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## **Sycamore City Council - Regular Meeting**

### **Minutes of April 16, 2001**

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#### **ROLL CALL**

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

#### **INVOCATION**

Mike Massey of the Glad Tidings Church gave the invocation.

#### **SWEARING-IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Attorney Peter Smith administered the oath of office to the new City Clerk, Candy Smith. The City Clerk, Candy Smith swore in newly elected officials John Swedberg, Mayor; Michael Chambon, Janice Tripp, Andrew Larson, Pete Paulsen, and Alan Bauer, Alderpersons; and Ken Mundy as Treasurer.

Mayor Swedberg appointed Chuck Stowe to fill vacancy in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward until the end of its term in 2003. The council unanimously accepted and Chuck Stowe was sworn in.

#### **ROLL CALL – NEW COUNCIL**

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.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Swedberg 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 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**

Michael McVey, 143 North Avenue, spoke about the need for a Human Rights Commission that has some "teeth" to it.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of minutes of the regular City Council meeting of April 2, 2001.

#### **Motion**

Alderperson Chambon moved to approve the minutes of April 2, 2001 and Alderperson Blickem seconded the motion.

#### **Voice Vote**

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote to approve the motion. Seven Alderpersons present voted aye with Cheryl Maness abstaining. Motion carried.

Payment of bills for April 2, 2001

**Motion**

Aldersperson Paulsen moved to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$255,462.82 and Aldersperson Stowe seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

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

**PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS**

Aldersperson Chambon received a letter from Civic Apartment residents requesting more parking spaces for residents to park and the VAC bus to make stops. Mayor Swedberg forwarded the communication to Streets and Walks Committee.

**Presentation of Awards to Outgoing Elected Officials**

Mayor Swedberg presented plaques to outgoing officials for their years of service. Jim Edwards, 4 years as Mayor; Nancy Marchiando, 4 years as City Clerk; Jim Huntley, 10 ½ years as Aldersperson; Keven Dahl, 4 years as Aldersperson; Pat Balentyne, 5 years as Aldersperson; and Candy Smith, 2 years as Aldersperson.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS**

Administrator - Bill Nicklas –Informed the Council of the DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation's Economic Outlook Breakfast, April 30, 2001, 7:00 – 9:00 A.M. at the Farm Bureau. Mr. Nicklas asked Council to think about issues and concerns as topics for Workshop Sessions that occur before the first Council Meeting each month.

Engineer - John Brady - stated that bids for the downtown construction were on the agenda. He said they are addressing better signage for the detour around DeKalb Avenue and Center Cross.

Building & Zoning - Lyle Doty - stated he had issued 18 permits during the past two weeks, 4 single-family, 1 6-unit, 11 miscellaneous residential, 1 miscellaneous commercial, and 1 demolition.

Treasurer Ken Mundy – Congratulated the outgoing elected officials and welcomed the incoming officials. He stated that next month the equity portion of the fire and police pension fund should show some favorable activity and while we didn't escape some market devaluation, these are long-term investments and will recover. Also, Mr. Mundy said that this portion of the fund is not used to derive income to pay our pension beneficiaries.

Fire Chief - Bill Riddle –reported the receipt of a grant from Illinois Department of Health awarding 4 automatic defibrillators (2 for Fire; 2 for Police). They will receive joint training sessions. Target, in conjunction with Hershey's, donated one hundred "Helping Hugs" bears to the department to give to children who ride the ambulance.

Police Chief – Roy Garcia thanked the police department for receiving the Attorney General's Domestic Violence 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Award. A portable speed sign is being used on a trial basis, it is successfully slowing down traffic. Due to Officer Maness's public relations, the Easter Candy hunt at the Sycamore Park attracted 3000 participants.

Public Works Supt. - Gene Listy – The Mayor announced that this would be Gene's final report to Council. Mayor Swedberg invited the public to a reception for Gene, Friday, May 27, from 2:00-4:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers. Gene congratulated the new Mayor and the incoming and outgoing Alderpersons.

Water Supt. - Ebe Smith – Wished Gene the best in his retirement.

Treatment Plant - Fred Busse – Congratulated Gene for his many years of service.

## **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Finance – no report

Ordinance – no report

Streets & Walks – Cheryl Maness asked if the High School and Salem Lutheran Church had been notified to open another exit during the construction on Route 23. Chief Garcia said they would place extra patrol to handle the traffic.

