
**SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 19, 2001**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor James Edwards called the meeting to order and Clerk Nancy Marchiando called the roll. Those Alderpersons present were: Alan Bauer, Patrick Balentyne, James Huntley, Michael Chambon, Pam Blickem, Keven Dahl, Candy Smith and Cheryl Maness. Eight Alderpersons were present and none were absent.

INVOCATION

William Mills, Bethal Assembly of God Church, gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Edwards announced that the closed session scheduled at the end of the meeting had been canceled.

Motion

Alderperson Maness moved to approve the agenda as distributed 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.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Jerry Busby announced that the Relay for Life Event would be held on June 23 & 24 and that a torch run from the DeKalb County Courthouse to the Sycamore High School track would be held as a part of the event. Mr. Busby presented to the City of Sycamore four signs to be placed at the entrances to the City indicating the support shown for the program.

Tomeka Nix, 831 Kimberly Avenue, DeKalb, IL, reported on a "run-in" she had with two officers of the Sycamore Police Department. Administrator Bill Nicklas responded by explaining to her the procedures that were followed and which indicated that no misconduct on part of the officers had occurred. Administrator Nicklas stated that he had informed Ms. Nix of this information and forwarded the same to the States Attorney's office.

Mike Doty, Sycamore Park District, 361 Swanson Road stated he would be addressing an issue later in the agenda.

Curt Behrens, 705 Cambridge, stated he agrees with the vote by the Plan Commission on the Clover Ridge Subdivision.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes of the regular City Council meeting of February 5, 2001.

Motion

Aldersperson Huntley moved to approve the minutes of February 5, 2001, 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.

- 2. Payment of Bill for February 19, 2001.

Motion

Aldersperson Bauer moved to approve the bills of February 19, 2001, in the amount of \$73,267.96 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.

- 3. Plan Commission Minutes of January 8, 2001.

The Plan Commission minutes of January 8, 2001, were accepted by the Council.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS

- A Proclamation welcoming the activities of the Sycamore Historical Society and Museum.

Mayor Edwards read and approved the proclamation concerning the activities of the Sycamore Historical Society.

NEW BUSINESS

Aldersperson Maness said that she had received a call regarding a semi-truck located on Ottawa Street that had been running all night long. Police Chief Garcia responded by saying that the vehicle had been sited/ticketed on Sunday, February 18, 2001.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Administrator - Bill Nicklas - reviewed the budget meetings schedule and asked the Council regarding a date for a ground breaking ceremony for the new Street Department building. It was decided to try to arrange the event for Monday, April 2, 2001.

Building and Zoning - Lyle Doty - reported that during the past two weeks he had issued 9 permits: 7 single family, 1 miscellaneous residential and one miscellaneous commercial. He informed the Council

that he would be on vacation from March 4th through March 18th, 2001.

Treasurer - Ken Mundy - stated he had presented to the Council the financial reports for January, 2001.

Fire Chief - Bill Riddle - reported that the Fire department had an ice rescue training session on Saturday, February 17, 2001, at the pond located by the Good Tymes Shelter in the Sycamore Park. He stated the department had responded to a number of fire calls recently, one of which destroyed a home in the Heron Creek Subdivision with a loss value of \$200,000. He added that two firefighters had been killed in Ashton, IL over the weekend and that he and the department would be attending services and would assist the Franklin Grove Fire Department while their members attended the services.

Treatment Plant - Fred Busse - reported on the equipment show he attended recently where the jetter/vac the Department hopes to purchase was on display. He added that he had learned at the show that the jetter/vac the City will be purchasing is top quality and recommended by the state.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance - Alan Bauer - reported that the committee had met prior to the Council meeting for discussion on general fund budget items.

Ordinance - James Huntley - reported that the committee had met prior to the meeting for discussion on two items which will be held over to the second meeting in March, 2001. The items discussed were regarding control of cats and adding passport revenue to the Clerk's office.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance No. 2000.65 - An ordinance concerning the recommendation of the Plan Commission with regard to the request of Milan Krpan for amendment of the Final Plat for Unit Two, Phase Two, of the GrandView Townhouse PUD on certain property located at 1112, 1118, and 1124 Milan Drive south in the City of Sycamore, IL. First and second reading.

