
SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2006

ROLL CALL

Mayor Ken Mundy called the meeting to order and Clerk Candy Smith called the roll. Those Alderpersons present were: Grace Adee, Alan Bauer, Terry Kessler, Darren Knuth, Barbara Leach, Cheryl Maness, Pete Paulsen, and Chuck Stowe.

INVOCATION

Elder William Bridgewater of the Israel of God Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

Alderperson Adee moved to approve the agenda and Alderperson Leach seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Mundy called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderpersons voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting of May 1, 2006.
- B. Approval of the Minutes for the Special City Council Meeting of April 24, 2006.
- C. Payment of the Bills for May 15, 2006 in the amount of \$463,480.31.
- D. Annual Report of the Sycamore Fire and Police Commission.

Motion

Alderperson Bauer moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Alderperson Maness seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Mundy called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderpersons voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND BILLS.

- A. Introduction of Eagle Scouts Andrew Funkhouser, Garret Shear, and John Windleborn.

Mayor Mundy asked the Eagle Scouts to tell what their community projects were.

Garret Shear said he worked with Ms. Doty at Russell's Woods building a trail. John Windleborn said he staged a book drive for children's books to make available for needy families going to the food pantry. Andrew Funkhouser said he put sand and backboards around the horseshoe pits at Walcamp and also placed benches for spectators there.

- B. Proclamation Declaring the Week of May 21, 2006 through May 27, 2006 National Public Works Week in the City of Sycamore.

C. Recognition of Sharon Anderson on the occasion of her promotion to the position of Police Sergeant.

City Clerk Smith swore in Sergeant Sharon Anderson. Chief Thomas said that Sergeant Anderson graduated from Foreston High School, attended Highland Community College, and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Criminology at NIU. She joined the Sycamore Police Force in 1993 and earned her Masters from Western Illinois University. Sergeant Anderson introduced her husband Michael, children Cameron and Gavin, parents, in-laws, and friends that were in the audience.

D. Introduction of new Police Officer Rudi Zeigler.

Chief Thomas stated that Officer Zeigler graduated from Hiawatha High School, Kishwaukee College, and earned his Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Criminology from NIU. He said Officer Ziegler worked briefly for Sandwich Police Department before coming to Sycamore.

Chief Thomas said he had not expected Sergeant Scott Mayeda to be in the audience because of his busy schedule. He explained that Sergeant Mayeda would be retiring May 17 to take a Police Chief position in Virden, IL, and thanked him for his 27 years of service in Sycamore.

Sergeant Mayeda thanked Sycamore for the opportunity to serve.

Mayor Mundy reminded Council and the public about the Memorial Day service Monday, May 29 at 10:00 a.m. at the Vet's Club and a ceremony at the Elmwood Cemetery. He also reported that he and the City Clerk had hosted over 80 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders in the Council Chambers the past few days.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Manager – Bill Nicklas reported that the Daly Policy Group, the City's lobbyists, is working to get funding for the reconstruction of Bethany Road from Peace to Somonauk Street. He said it may be the end of the year before any results would be known.

Engineer – John Brady reported that the underground is completed at the Oakland, Dosen, Wirsing project and the next phase will be work on the road base and curb.

Building & Zoning – Lyle Doty said occupancy was approved for Sycamore Café and they have been open for 1 week.

Assistant Fire Chief – Mark Kessler – no report

Treasurer/Asst. City Manager – Brian Gregory informed Council that forms for the Transfer Tax are available on our website and in the Finance Office. He also reported that the state received special census information from the federal government by the 15th of May so the City will start receiving those dollars this month.

Public Works Supt. – Fred Busse said along with the Public Works Proclamation Sycamore Public Works has joined with DeKalb, Cortland, and Malta in a joint program to promote Public Works to the second grade classes of each town. He said the second-graders will create drawings that, with the help of Discover Sycamore, will be displayed in store windows. He said all four Public Works Departments will caravan some of their equipment to a school in each town. Superintendent Busse also reported that the storm sewer

replacement on Governor and Exchange is going well. He said they were not able to keep the street open, but have blocked no driveways and will have the street reopened by Friday.