Sewer & Water – no report

Police & Fire - no report.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BETHANY ROAD REGIONAL PLAN**

Administrator Nicklas stated that this plan was developed after many formal meetings and a Special Meeting of the Plan Commission with much participation from the residents. This plan contains a narrative portion that will become an amendment to the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Larry Kendzora-723 Fairway Lane-encouraged Council to follow the wisdom of the Plan Commission and the Administrator and adopt this plan because it addresses the concern of the residents that the 700 acres could increase the population by 25%.

Ed Hirsch – 735 Cambridge- asked Council to adopt this forward-looking plan that encourages development to fit the City.

## **ORDINANCES**

### **Ordinance No. 2000.77—An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission with Regard to the Request of B&B Development, L.P. for Approval of a Final Plat for Phase Two of the Heron Creek Development in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

Mr. Nicklas reminded Council that this property, previously known as the Engh property, was annexed in 1999 and a preliminary plat was approved at that time. Phase Two includes 36 lots and a 2-acre neighborhood park. Plan Commission unanimously recommended approval of Phase Two.

### **Motion**

Alderperson Chambon moved to have a first and second reading on Ordinance No. 2000.77 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.

**Motion**

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

**Voice Vote**

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

**Ordinance No. 2000.78—An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission with Regard to the Bethany Road Regional Plan, Which Amends the City of Sycamore’s Comprehensive Plan (adopted on May 15, 2000). First and Second Reading**

Mr. Nicklas explained some of the implications of the plan. He said the entire developable area is zoned low density with very limited commercial. About half of the area is designated to open space. No motor vehicle access is shown to the back of the park, though there is a strong preference for connecting park spaces through bike paths and sidewalks. The plan also addresses roadways to ease traffic through neighborhoods. This plan encourages development to maintain the “Sycamore look.”

**Motion**

Aldersperson Blickem moved to have a first and second reading on Ordinance No. 2000.78 and Aldersperson Stowe seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

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

Aldersperson Chambon thanked the Plan Commission and anyone who worked on this plan.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Larson moved to bring into Ordinance and Aldersperson Tripp seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote. All Alderspersons present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Ordinance No. 2000.79—An Ordinance Concerning Adoption of the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2001-2002 in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading**

Mr. Nicklas explained that this ordinance will adopt the budget that has been in preparation since the first of the year. He said it is a difficult decision for the new council members, but appreciated that most of the new alderspersons attended the finance meetings where this was discussed. Passing this ordinance will assume that Council is in agreement for creating a Human Resource position.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Maness moved to have a first and second reading on Ordinance No. 2000.79 and Aldersperson Chambon seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

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

Aldersperson Blickem voiced her concern with the level of contractual compensation for a part-time City Attorney and wants to look into a full-time City Attorney.

Mr. Nicklas said he is preparing to go out to bid for legal services.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Chambon moved to bring into Ordinance and Aldersperson Paulsen seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

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

**Ordinance No. 2000.80—An Ordinance Amending Title 1, “Administration,” Chapter 10, “Personnel Rules,” of the City Code of the City of Sycamore, Illinois to Authorize Non-Elective Positions for the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

Mr. Nicklas explained that this ordinance names the titles of the appointed officers of the City of Sycamore.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Blickem moved to have a first and second reading on Ordinance No. 2000.80 and Aldersperson Larson seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

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

**Motion**

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

**Voice Vote**

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

**Ordinance No. 2000.81—An Ordinance Establishing Offices and Fixing Compensation of Certain Appointed Officers of the City of Sycamore, County of DeKalb, State of Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the First Day of May, 2001 and Ending on the Thirtieth Day of April, 2002. First and Second Reading.**

Mr. Nicklas explained that this ordinance identifies the salaries of the exempt officials that are by and large the management officials.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Chambon moved to have a first and second reading on Ordinance No. 2000.81 and Aldersperson Paulsen seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

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

**Motion**

Aldersperson Stowe moved to bring into Ordinance and Aldersperson Maness seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

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

**Ordinance No. 2000.82—An Ordinance Deleting the Provisions of Title 1, “Administration,” Chapter 9, “City Collector,” of the City Code of the City of Sycamore, Illinois and Substituting a New Chapter 9, “Human Resource Director,” in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

Mr. Nicklas said this ordinance creates the position of Human Resource Director.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Maness moved to have a first and second reading on Ordinance No. 2000.82 and Aldersperson Tripp seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