Mayor Edwards stated that the Plan Commission had voted in favor of the request 11-0.

Motion

Alderman Dahl moved to approve Ordinance No. 2000.65 on a first and second reading and Alderman Huntley seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

Motion

Aldersperson Dahl moved to approve Ordinance No. 2000.65 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.

- A. Ordinance No. 2000.66 - An ordinance concerning the recommendation of the Plan Commission with regard to the request of Milan Krpan for the approval of an agreement to annex certain property located south of the Grand View Townhouse PUD with a zoning classification of "R-3" Multiple Family Residence District (PUD) in the City of Sycamore, Illinois, DeKalb County, Illinois. First and second reading.

Administrator Nicklas informed the Council that approval of the ordinance must pass by 2/3 vote of the majority of the corporate authority.

Aldersperson Chambon stated he thought this subdivision was an example of bad City planning. He said it was a bad decision , but good housing and said he was voting no.

Administrator Nicklas said that the developer had addressed and satisfied the concerns the Plan Commission had had during their first appearance before the subdivision and so the Commission decided to approve.

Aldersperson Smith responded to Aldersperson Chambon's statement by saying that the subdivision that he lived in had taken somebody out of their "play area". Aldersperson Chambon stated that the 3rd Ward does not want the development.

Motion

Aldersperson Dahl moved to approve Ordinance No. 2000.66 on a first and second reading 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 Dahl moved to approve Ordinance No. 2000.66 and Aldersperson Smith seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Mayor Edwards asked for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Those Alderspersons voting aye were: Bauer, Huntley, Blickem, Dahl, Smith, Maness and Mayor Edwards. Those Alderspersons voting nay were: Aldersperson Balentyne and Chambon. Six Alderspersons and the Mayor voted aye and two Alderspersons voted nay. Motion carried 7-2.

2. Ordinance No. 2000.67 - An ordinance concerning the recommendation of the Plan Commission with regard to the petition for annexation of certain property located south of the Grand View Townhouse PUD with a zoning classification of "R-3" Multiple Family Residence District in the City of Sycamore, Illinois, DeKalb County, Illinois. First and second reading.

Motion

Aldersperson Dahl moved to have a first and second reading for Ordinance No. 2000.67 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 Smith moved to approve Ordinance NO. 2000.67 and Aldersperson Dahl seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Mayor Edwards asked for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Those Aldersperson voting aye were: Bauer, Huntley, Blickem, Dahl, Smith, Maness and Mayor Edwards. Those Alderspersons voting nay were: Aldersperson Balentyne and Chambon. Six Alderspersons and the Mayor voted aye and two Alderspersons voted nay. Motion carried 7-2.

3. Ordinance No. 2000.68 - An ordinance concerning the recommendation of the Plan Commission with regard to the request of Milan Krpan for approval of the preliminary Plat and Plan for the Grand View Three PUD in the City of Sycamore, Illinois, DeKalb County, Illinois. First and second reading.

Motion

Aldersperson Smith moved to have a first and second reading for Ordinance No. 2000.68 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 Smith moved to approve Ordinance No. 2000.68 and Aldersperson Dahl seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Edwards called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderspersons present voted aye, except Alderspersons Balentyne and Chambon who voted nay. Motion carried.

4. Ordinance No. 2000.69 - An ordinance concerning the recommendation of the Plan Commission with regard to the request of Clover Ridge Development L.L.C. and Barbara Louis Messinger and Daniel H. Jahns, co-trustees of Trust No. 1000, under an agreement dated the 2nd day of January, 19996, for the approval of an annexation agreement for the property located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Somonauk Street and Bethany Road with Zoning Classifications of "R-1" One Family Residence District, "R-3" Multiple Family Residence District (PUD), "C-1" Neighborhood Business District and "R-1" One Family Residence District (Special Use for Day Care Center) in the City of Sycamore, Illinois, DeKalb County, Illinois. First and second reading.

Mayor Edwards stated the request had failed by a vote of 3-8 during the February 12, 2001, Plan Commission meeting.

