
**SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF JANUARY 2, 2001**

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Steve Persson of the First Baptist Church.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

Alderperson Blickem moved to approve the agenda as distributed 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.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes of the regular City Council meeting of December 18, 2000.

Motion

Alderperson Blickem moved to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2000, Council meeting 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.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

2. Payment of bills for January 2, 2001.

Motion

Aldersperson Bauer moved to approve the bills of January 2, 2001, in the amount of \$394,167.24 and Aldersperson Maness seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

3. Monthly Budget Report for the period May 1, 2000 through December 27, 2000.

The report was accepted by the City Council.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS**OLD BUSINESS**

Aldersperson Balentyne asked about progress on the left turn signal at the intersection of Route #64 & #23. Engineer John Brady responded that IDOT was reviewing the request but that it would be 1-2 months before a definite answer would be received.

Aldersperson Balentyne announced that the Sewer and Water Committee would meet at 6:30 p.m. prior to the January 15, 2001, Council meeting.

Mayor Edwards asked if Engineer Brady was in regular contact with IDOT and requested that he make IDOT aware that the signal light needs to be in place by the time the Exchange Street vacation is complete. Engineer Brady agreed.

Aldersperson Bauer announced the Finance Committee would meet at 7:00 p.m. prior to the January 15, 2001, Council meeting. He stated that he would like the Police Department to actively pursue having video cameras in each of the squad cars and added that he would like to see the department go after grants in order to purchase the cameras. Administrator Nicklas said the purchases would a be a budget matter. Police Chief Garcia responded that \$100.00 of each DUI fine comes back to the department and that money could possibly be used for the cameras. He noted that most grants are "matching fund grants" so unless the money is budgeted it is unlikely the department would be able to receive the grants.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Administrator - Bill Nicklas - presented an invitation to the Council to attend the State of the County dinner scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2001, and asked them to let him know if they plan to attend.

Building & Zoning - Lyle Doty - informed the Council that he had placed an ad in the newspaper advertising for an assistant. He said he had issued one permit in the past two weeks due to the cold and snowy weather.

Police Chief - Roy Garcia - informed the Council of the statistics for the month of December and said that since the snow started falling that 2700 calls for service had been received.

Water Supt. - Ebe Smith - asked permission of the Council to issue estimated water bills in January and possibly February due the difficulty in being able to get to the meters to read them. He stated this was the first time the bills would be estimated.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance - Alan Bauer - announced the committee would meet at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 15, 2001.

Ordinance - James Huntley - stated the one ordinance was on the agenda.

Streets & Walks - Cheryl Maness - no report.

Sewer & Water - Patrick Balentyne - announced the committee would meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 15, 2001.

Fire & Police - no report.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance No. 2000.63 - An Ordinance adopting the amended Zoning Ordinance of 2001 in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. Second reading.

Aldersperson Balentyne complimented Administrator Nicklas and the staff for the fine effort in compiling the Zoning Code.

Motion

Aldersperson Balentyne moved to approve Ordinance No. 2000.63 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.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

CONSIDERATIONS

1. Consideration of an administration report on a proposed FY2001-2002 Budget Schedule.

APPOINTMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Aldersperson Balentyne moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. 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.

Approve:

Mayor - James S. Edwards

Attest:

City Clerk - Nancy S. Marchiando