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

**Motion**

Aldersperson Paulsen moved to bring into Ordinance and Aldersperson Tripp seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

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

**Ordinance No. 2000.83—An Ordinance Amending Title 1, “Administration,” Chapter 7, “City Clerk,” of the City Code of the City of Sycamore, Illinois to Delete Certain Personnel Functions. First and Second Reading.**

Mr. Nicklas explained that this ordinance transfers personnel functions from the Office of the City Clerk to the Director of Human Resources.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Blickem moved to have a first and second reading on Ordinance No. 2000.83 and Aldersperson Stowe seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

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

**Motion**

Aldersperson Tripp 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 present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously

**Ordinance No. 2000.84—An Ordinance Amending Title 4, “Public Health and Safety,” 1, “Fire Department,” Section 4-1-7, B by Revising Ambulance Fees for Persons Transported to a Local Hospital by Sycamore Fire Department Personnel. First and Second Reading.**

Mr. Nicklas explained that this ordinance increases fees for ambulance services. Local residents transported to a local health service will increase from \$150 to \$200 for basic life service and to \$325 for advanced life service (i.e. paramedic service). The ordinance will also increase the Sycamore Fire Protection District fee from \$300 to \$400.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Chambon moved to have a first and second reading on Ordinance No. 2000.84 and Aldersperson Larson seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

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

**Motion**

Aldersperson Chambon moved to bring into Ordinance and Aldersperson Paulsen seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

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

**RESOLUTIONS****Resolution No. 378—Awarding a Construction Contract for the State Street Improvement Project (Illinois Routes 23 and 64.)****Motion**

Aldersperson Chambon moved to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Pyramid Excavating & Utility Company, Rockford IL, in the amount of \$1,019,773.23. Aldersperson Cheryl Maness seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote to accept this bid. All Alderspersons present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Swedberg announced his appointments to the following committees and boards with unanimous approval of City Council.

**Finance Committee-** Pam Blickem-Chair, Cheryl Maness, Alan Bauer, Chuck Stowe

**Ordinance Committee-** Cheryl Maness-Chair, Alan Bauer, Pete Paulsen, Janice Tripp

**Fire and Police Committee-** Chuck Stowe-Chair, Pam Blickem, Michael Chambon, Andrew Larson

**Sewer and Water Committee-** Alan Bauer-Chair, Michael Chambon, Janice Tripp, Andrew Larson

**Streets and Walks Committee-** Michael Chambon-Chair, Pam Blickem, Chuck Stowe, Pete Paulsen

**Plan Commission-** John Lewis-Chair, Pam Blickem-Aldersperson, William Lorence, Patricia David, Bill Davey, Cindy Henderson, Marc Loomer, Gene Endthoff, David Hamilton, John McBride, Gary Stapleton, Peter T. Smith-Attorney, Candy Smith-Secretary

**Library Board-**Rosalie Hewitt, Ron Short, Lois Anderson, John McBride, Mary Kay Shipley, Paul Crawford, Tony Stahl, Philip Eubanks, Pete Paulsen-Aldersperson

**Appointed Officers** – City Administrator, Bill Nicklas; Corporate Counsel, Peter T. Smith; Fire Chief, William Riddle; Police Chief, Roy Garcia; Public Works Superintendent, Fred E. Busse; Asst Supt. of Public Works, Bob Ray; Superintendent of Water Dept., Donald E. Smith Jr; Asst Supt. of Water Dept, Mike Swedberg; Asst Supt. of Treatment Plant, J.C. Roach, City engineer, John E. Brady; Building Commissioner/Zoning Officer Lyle M. Doty; ESDA Director, Bill Nicklas; Deputy ESDA Director, Jerry Lane; Fire Lieutenants Cary Niewold, Duane Prather, Mark Kessler, Tal Hickey; Police Lieutenants Patrick J.

Solar, Darrel Johnson, Cary Singer; Police Sergeants, Thomas Scott, Keith D. Snyder, Scott Mayeda; Liquor Commissioner, John L. Swedberg; Deputy City Clerk, Peter Krumins

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Motion**

Aldersperson Maness moved to go into closed session at 9:00 p.m. and Aldersperson Blickem seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

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

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**Motion**

Aldersperson Stowe moved to return to open session at 9:40 p.m. and Aldersperson Maness seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion**

Aldersperson Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 p.m. and Aldersperson Bauer seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

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

Approve:

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Mayor – John L. Swedberg

Attest:

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City Clerk – Candy Smith