

SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA
January 4, 2021

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M.

Pursuant to Governor Pritzker’s Executive Order No. 2020-07 (COVID-19 Executive Order No. 5), Governor Pritzker has suspended certain rules of the Open Meetings Act – specifically the Executive Order permits remote public meetings. In light of the current COVID-19 public health emergency and the limit on public gatherings, the City Council will conduct the meeting remotely.

To submit questions or comments during the Audience to Visitors portion of the meeting, please submit your questions prior to the start of the meeting to bgregory@cityofsycamore.com and your questions and/or comments will be read during the meeting and addressed, if appropriate, at that time.

Electronic Via Zoom

If you would like to listen to the meeting, please go to:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84440039948?pwd=bGs3b1pRczVOSXFCM3I3TU5zVWlnQT09>

Meeting ID: 844 4003 9948

Passcode: 722132

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. INVOCATION**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 5. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS**

In accordance with previously adopted Rules, Public Comments shall be limited to a maximum of thirty minutes per meeting and the public may participate only during the “Public Comment” portion of the meeting. Comments shall not exceed three minutes per speaker unless limited to a shorter duration if numerous people wish to speak. All participants will be required to provide their name and address for the record. No speaker may speak more than once during any meeting unless specifically permitted to do so by the presiding officer. The City encourages that a

spokesperson be chosen for individuals wishing to speak about the same subject matter to avoid repetitive presentations. All remarks should be addressed to the City Council as a whole and not to any individual member or employee. In the event speakers pose questions the Council or City staff, they should be aware that those individuals may decline to answer. Each speaker shall maintain civility and decorum. The Presiding Officer retains the right to stop or remove any speaker who becomes disruptive to the meeting.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting of December 21, 2020.
- B. Payment of the Bills for January 4, 2021.
- C. Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes from September 14, 2020.

7. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND BILLS

8. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

9. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS—None

11. ORDINANCES—None

12. RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 849—A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Designate 2021 Freedom of Information Act Officers and the Open Meetings Act Officer Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act and Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois.

Illinois law requires municipalities and other governmental agencies to designate at least one individual to handle Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA) requests. FOIA officers are required to complete electronic training on an annual basis through the Illinois Attorney General’s office. The names of the FOIA officers must be displayed on the City’s web site.

The City Manager recommends the designation of the following officers for 2021:

- Mary Kalk, City-wide FOIA Officer;
- Rachel Hernandez, City-wide FOIA Officer;
- Mary Banasiak, Police Department FOIA Officer;
- Kevin Buick, Open Meetings Act Officer.

Because of the daily and frequent requests for case information from the Police Department, a FOIA officer with special training has been designated to aid the public in such requests. City Council approval is recommended.

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B. Resolution No. 850—A Resolution Adopting the 2019 Updated DeKalb County All Hazards Mitigation Plan.

Late last year DeKalb County coordinated a multi-agency mitigation plan that is aimed at addressing natural and man-made hazards. The plan was first developed in 2007-2008 and the updated version was recently approved by both the Illinois and Federal Emergency Management Agencies. Public safety representatives from the City were involved in the crafting of the amended plan.

In order to be eligible for hazard mitigation grant funding communities must develop and adopt such a plan. Hazard mitigation includes flood control projects, storm warning systems, building code updates or any sustained action to reduce or eliminate risk to life and property from a hazardous event. The City is expected to implement the principles of the plan when possible.

City Council approval is recommended.

13. CONSIDERATIONS

A. Consideration of an Administration Request for a Closed Session to Discuss Pending Litigation.

14. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

15. APPOINTMENTS

16. ADJOURNMENT