
SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF JUNE 18, 2001

ROLL CALL

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, and Pam Blickem. Alderperson Janice Tripp was absent.

INVOCATION

Pastor Jim Elliott of Harvest Time Fellowship Church gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

Alderperson Chambon moved to approve the agenda with item 6A) Introduction of New Building Inspector, removed and Alderperson Blickem 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

Jim Stoddard, 740 W. State Street, stated he was there to represent Milan Krpan for items 10B, 10C, and 10D on the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Minutes of the City Council Workshop Meeting of June 4, 2001;
Approval of the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of June 4, 2001;
Plan Commission Minutes for the Meeting of May 14;
Payment of the Bills for June 18, 2001 in the amount of \$102,592.83.

Motion

Alderperson Blickem moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Alderperson Paulsen seconded the motion.

Alderperson Stowe noted that on page three of the Council Regular Meeting minutes the motion should not read carried unanimously. Clerk Smith stated she would make the correction.

Voice Vote

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

PRESENTATION

Mayor Swedberg presented a plaque to Rick Clark in appreciation for his service on the Fire and Police Commission. Mayor Swedberg explained that the Commission works behind the scenes in the hiring process of the rank and file of Sycamore's fire and police officers. Mr. Clark resigned from the commission because he is retiring and moving out of the area.

COMMUNICATIONS

Aldersperson Larson received a call from Pat David regarding traffic on Route 64 West. She inquired if the school speed zone could be expanded and Engineer Brady said the State limits the zone to the crosswalks near the schools. Ms. David also expressed concern for the rate of speed of trucks entering town and the noise level of jake brakes the trucks are using.

Aldersperson Blickem stated she has received complaints about loud motorcycles.

Mayor Swedberg reminded Council about DCEDC's Welcome and Orientation Meeting for newly elected officials Wednesday, June 20, from 4:00 – 6:00 P.M.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Administrator - Bill Nicklas reported that he would present a draft of an ordinance at the next meeting regarding Ross Niebergal's request for a memorandum of understanding regarding remediation of his property on Sacramento Street. Mr. Nicklas said he received the first drafts of ward distribution maps from the County. He will distribute these to the Alderspersons by the end of the week.

Engineer - John Brady reported that work had resumed at the Bethany Road pond and would continue for the next three to four months.

Building & Zoning - Lyle Doty reported that since the last meeting 22 permits had been written: 4 single family residential, 16 miscellaneous residential, and 2 miscellaneous commercial.

Treasurer - Ken Mundy reported the May financials with revenue tracking at 8% of the budget and expenditures tracking at 5% well under the 8.33% benchmark for budgeted expense.

Fire Chief - Bill Riddle reported that since the last meeting the fire department responded to 46 calls 32 EMS, 11 non-fire mutual aid, and 3 fire with no fire loss.

Police Chief – Darrell Johnson –no report

Public Works Supt. --Fred Busse reported that 2700 points were already located on the GPS map with 30% of the City yet to cover. He said this information will be used in coordination with the County's map to locate sanitary, storm and water infrastructure.

Water Supt. – Ebe Smith –no report

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance – no report

Ordinance – Chairperson Maness reported the ordinance committee met regarding block parties and will look at an ordinance draft on July 15, 2001.

Streets & Walks – no report

Sewer & Water – no report

Police & Fire - no report.

ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance No. 2001.04—An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission with Regard to the Request of the Aberdeen Family Limited Partnership for Approval of a Resubdivision of the Lots Adjoining Midlands Court and Aberdeen Court in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. Second Reading

Motion

Alderperson Stowe moved to approve Ordinance No. 2001.04 and Alderperson Chambon seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

B. Ordinance No. 2001.11—An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission with Regard to the Request of Milan Krpan for Approval of an Annexation Agreement for the Property Known as Krpan's Parkside Development with a Zoning Classification of "R-1" One Family Residence District in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.

City Administrator Nicklas explained that this ordinance along with 2001.12 and 2001.13 refer to a proposed annexation of about 180 acres within the Bethany Regional Plan area. He noted the Plan Commission gave this a negative recommendation with a vote of 5 ayes and 6 nays. Mr. Nicklas reviewed the concerns of Plan Commission. He said that since that meeting, the developer, Land Planning Services, the Park District, and City Staff met and agreed to changes to the plan. Administrator Nicklas recommended sending this proposal back to the Plan Commission with the revisions.

Jim Stoddard, Attorney, thanked the Council for allowing his client to appear before them. Mr. Stoddard related to Council that they had addressed the Plan Commission's concerns and had since made changes to the plan. Mr. Stoddard asked Council to send this back to Plan Commission and also asked for some input.

Alderperson Chambon stated that he felt the Bethany Area Sub-Regional Plan is some of the Plan Commission and Council's best work and he would be very reluctant to stray from that plan.

Alderperson Stowe suggested that grid systems for the streets in new developments should be considered.

Alderperson Maness expressed a desire for an additional exit out of the Sycamore Park.

Milan Krpan, developer, stated that he is willing to address the concerns.

Motion

Alderperson Larson moved to send the proposal back to the Plan Commission therefore removing Ordinances 2001.11, 2001.12, 2001.13 from the agenda and Alderperson Stowe seconded.

Voice Vote

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

- C. **Ordinance No. 2001.12—An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission with Regard to the Request of Milan Krpan for Approval of the Annexation of the Property Known as Krpan’s Parkside Development with a Zoning Classification of “R-1” One Family Residence District in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**
- D. **Ordinance No. 2001.13—An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission with Regard to the Request of Milan Krpan for the Approval of the Preliminary Plan and Plat for the Property Known as Krpan’s Parkside Development in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**
- E. **Ordinance No. 2001.14—An Ordinance Ascertaining the Prevailing Wage for Public Works in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

Motion

Aldersperson Larson moved to have a first and second reading on Ordinance No. 2001.14 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.

Motion

Aldersperson Chambon moved to bring 2001.14 into Ordinance and Aldersperson Maness seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Swedberg called for a voice vote to approve the motion. Six Alderspersons voted aye with Aldersperson Stowe voting nay. Motion carried.

- F. **Ordinance No. 2001.15—An Ordinance Approving the Execution of a Lease Agreement Between the City and the Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Committee for the Lease of Certain Real Estate for a Carnival in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

Motion

Aldersperson Maness moved to have a first and second reading on Ordinance No. 2001.15 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.

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to bring 2001.15 into Ordinance 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.

G. Ordinance No. 2001.16—An Ordinance Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Sycamore and the Illinois Department of Transportation Regarding Traffic Signal Maintenance in the City of Sycamore. First and Second Reading.

Motion

Aldersperson Chambon moved to have a first and second reading on Ordinance No. 2001.16 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.

Motion

Aldersperson Chambon moved to bring 2001.16 into Ordinance 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.

RESOLUTIONS

None

CONSIDERATIONS

A. Consideration of an Administration Report on a Proposed Agreement Between the City of Sycamore and Sycamore Auto Center, Inc

B. Consideration of an Administration Request for a Closed Session to Discuss Personnel Matters.

Motion

Aldersperson Maness moved to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters at 8:45 p.m. and Aldersperson Paulsen seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

APPOINTMENTS

Before going into closed session, Mayor Swedberg appointed Gene Ege to the Fire & Police Commission.

Motion

Aldersperson Blickem moved to approve the appointment 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.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion

Aldersperson Bauer moved to return to open session at 9:05 p.m. and Aldersperson Maness seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. and Aldersperson Maness seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

Approve:

Mayor – John L. Swedberg

Attest:

City Clerk – Candy Smith