Water Supt. – Ebe Smith said the Water Department lowered a watermain during the Governor and Exchange Street project. He also said they noted increased chlorine in the east end of town during hydrant flushing at the end of April. He said that meant that Well #9 is helping greatly.

Police Chief – Don Thomas reported that his department has 25 fully sworn officers with one officer in training.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance – no report

Ordinance –no report

Police & Fire – no report

Sewer & Water – no report

Streets & Walks – no report

PUBLIC HEARING - None

ORDINANCES

- A. Ordinance No. 2006.05—An Ordinance Concerning the Recommendation of the Plan Commission With Regard to a Petition from First Rockford Group and National Bank & Trust Company, Trust No. 40-465200 for Final Plat No. 1 for the Sycamore Crossings Planned Unit Development in the City of Sycamore, Illinois. First and Second Reading.**

City Manger Nicklas said that First Rockford Group detailed its intentions for the first final plat, during annexation discussion, which included all the residentially-zoned area at the west end of the property as well as commercially-zone lots south of the Sarah Drive extension to a point 1,400 feet from the common property line with the Grandview Townhouse Association.

Motion

Aldersperson Maness moved to hear Ordinance 2006.05 on first and second reading and Aldersperson Stowe seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Mundy called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderspersons voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

Motion

Aldersperson Paulsen moved to approve Ordinance 2006.05 and Aldersperson Leach seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Mundy called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderspersons voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution No. 471—Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Easement Agreement Between the City of Sycamore and Sycamore Family Sports for Public Sidewalk Construction.**

City Manager Nicklas explained that a public sidewalk stretching along the north side of IL Route 64, adjacent to the Sycamore Family Sports Center was included in the 2005 sidewalk replacement program, but design considerations postponed this portion of the program until the spring of 2006. He said because there is insufficient room within the public right-of-way to install the five-foot wide sidewalk while maintaining the drainage ditch's function, the owner of Sycamore Family Sports Center, Joe Manczko, has agreed to grant a 10-foot permanent sidewalk easement along the south boundary of his property for \$10. He said that construction can begin with approval of this easement.

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to adopt Resolution 471 and Aldersperson Paulsen seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Mundy called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderspersons voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

CONSIDERATIONS

A. Consideration of a Request from the Sycamore Chamber of Commerce to Reserve City Parking Lot #1 for the Farmer's Market.

Rose Trembl, Sycamore Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, said she was asking permission to use the parking lot again this year. She said the hours this year will be 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Sundays throughout the summer and there are 13 vendors signed up for the market.

Motion

Aldersperson Bauer moved to give the Sycamore Chamber of Commerce permission to use the parking lot as requested. Aldersperson Maness seconded the motion.

Ms. Trembl said she wanted Council aware that there would be wineries at the market selling wine.

Voice Vote

Mayor Mundy called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderspersons voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

B. Consideration of a Presentation by Carolyn Grieves of Baxter & Woodman of the Water Distribution Model Recently Completed for the City of Sycamore.

Ralph Thompkins of Baxter & Woodman congratulated the Public Works staff for their professionalism; he said they are a great staff to work with. He said that Carolyn Grieves would present the water model which is a computer simulation of the City's water system.

Carolyn Grieves said the model is a management tool for the water systems that will help to identify strengths and weaknesses and to help in planning future infrastructure.

Mr. Nicklas asked what the next step would be.

Ms. Grieves said the next step would be to evaluate storage and improvements to create a master plan.

APPOINTMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Aldersperson Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. and Aldersperson Kessler seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Mayor Mundy called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderspersons voted aye. Motion carried 8 - 0.

Approve:

Mayor - Ken Mundy

Attest:

City Clerk – Candy Smith