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**SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES OF AUGUST 17, 2009**

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**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Ken Mundy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and City Clerk Candy Smith called the roll. Those Alderpersons present were: Alan Bauer, Steven Braser, Terry Kessler, Pete Paulsen, Chuck Stowe, Gregory Taylor, and Janice Tripp. Alderperson Rich Neubauer was absent.

**INVOCATION**

Deacon Chuck Ridulph of Senior Christian Ministries gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion**

Alderperson Braser moved to approve the agenda and Alderperson Taylor seconded the motion.

**Voice vote**

Mayor Mundy called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderpersons voted aye. Motion carried 7 - 0.

**AUDIENCE TO VISITORS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting of August 3, 2009.
- B. Payment of the Bills for August 17, 2009 in the amount of \$267,596.24.
- C. Proclamation Declaring September 11-12, 2009 as Lions Candy Days in the City of Sycamore.

**Motion**

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

**Voice vote**

Mayor Mundy called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All Alderpersons voted aye. Motion carried 7 - 0.

**PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND BILLS.**

Mayor Mundy said that the Dee Palmer statue would be dedicated Tuesday at the Municipal Band Concert at Hopkins Park in DeKalb. He noted that he would not be at the next meeting and Alderperson Bauer would conduct that meeting. Mayor Mundy said the 2009 Industrial Directory was completed and the contents are on the City's website.

- A. Brief presentation describing the goods and services provided by the new downtown Sycamore shop, "Sycamore's Second Time Around."

Beth Paulsen said that she and Christina Mathey have opened a new children's consignment store located downtown next to PJ's. Ms. Paulsen said they take in clothing, toys, movies, and room décor.

## **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

Manager – Bill Nicklas referred to a handout regarding a seminar titled “Creating Sustainable Future for DeKalb County Communities” offered to elected officials by DeKalb County Planning. He said the paving portion of the street maintenance program will begin next week.

Engineer – John Brady, Sycamore Municipal Engineering, reported that work started last week on the water tower project and the footings will be poured next week.

Building & Zoning – Lyle Doty said that work has begun on the Vellagio Estates’ memory care center and he issued footing foundation permit.

Fire Chief – Bill Riddle said that the 7<sup>th</sup> year of KEC classes will begin Thursday. He said that a trailer to store gear and 12 new breathable air packs were donated to the program.

Treasurer/Asst. City Manager – Brian Gregory reported that the 1% sales tax for May is down 15% from last year. He noted that with the market rebounding pension funds are growing pretty well and he said he would receive a recommendation from the actuary what to levy for next year. He noted there are 235 direct debit accounts for water bill payments and he would like to see that increase to about 900.

Police Chief – Don Thomas said that written exams were given to 93 applicants to create a new hiring list. He also noted that school will start Monday, August 24 and crossing guard training will take place this week. He said that his department is working closely with the Sheriff’s Police to monitor traffic at the new grade school.

Public Works Director – Fred Busse said the Street Division started work on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final alley today. He said the Water Division is busy replacing a defective water valve on Somonauk Street.

## **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Finance – no report

Public Safety – Chairperson Pete Paulsen thanked Chief Thomas and his staff for their work preparing for traffic at the new school. He also called for a Public Safety meeting before the regular Council meeting Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 6:15 p.m.

Public Works – no report

**PUBLIC HEARING** - None

**ORDINANCES** - None

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **A. Resolution No. 524—A Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by the Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code.**

City Manager Nicklas explained that this is a formality IDOT requires for use of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for street maintenance.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Stowe moved to approve Resolution 524 and Aldersperson Taylor seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote**

Mayor Mundy called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Alderspersons Bauer, Braser, Kessler, Paulsen, Stowe, Taylor, and Tripp voted aye. Motion carried 7 – 0.

**B. Resolution No. 525—A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Agreement Between the City of Sycamore and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for Loan Assistance with Phase I, Solids Handling Improvements, at the City’s Wastewater Treatment Plan.**

City Manager Nicklas said this resolution anticipates a formal notification from the IEPA that the City has been awarded the grant and loan assistance for Phase I of the project at the treatment plant.

**Motion**

Aldersperson Paulsen moved to approve Resolution 525 and Aldersperson Taylor seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote**

Mayor Mundy called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Alderspersons Bauer, Braser, Kessler, Paulsen, Stowe, Taylor, and Tripp voted aye. Motion carried 7 – 0.

**CONSIDERATIONS** - None

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

**APPOINTMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion**

Aldersperson Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. 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 7 - 0.

Approve:

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Mayor - Ken Mundy

Attest:

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City Clerk – Candy Smith