
**SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2001**

ROLL CALL

Mayor John Swedberg called the meeting to order and Clerk Candy Smith called the roll. Those Alderpersons present were: Pam Blickem, Michael Chambon, Andrew Larson, Cheryl Maness, Pete Paulsen, Chuck Stowe, and Janice Tripp. Alderperson Alan Bauer was absent.

INVOCATION

Pastor Barbara Good of the Sycamore United Methodist Church gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Swedberg added imminent litigation to item 12.B Consideration for Closed Session.

Motion

Alderperson Blickem moved to approve the agenda with the addition and Alderperson Tripp 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

Bob Thornton of Northern Illinois Disposal, Rockford IL, expressed interest in obtaining the scavenger contract with the City of Sycamore.

Patricia David, 630 W. State Street, said she felt Council had a difficult decision to make regarding the Schelkopf collection. Ms. David wanted to make Council aware of the many people opposed to what the animal collection represents. She stated her opposition and informed Council that many of those in opposition would not feel comfortable speaking publicly for fear of being labeled extremists.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the City Council Workshop Meeting of August 20, 2001;
- B. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of August 20, 2001;
- C. Payment of the Bills for August 20, 2001 in the amount of \$1,188,554.73.
- D. Monthly Budget Report for the Period Ending on August 21, 2001.

Motion

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

Voice Vote

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

PRESENTATION of PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND BILLS

- A. Introduction of Scott Garrelts who has been hired as a Laborer in the Street Division of the Public Works Department to replace Mike Dorneden

Superintendent Fred Busse introduced Scott Garrelts, newest member to the Public Works family, who brings 9 years experience in carpentry and masonry to the City. Scott was a member of the Illinois National Guard as a communications specialist and is now a member of the Genoa Fire Department. Scott lives in Genoa with his wife and 2 kids.

Mayor Swedberg reminded Council about the low-income home energy assistance program. Mayor Swedberg informed Council about Ramp's Wheel-a-thon, September 15, 2001 at 11:00 a.m. Mayor Swedberg also reminded officials and staff to sign up for the City picnic also on September 15.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Administrator – Bill Nicklas reported on August's Monthly Budget Report, which is about 1/3 of the way through the fiscal year. He explained that overall revenue in the general fund is comfortably ahead and the expenses are comfortably below the benchmark 33%. Mr. Nicklas recommended Council extend deadline dates for the two downtown contractors. He stated that the City delayed Pyramid's completion by asking them to postpone laying the final surface of the street until the sidewalks are complete. Mr. Nicklas informed the Council that Alliance needed extended time because of a delay in receiving the shorter light poles. He asked Council to extend Pyramid's deadline until October 10 and Alliance's deadline until October 12. Council agreed to the extensions.

Engineer – John Brady reported that the bids for the Public Works Building would be read September 17, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. and would be brought to Council that evening for consideration.

Building & Zoning - Lyle Doty - no report

Treasurer – Ken Mundy – no report

Fire Chief – Bill Riddle – no report

Police Chief – Don Thomas – no report

Public Works Supt. -- Fred Busse – no report

Water Supt. – Ebe Smith thanked Superintendent Busse and the Public Works Department for their assistance with the recent water main breaks.

Aldersperson Blickem took this opportunity to thank Engineer John Brady for maintaining an extraordinary number of projects.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance –no report

Ordinance –no report

Police & Fire - no report

Sewer & Water – no report

Streets & Walks – no report

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

ORDINANCES

- A. Ordinance No. 2001.34—An Ordinance Amending Title 3, “Business and License Regulations,” Chapter 2, “Liquor Control,” Section 3-2-14, “Minors,” To Make It Unlawful for Anyone Under the Age of Twenty-One Years to Loiter in a Liquor Establishment, To Sell Liquor to Anyone, or for Anyone Under the Age of Twenty-One To Attend any Bar in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First Reading.**

Mayor Swedberg explained that the state law appears vague regarding who can serve liquor across the bar. This ordinance specifically applies to those pouring and mixing drinks, not to waitresses and waiters. Mayor Swedberg asked for this to be heard on first reading only.

- B. Ordinance No. 2001.35—An Ordinance Amending Title 1, “Administration,” Chapter 6, “City Council,” Section 1-6-9, “Contingency Fund,” of the City Code of the City of Sycamore, Illinois to Establish a General Fund Reserve Account From Which Only the City Council May Authorize Expenditures. First and Second Reading.**

Administrator Nicklas explained that this ordinance would remove the specific dollar amount from the ordinance giving City Council sole authority to spend the General Fund Reserve.

