
**SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF JANUARY 15, 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, Keven Dahl, Alan Bauer, Pam Blickem, Patrick Balentyne, James Huntley and Candy Smith. Alderperson Michael Chambon was absent.

INVOCATION

Dale Johnson of the First Baptist Church gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Edwards said the Workshop Minutes of January 2, 2001, would be added to the agenda as Item #5D.

Motion

Alderperson Blickem moved to approve the agenda as distributed with the addition of Item #5D and Alderperson 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.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

John McBride, 609 Cloverlane, member of the Plan Commission, encouraged the Council to contract a firm to develop a sub area plan for the developments involving the Clark Farm, which Milan Krpan is petitioning to develop and into the City and the Jahns property, which Mark Suchy is petitioning to develop and annex to the City.

Ken Hirschbein, expressed his appreciation to everyone at the City of Sycamore for their cooperation and assistance with the Sycamore Pumpkin Festival. Mr. Hirschbein is retiring from the Pumpkin Festival committee following eleven years of participation.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion

Aldersperson Maness moved to approve the Council minutes of January 2, 2001, and the workshop minutes of January 2, 2001. Aldersperson Blickem 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 Bills for January 15, 2001.

Motion

Aldersperson Bauer moved to approve payment of the bills for January 15, 2001, in the amount of \$190,629.86 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 for the meeting of December 11, 2000.

The Plan Commission minutes of December 11, 2000, were accepted by the Council.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS

NEW BUSINESS

Aldersperson Bauer urged the Council to give consideration to funding a study for a sub area plan that would research water drainage, water retention and roads.

Administrator Nicklas added that the staff is in the process of developing a sub area plan, but some portions of a sub area plan could be completed by an outside firm. He made suggestions as to how the project could be funded.

Patrick Balentyne inquired about communication with IDOT for the left turn signal lane at Route 64 & 23. Engineer John Brady stated that the plan for the lane is in the works and should be in place by the time the vacation of East Exchange Street is complete.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Edwards suggested that should the Martin Luther King holiday fall on the day of a Council meeting that the meeting be held the following day as is now the custom for other holidays.

Motion

Aldersperson Dahl moved to approve moving the Council meeting to the day after Martin Luther King's birthday should it fall on a scheduled meeting date. Aldersperson Bauer seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Administrator Bill Nicklas - announced that a candidate's orientation night would be scheduled following the January 23, 2001 petition filing deadline.

Engineer John Brady - stated recently several firms were interviewed for preliminary engineering to the design stage for the Bethany Road project. The highest ranking firm was Hampton, Lenzini and Renwick.

Motion

Alderson Huntley moved to proceed with a contract for work with Hampton, Lenzini and Renwick for the preliminary engineering to the design stage of the Bethany Road project. Alderson 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.

Building & Zoning - Lyle Doty - stated that during the past two weeks nine permits were issued: 1 single family, 3 miscellaneous residential, 4 miscellaneous commercial and one demolition.

Treasurer Ken Mundy - presented the December financials to the Council and stated that the tax revenues from Menards were noted in the recent sales tax report.

Police Chief Roy Garcia - informed the Council that the department was working on recent thefts of snowmobiles.

Water Supt Ebe Smith - stated that when a water main break occurs the department spends a large amount of time notifying residents when they could be working on the main break and presented an idea that the appropriate Alderman be contacted as to what is occurring so they may answer questions. Administrator Nicklas suggested that he be notified and he will determine if someone could be hired to call residents.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance - Alan Bauer - scheduled a committee meeting for Monday, February 19, 2001, to discuss the Fire Department Strategic Plan.

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

Streets & Walks - Cheryl Maness - no report.

Sewer & Water - Patrick Balentyne - stated the committee had met at 6:30 p.m. to discuss information regarding a mapping system. He stated the committee felt the mapping system should definitely be considered, but wanted more information.

Fire & Police - no report.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance No. 2000.64 - An Ordinance concerning the recommendation of the Plan Commission with regard to the request of Wayne Risler and Associates to approve the re-subdivision of Lot 2 of Blain's Farm and Fleet Subdivision in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and second reading.

Administrator Nicklas reviewed the request and stated the intent for the use of the property is not clear at this time, but that the proposed new lot is legal. He stated that the Plan Commission suggested that access to the property should be through the driveway already in existence. (off of Foxpointe Drive)

Motion

Aldersperson Huntley moved to have a first and second reading for Ordinance No. 200.64 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.

Motion

Aldersperson Huntley moved to approve Ordinance No. 2000.64 and Aldersperson Bauer 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 report by Police Chief Roy Garcia regarding the outstanding performance of a number of department employees.

Chief Garcia announced the announced the award recognitions for members of the Sycamore Police Department and with the assistance of Officers Cary Singer, Darrell Johnson and Pat Solar presented the awards.

Those officers recognized were: Mike Anderson, Sharon Anderson, Steve Cook, Dennis Dewey, Steve Elbrecht, Dave Haas, Mike Larmon, Doug Martha, Liza Pazin, Debbie Ratfield, Rob Rosenberg, Tom Scott, Cary Singer and Keith Snyder.

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Edwards recommended Cindy Henderson, 1551 Pebblewood Drive, Sycamore to fill the vacancy on the Plan Commission.

Motion

Alderman Bauer moved to approve the recommendation and Alderman 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Alderman Balentyne moved to adjourn the meeting and Alderman Maness seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

Approve:

Mayor - James S. Edwards

Attest:

City Clerk - Nancy S. Marchiando