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**SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 1, 2010**

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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, Rich Neubauer, Pete Paulsen, Gregory Taylor, and Janice Tripp. Alderperson Chuck Stowe arrived at 7:04 PM.

**INVOCATION**

Pastor William Mills of Bethel Assembly of God gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion**

Alderperson Bauer moved to approve the agenda and Alderperson Paulsen 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**

Bjarne Christensen, 208 North Ave., thanked Police Chief Thomas for the time he spent with him to resolve the North Avenue parking issue.

Mike Webb, 173 Millie, said he was basically a veteran-owned small business, C.O.P.S., Inc., that he started in 1999 and in 2003 opened a store in Sycamore. He said he supplies uniforms and public safety equipment for many communities, but not for the Sycamore Police and Fire Departments. He said Sycamore Fire Department purchases from a company in Amboy and the Police Department purchases from the Uniform Den in Rockford. He said that he had bid on jackets for Sycamore Fire Department and had bid lower than the Fire Store in Amboy and the Fire Store was allowed to re-bid. He provided letters of recommendation from DeKalb County Sheriff's Department, Kingston Police Department, and Phoenix Police Department. He asked for a meeting with the Mayor, City Manager, Fire Chief, and Police Chief to work this out.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting of January 19, 2010.
- B. Payment of the Bills for February 1, 2010 in the amount of \$2,088,383.75.

**Motion**

Alderperson Bauer moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Alderperson Neubauer 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.**

Mayor Mundy reminded everybody to vote Tuesday.

- A. Introduction of Shadow Gentry who will give a brief presentation on the success of the Opportunity House/ Sycamore Kiwanis collaboration known as the Action Club.

## **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

Manager – Bill Nicklas said he would schedule a meeting with Mr. Webb. He said Police Addition bids would be opened February 23 and if all goes well and prices are within our budget he would bring a recommendation to Council at the March 1 meeting.

Engineer – John Brady, Sycamore Municipal Engineering, - reported that 12 bids had been received for the Lindgren Road project with the low bid from Elliott Wood for \$467,000. He said the engineer's estimate was \$558,380.

Building & Zoning Commissioner – Lyle Doty said the demolition in front of the old K-Mart building is underway. He noted that an occupancy permit was issued to the new truck repair center on Fair Street.

Fire Chief – Bill Riddle distributed the 2009 incident report and noted there was a new system for reporting and even with that system, calls for service were down about 11%. He said they have been using the new platoon callback system for about 3 months and have saved about 1,000 man hours which translates to about \$25,000.

Treasurer/Asst. City Manager – Brian Gregory said the budget is at the 75% benchmark for the fiscal year, but he has been busy completing end of calendar-year reports.

Police Chief – Don Thomas praised Brian Gregory for his good work. He said Mr. Christensen's observations about North Avenue being very crowded during church on Sunday and Wednesday was correct and there is some trouble with cars passing in both directions during those times. He said, however, during those times there is very little truck and delivery traffic. He said he thought they came up with a solution without prohibiting parking on one side. He said they did find three different places where no parking signs should be posted for about one-half block each. He said he would work with Public Works Director Busse to get those signs posted.

City Manager Nicklas said that Police Chief Thomas would notify the churches about the changes.

Public Works Director – Fred Busse reported that the top would be set on the water tower some time this week.

## **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Finance – no report  
Public Safety – no report  
Public Works – no report

**PUBLIC HEARING** - None

**ORDINANCES** - None

**RESOLUTIONS** - None

**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 8 - 0.

Approve:

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Mayor – Ken Mundy

Attest:

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City Clerk – Candy Smith