a letter that he had written a year ago regarding the quality of life in Sycamore and how snobbishness hurt the City and prejudice should not be tolerated.

Charlie Sharp, 158 Vista Terrace, 158 Sabin Street, spoke to the Council regarding Ordinance No. 2000.76 which prohibits the use of motorized vehicles in residential zoning districts. He said he was pleased with the preparation of such an ordinance as it would finally resolve an issue in his neighborhood.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes of the regular City Council meeting of March 19, 2001.

**Motion**

Alderperson Blickem moved to approve the minutes of March 19, 2001 and Alderperson 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.

- 2. Payment of bills for April 2, 2001

**Motion**

Aldersperson Bauer moved to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$115,885.33 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.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Aldersperson Bauer thanked Aldersperson Huntley for all he has done for the City of Sycamore.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Administrator - Bill Nicklas - stated he joined with Aldersperson Bauer in expressing his appreciation to Aldersperson Huntley for his dedication, good will spirit and hard work and said he would be missed.

Aldersperson Huntley stated he had enjoyed serving the people of the fourth ward for 10 ½ years and felt it was a privilege, an honor and very rewarding.

Administrator Nicklas announced that the new street division building would be dedicated on Tuesday, April 10, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. He then unveiled the bronze plaque that will be displayed on the new building and Engineer John Brady read the inscription.

Engineer - John Brady - stated that bids for the downtown project will be opened on April 13, 2001 and that work on begun on the Route #23 project and would continue until October.

Building & Zoning - Lyle Doty - stated he had issued 18 permits during the past two weeks, 1 single-family, 2 duplex, 10 miscellaneous residential and 5 miscellaneous commercial.

Treasurer Ken Mundy - spoke concerning policies of Northern Illinois University regarding property taxes.

Fire Chief - Bill Riddle - None.

Police Chief - Roy Garcia stated that squad cars would be out on Route 64 West to slow traffic in that area. He announced that Paulsen Appliance donated a television and video recorder for use with the in-car cameras. He informed the Council that the department had been nominated for an award recognizing the efforts of the department concerning domestic violence.

Public Works Supt. - Gene Listy - stated that the City had been family to him for 40 years and expressed his appreciation and gratitude.

Water Supt. - Ebe Smith - read a letter from the Illinois Department of Public Health recognizing the efforts of the Sycamore Water Department regarding fluoridation laws. He said the department had laid 400 feet of water main recently and expressed appreciation to the WWTP and Street department for their assistance.

Treatment Plant - Fred Busse - apologized about the demonstration schedule of the Vector Jetter that the department would like to purchase in the next fiscal year.

#### REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance - Alan Bauer - said the public hearing for FY 01-02 Budget was on the agenda.

Ordinance - James Huntley - stated everything was on the agenda.

Streets & Walks - no report.

Sewer & Water - Patrick Balentyne - stated he had an opportunity to observe the use of the camera used to televise the sewers and found it to be a very viable asset to the City.

Police & Fire - Keven Dahl - no report.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing on the FY 2001-2002 City Budget.

Administrator Nicklas stated the budget would be put in ordinance form for the April 16, 2001 meeting. He said a new copy of the budget had been placed on the Council's desk .

## ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance No. 2000.74 - An ordinance amending Title 5 "Police Regulations," to add a new Section 4, "Cats," regulating cats in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and second reading.

### **Motion**

Aldersperson Chambon moved to have a first and second reading on Ordinance No. 2000.74 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.

Aldersperson Smith stated she did not know if the Police had time to enforce this law.

Aldersperson Bauer said he thought the language was strong and did not think a rabies vaccination should be required. Aldersperson Huntley said that the Police do not have to become involved if neighbors would handle a situation in a respectable manner.

Aldersperson Chambon - if the citizens would act with respect to others rights there would not need to be an ordinance. Administrator Nicklas suggested rabies vaccination be eliminated from the ordinance.

Chief Garcia asked if there were suggestions as to what the department was to do with the cats when they are brought into the police station. There were no suggestions.

### **Motion Amendment**

Aldersperson Chambon amended his motion to eliminate the rabies requirement from the language of the ordinance and Aldersperson Balentyne agreed to the amendment.

### **Roll Call Vote**

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

2. Ordinance No. 2000.75 - An Ordinance amending Title 3 "Business and License Regulations," Section 3-2-6:D "Outdoor Special Events," by prohibiting a Special Event Permit for use during Pumpkin Festival Weekend in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and second reading.

### **Motion**

Aldersperson Huntley moved to have a first and second reading on Ordinance No. 2000.75 and Aldersperson Dahl seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote**

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

Alderperson Balentyne asked if this ordinance would prohibit any block parties during that weekend and he was told yes, but that the “Outdoor Special Events” would have to do with a special permit for liquor establishment only.

Alderperson Bauer asked why the Pumpkin Festival Committee should oversee every event on that weekend. Alderperson Huntley said that the committee gives a great deal of time to the community and the event and they want to be certain that no bad food is served and to make sure there is not an infringement on anyone.

Mayor Edwards explained the situation that brought about this issue and explained the committee just wants to control the food booths. Alderperson Bauer was concerned about discouraging business. Alderperson Huntley said it is only for two days and did not feel it took advantage of the businesses. Alderperson Chambon noted it was a five day period from Wednesday through Sunday. Alderperson Blickem asked for a clarification of the permit and it was explained that the “Outdoor Special Event” was for liquor license holders only and that type of permit would not be issued during that weekend.

Alderperson Smith asked if a business could sell food and was told yes but they would have to go through the committee and be granted a permit just like other vendors.

Alderperson Bauer felt that the committee seems to get more and more control each year. Alderperson Huntley said they just want to run a clean show. Alderperson Bauer said he is not taking away what the committee does for the community, but feels they have a lot of control. Mayor Edwards stated he was concerned for any future events that may be planned by a hotel/restaurant who would want to do an outdoor party during that weekend.

**Motion**

Alderperson Huntley moved to approve Ordinance No. 2000.75 and 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: Dahl, Blickem, Smith and Huntley. Those Alderpersons voting nay were: Bauer, Balentyne and Chambon. Four Alderpersons voted aye and three voted nay. Motion carried.

3. Ordinance No. 2000.76 - An Ordinance amending Title 4, “Public Health and Safety,” Section 4-3-1: Nuisances, by adding a new section to prohibit the operation of motorcycles, motorbikes, all-terrain vehicles, or other motorized equipment other than lawn maintenance equipment in yard areas in Residential Zoning District in the City of

Sycamore, Illinois. First and second reading.

Administrator Nicklas stated the sharpening of the language in the Zoning Code was needed in order to regulate and clear up a recent issue. Alderperson Chambon asked if the issue was noise and Administrator Nicklas said it was not the noise but the view in yards.

**Motion**

Alderperson Balentyne moved to have a first and second reading on Ordinance No. 2000.76 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.

**Motion**

Alderperson Balentyne moved to approve Ordinance No. 2000.76 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.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

CONSIDERATIONS

1. Consideration of a proposal from the DeKalb County Board to create a multi-jurisdictional licensing authority.

Administrator Nicklas explained the proposal from DeKalb County and the Council decided not to become involved with the multi-jurisdictional licensing authority.

APPOINTMENTS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

**Motion**

Alderperson Blickem moved to go into closed session at 8:50 p.m. and Alderperson 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.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

**Motion**

Aldersperson Balentyne moved to return to open session at 9:10 p.m. 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.

ADJOURNMENT

**Motion**

Aldersperson Balentyne moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m. 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.

Approve:

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Mayor - James S. Edwards

Attest:

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City Clerk - Nancy S. Marchiando