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**SYCAMORE CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING – ELECTRONIC VIA ZOOM**  
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**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Lang called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and City Clerk Mary Kalk called the roll. Those Alderpersons present were: David Stouffer, Chuck Stowe, Alan Bauer, Nancy Copple, Josh Huseman, Pete Paulsen, and Virginia Sherrod. Alderman Steve Braser was absent. City Attorney Keith Foster was also present.

**INVOCATION-** by Ray Tilstra, Reformed Church of America

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by Alderman Pete Paulsen

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION**

Aldersperson Stouffer motioned to approve the agenda and Aldersperson Copple seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Mayor Lang called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Alderspersons Stouffer, Stowe, Bauer, Copple, Huseman, Paulsen, and Sherrod voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

**AUDIENCE TO VISITORS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting of January 19, 2021.
- B. Payment of the Bills for February 1, 2021 in the amount of \$260,392.91.

**MOTION**

Aldersperson Bauer motioned to approve the Consent Agenda and Aldersperson Stowe seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Mayor Lang called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Alderspersons Stouffer, Stowe, Bauer, Copple, Huseman, Paulsen, and Sherrod voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

**APPOINTMENTS**

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

**REPORT OF OFFICERS**

**City Manager – Brian Gregory** noted that we are 75% through the fiscal year and shared a few observations. Right now it looks like the current fiscal year revenues are generally in line with the budget projections. This is good news considering the last nine months with the pandemic. He said the CURES money that the city received should “get us over the finish line”. Because of the deferrals that were put on hold while assessing the impact, it looks like the expenditures will come in under although we are starting to have some of the deferrals come into action especially on the capital side. There are still funds that were funded by taxes or fees from industries that saw significant impact namely the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund so that will come in well below budget. It’s a small portion so it’s still positive news. There will not be a Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) meeting in February but do anticipate one in March.

**Director of Human and Administrative Resources (DHAR) – Maggie Peck** said the 2020 employee evaluations are underway. They are accepting applications for several open positions which are outlined on the website. There have been several updates made to the website. The Finance office has mailed out all tax forms. For the PZC meeting in March, they will be looking at the land use map for the Comprehensive Plan.

**Police Chief – Jim Winters** said that last week detectives arrested an individual for home invasion, residential burglary, aggravated battery, and several other felonies whose identity was unknown when the crime occurred. During this case, we received assistance from residents who reported suspicious activity that was related to the offender. So beyond the extremely

brave victim in this case, it should be noted that the citizens who provided information to the police were helpful in supporting the solid police work done by the detectives. This emphasizes the importance of residents calling police about something suspicious because it may help to link information during an investigation. They thanked those residents and remind everyone to please continue to contact the police department regarding any suspicious activity as it may just tie into a larger issue.

**Fire Chief – Pete Polarek** said the latest snowfall makes it challenging for public safety but said that the Public Works (PW) team did a great job getting the streets cleaned and removing the snow piles. He reminded citizens to help them out and keep the fire hydrants clear and accessible. The fire first responders are scheduled for their second doses of COVID vaccine later this week.

**Director of Community Development John Sauter** said they did a final inspection at Orthodontic Experts at 2496 DeKalb Avenue, next to Physician's Immediate Care, and they're open for business. They received plans for the Memorial Park Baseball Diamonds that are planned for the Sycamore Park Sports Complex and they'll begin the review process. The project is expected to begin late summer or early fall of 2021.

**Director of Public Works Matt Anderson** expressed his gratitude and thanks to the selection committee and the PW Department staff for their support. He is humbled and honored to serve the community that he grew up in and is really looking forward to the new role. PW will continue hauling the snow and reported that they did receive 400 tons of salt. Per the state contract, they city is required to accept a minimum of 1600 ton per calendar year. The Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) is running and treating flows in the new equipment now.

#### **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Finance – Alan Bauer said - no report.

Public Safety – Pete Paulsen no report.