Brad Waller, Attorney for the Clover Ridge Subdivision, 555 Bethany Road, DeKalb, IL stated that they were requesting a continuance for a two week period. He addressed comments that were made

by the Plan Commission during the February 12, 2001, meeting regarding the Park District accepting land for a park and explained the comment about the “reluctance” to approve.

Mike Doty, Park District Superintendent, stated that the Park Board had been dealing with this subdivision for five years and so they approved it to be finished with it. He said he had poled the Board prior to the Council meeting to learn if they wish to revisit the issue or stand on it as it is now. Mr. Doty said the board does not want to revisit the issue and that it is not on the agenda for their Tuesday, February 20, 2001, meeting.

Aldersperson Smith asked what the reluctance was? Mr. Doty said the reluctance was due to a frustration level with this project and their attorney advised to move on.

Aldersperson Bauer asked if there was any reason to continue? Mr. Waller stated that they wanted to speak to the Park Board once more.

Attorney Peter Smith informed the Council that if there was no action on the first two issues they would be held over to next meeting and if action took place on those two issues then they would vote now.

Aldersperson Balentyne asked if it was possible to have the minutes from the Plan Commission prepared prior to the Council meeting for those who were not at the meeting. Attorney Smith said yes as long as it is realized the minutes have not been approved by the Plan Commission.

No action was taken by the Council.

6. Ordinance No. 2000.70—An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission With Regard to the Request of Clover Ridge Development L.L.C. and Barbara Louis Messinger and Daniel H. Jahns, Co-Trustees of Trust No. 100, Under an Agreement Dated the 2nd Day of January 1996 for the Approval of an Annexation of the Property Located at the Northeast Corner of the Intersection of Somonauk Street and Bethany Road with Zoning Classifications of “R-1” One Family Residence District, “R-3” Multiple Family Residence District (Planned Unit Development), “C-1” Neighborhood Business District and “R-1” One Family Residence District (Special Use for Day Care Center) in the City of Sycamore, Illinois, DeKalb County, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

First reading - no action.

- G. Ordinance No. 2000.71—An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission with Regard to the Request of Clover Ridge Development L.L.C. and Barbara Louis Messinger and Daniel H. Jahns, Co-Trustees of Trust No. 100, Under an Agreement Dated the 2nd Day of January 1996 for the Approval of the Preliminary Plat and Plan for the Clover Ridge Planned Unit Development in the City of Sycamore, Illinois, DeKalb County, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

First reading - no action.

RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution No. 371 - Approving the execution of an engineering services agreement between the City of Sycamore, Illinois and Hampton, Lenzini and Renwick, Inc. for engineering design services associated with the reconstruction of Bethany Road.

Administrator Nicklas said that the Council had previously authorized Engineer Brady and himself to further negotiate a contract with Hampton, Lenzini and Renwick, for engineering services for the Bethany Road reconstruction. He said Phase One would be preliminary planning, preliminary engineering and environmental studies. Phase Two would involve drawing of plans and Phase Three would be the construction.

Motion

Aldersperson Balentyne moved to approve the agreement 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. Resolution No. 372 - Approving the appropriation of the Motor Fuel Tax Funds in the amount of \$188,364.79 to fund preliminary engineering for the Bethany Road project consisting of a Phase 1 Project Development Report to be performed pursuant to contract.

Motion

Aldersperson Balentyne moved to approve Resolution No. 372 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.

CONSIDERATIONS

- A. Consideration of an Administration report on the FY02 Budget.

Administrator Nicklas stated he had made a presentation of the budget during the Finance Committee meeting and asked for input and follow-up questions from the Council. He provided more information concerning the position of a Human Resource Director. Mayor Edwards asked the Council to get some feedback from the HR person in their companies concerning their position.

Alderman Maness asked if a decision had been made to hire 3 firefighters or was there no decision made yet. Administrator Nicklas said he would follow the Council's wishes.

APPOINTMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Aldersperson Balentyne moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. 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:

Mayor - James S. Edwards

Attest:

City Clerk - Nancy S. Marchiando