Motion

Aldersperson Blickem moved to have a first and second reading for Ordinance 2001.35 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.

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to approve Ordinance 2001.35 Aldersperson Paulsen seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

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

- C. Ordinance No. 2001.36—An Ordinance Establishing the Bank Depositories for the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading**

Administrator Nicklas stated that this ordinance updates the names of the City’s depositories. Treasurer Mundy noted two corrections needed in the detail, #5 should read Illinois Funds and #6 should be Illinois Community Credit Union. Attorney Smith stated he would make those corrections.

Motion

Aldersperson Maness moved to have a first and second reading for Ordinance 2001.36 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 Maness moved to approve Ordinance 2001.36 with the corrections 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.

- D. Ordinance No. 2001.37—An Ordinance Amending Title 6, “Motor Vehicles and Traffic,” Chapter 4, “Traffic Schedules,” Section 6-4-1, “Stop Intersections,” to Delete the Stop Intersection on Locust Street at Exchange Street and Provide for a Stop Intersection on Exchange Street at Locust Street in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

Administrator Nicklas said that this ordinance furthers the direction from Council at the last meeting.

Motion

Aldersperson Paulsen moved to have a first and second reading for Ordinance 2001.37 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 Stowe moved to approve Ordinance 2001.37 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

- A. Resolution No. 386—Declaring Wednesday, October 24, 2001 Through Sunday, October 28, 2001 as Pumpkin Festival Weekend in the City of Sycamore, Illinois.**

- B. Resolution No. 387—Requesting Permission of the Illinois Department of Transportation to Close Illinois Route 64 from Sabin Street to Somonauk Street Between 9:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. on October 28, 2001 for the “Road Run” as Part of the Pumpkin Festival Weekend.**

- C. Resolution No. 388—Requesting Permission of the Illinois Department of Transportation to Close Illinois Route 64 from Governor Street to Sacramento Street from 12:00 Noon Until 5:00 P.M. on October 28, 2001 to Allow for the Pumpkin Festival Parade in the City of Sycamore, Illinois.**

Administrator Nicklas explained that these three resolutions could be taken in omnibus fashion because they all pertain to Pumpkin Fest weekend.

Motion

Aldersperson Blickem moved to approve Resolutions 386, 387 and 388 in omnibus fashion 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.

D. Resolution No. 389—Requesting Permission of the Illinois Department of Transportation to Close Illinois Route 64 From Governor Street To Sacramento Street from 7:00 P.M. Until 8:30 P.M. on September 26, 2001 To Allow for the Sycamore High School Homecoming Parade in the City of Sycamore, Illinois.

Motion

Aldersperson Blickem moved to approve Resolutions 389 and Aldersperson Maness seconded.

Voice Vote

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

CONSIDERATIONS

A. Consideration of an Administration Proposal to Extend the Waste Management Refuse Contract for Four Years.

Administrator Nicklas explained that the scavenger contract would expire December 2001. He said the proposed agreement with Waste Management would extend the contract for 4 years with the same level of refuse removal and an incremental cost of living increase after the first year. Waste Management agreed to discount the middle-size rental containers. Mr. Nicklas also said the proposition was to waive the bidding process which would take a 2/3 vote of the Council. Mr. Nicklas said that the time may be right to examine the fee system and decide whether the City should continue to subsidize the contract or charge individuals the whole amount.

Superintendent Busse inquired if the Waste Management would continue to dispose of leaves that are collected by the Street Division in the fall and Mr. Brink of Waste Management said they could write that into the agreement.

Aldersperson Chambon asked if Waste Management would provide the containers free of charge to the citizens.

Aldersperson Blickem inquired if there could be some senior rates for the containers.

Mike Brink of Waste Management suggested they would be willing to consider a single rate.

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Swedberg appointed the following people to the Human Relations Commission: Leo Turner, Edward Curzon, Mary Bauer, and Steve Doonan.

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to accept the appointments 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.

B. Consideration of an Administration Request for a Closed Session to Discuss Personnel and Collective Bargaining and Imminent Litigation.

Motion

Aldersperson Paulsen moved to go into closed session at 8:50 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 Maness moved to return to open session at 9:23 p.m. 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 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.

Approve:

Mayor – John L. Swedberg

Attest:

City Clerk – Candy Smith