Public Works – Chuck Stowe no report.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**

#### **ORDINANCES - None**

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

##### **A. Resolution No. 851—A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement to Convey the Property Commonly Known as “Engh Farm” to the DeKalb County History Center.**

City Manager Brian Gregory gave some background per the agenda and said that both Director Michelle Donahoe and Board Member Tom Matya are on the call to answer any questions. Recently, the *DeKalb County History Center* approached the City about the possibility of taking on the property; if the City would continue with mowing and snow removal. Staff has reviewed the request and recommends the following:

- *The lease agreement entered into May 2017 is declared null and void.*
- *The City conveys the property to DeKalb County History Center for \$1.00.*
- *The City agrees to continue mowing, snow removal and provide water and sewer services on the property for twenty-six years (the period of the initial lease).*
- *The DeKalb County History Center assumes responsibility for all buildings including insurance and any other improvements or maintenance on the property.*
- *In the event the DeKalb County History Center sells any part of the property or buildings included in this agreement over the next twenty-six years, the net proceeds (sale price less any investment made in the property) will be passed through to the City.*
- *The DeKalb County History will cover any closing costs associated with the transfer.*

He said that *this agreement relieves the City of unknown costs that would compete for capital funds with the City's general operations. The City should also receive a small savings on insurance premiums by removing these properties from coverage.*

*Approval of this resolution memorializes the understanding between the City and DeKalb County History Center and authorizes the Mayor to execute the necessary documents to convey the property.*

**MOTION**

Aldersperson Stowe motioned to approve Resolution 851 and Aldersperson Paulsen seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Mayor Lang called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Alderspersons Stouffer, Stowe, Bauer, Copple, Huseman, Paulsen, and Sherrod voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

**CONSIDERATIONS**

**A. Consideration of an Administration Request for Direction Regarding the 2021-2022 Water and Sewer Fiscal Year Budgets.**

City Manager Brian Gregory explained per the agenda:

**WATER FUND**

**Revenue**

Sycamore’s water fee schedule charges a progressively lower per unit fee as the volume rises. Residents with the lowest rate of use—i.e. those using 400 cubic feet or less per billing period—pay \$3.24 per 100 cubic feet or a \$3.69 minimum bill. FY22 marks the fifth year of a gradual flattening of the seven-tier system to two tiers in 2028. As a result, the first two tiers are reduced resulting in a slight savings for an average user. With the exception of Edgebrook mobile home park residents and users outside the City limits, the current schedule as of May 1, 2021 (less meter maintenance, radium removal charges and infrastructure improvement fees) is as follows:

First 400 cubic feet	\$3.24 per 100 cubic feet (\$3.69 min)
Next 300 cubic feet	\$3.09 per 100 cubic feet
Next 700 cubic feet	\$2.97 per 100 cubic feet
Next 1,300 cubic feet	\$2.59 per 100 cubic feet
Next 6,900 cubic feet	\$2.31 per 100 cubic feet
Next 7,400 cubic feet	\$2.07 per 100 cubic feet
All over 17,000 cubic feet	\$1.58 per 100 cubic feet

With an average monthly usage of 800 cubic feet (1,600 cubic feet used over the two-month billing cycle) the estimated water user fee portion of the bi-monthly water bill would be \$48.20 every two months, or \$24.10 per month based on the FY22 rates.

**Operations**

*No new full-time hires are proposed in the Water Division. The Water Division will continue to operate and maintain approximately 110 miles of water main throughout the system.*

**Capital Improvements**

Water tower #1 was built long before that and is in need of maintenance as previously discussed but there are questions as to what is the most cost-effective approach, whether to do the repairs or put up a new tower. Those discussions will continue in FY22 ultimately determining whether to maintain and repair versus replacement. Well #7 is pumping at a reduced capacity but does meet the IEPA (Illinois Environmental Protection Agency) radium levels. For long term they have to look at full capacity and if they want to put in a WRT system or look at some alternatives.

**Radium Treatment**

A monthly radium treatment fee is charged based on the size of the water meter to offset the cost of the treatment. Accounts with meters that are 5/8<sup>th</sup> inch or 3/4<sup>th</sup> inch are charged \$6.75 per month. The monthly base fee would need to increase to approximately \$7.20 for 5/8<sup>th</sup> inch or 3/4<sup>th</sup> inch meters to offset the projected cost for radium removal within the water distribution system. Given the newly implemented infrastructure improvement fee, staff has prepared a budget that will absorb the difference between expected radium removal costs (\$725,000) and projected revenue (\$687,000). He said that it is still a balanced budget.

**Underground Infrastructure Improvements**

This Fee is anticipated to generate approximately \$700,000 per year for watermain and system improvements. During FY22, plans will begin for the first watermain replacement projects funded by this revenue source. Construction of these projects are anticipated to begin in FY23. In FY22 the Water Division budget will provide residents with \$1,000 in assistance (credit on their City utility bill) to replace privately owned lead service lines from the public watermain to the home. Details of the program will be presented for discussion in April.

**Meter Maintenance**

The Water Division will continue the meter replacement program. As of January 2021, approximately 1,400 meters still need to be manually read and they hope to get back to replacing them again after having had the COVID restrictions.

**Financial Forecast**

The tables below illustrate the FY22 revenues and expenditures associated with operating the water system in Sycamore (using the projected increase in the radium treatment fee).

Revenues:		Expenditures:	
User Fees	\$2,270,000	Personnel	\$738,998
Radium Treatment Fees	\$687,000	Commodities	\$123,000
Infrastructure Fee	\$702,000	Contractual	\$340,000
Water Meters	\$20,000	Radium Treatment	\$725,000
Permits/Fees	\$5,000	Other	\$270,000
Reserve Transfer	\$0	Equipment	\$250,000
Other	\$5,500	Water Main	\$702,000
Total	\$3,689,500	Perm. Improvements	\$103,000
		Debt Service/Transfers	\$413,460
		Total	\$3,665,458

The Water Fund debt service is as follows:

- 2003 IEPA Loan. The Water Fund will pay \$49,737 on the 2003 IEPA loan that funded the drilling of Well #9 on Airport Road.
- 2005 IEPA Loan. The Water Fund will pay \$55,022 in debt service related to the borrowing that funded the construction of the building and equipment of Well #9 on Airport Road.
- 2006 IEPA Loan. The Water Fund will pay \$66,697 on the 2006 IEPA loan which financed the radium removal equipment at wells 6 & 8.
- New IEPA Loan. The FY22 budget includes an allocation toward debt service associated with future water system improvements. The loan issuance and repayment schedule are dependent on when improvements are made. This allocation for FY22 (\$162,000) may be used for plan and design of the improvements.

- Sewer Fund. The Water fund will reimburse the Sewer Fund \$40,000 per year for 20 years as a result of prior transfers for liquidity.

The Water Fund as presented is balanced with no changes to the rate schedule and no additional fees.

Alderman Huseman asked what the “contractual” line item entails.

City Manager Brian Gregory said that it entails the electricity, lab testing, and about \$33,000-\$34,000 related to the SCADA system.

Alderman Bauer asked in regards to the \$1,000 reimbursement, how many service lines need to be replaced.

City Manager Brian Gregory said that they were aware of 150 when the city applied for the grant.

Director Matt Anderson interjected that, through the meters they have changed, that number is slightly over 200 now. They are identifying more and more as they change the meters out.

## **SEWER FUND**

For the sewer side, he said that the last and final phase III for the WWTP is nearing completion after 18 months. This budget is also presented as balanced with no fee increases. There will be no new hires but does have, as have had in the past, \$250,000 allocated for capital improvements or maintenance to the system.

### **Financial Forecast**

No changes are proposed to the sewer rate of \$4.535 per 100 cu. ft. (748 gallons). The average homeowner (1,600 cubic feet used over two-month billing cycle) would pay \$36.28 per month for sewer service. User fees account for 98.2% of Sewer Fund revenues.

A recap of the Sewer Fund revenues and expenditures are listed below:

Revenues:		Expenditures:	
User Fees	\$3,740,000	Personnel	\$954,888
Permits/Fees	\$5,000	Commodities	\$240,000
Investment Interest	\$25,000	Contractual	\$585,000
Other	\$40,000	Other	\$223,000
Reserve Transfer	\$0	Equipment	\$223,000
Total	\$3,810,000	Perm. Improvements	\$138,000
		Transfers Out	\$1,444,852
		Total	\$3,808,740

The Sewer Fund debt service is as follows:

- 2009 IEPA Loan. The Sewer Fund will pay an estimated \$194,852 on the 2009 IEPA loan that has funded the Phase I project at the treatment plant, focusing on sludge de-watering. This debt will not be retired until 2031.
- 2019 IEPA Loan. The Sewer Fund will combine a portion of reserves with a low-interest IEPA loan to fund Phase III. The debt repayment will begin in FY22. \$1.2 million is included in the FY22 budget as a transfer to the 2019 IEPA Loan Fund for debt service payments.

### **Sample Utility Bill**

An average monthly usage of 800 cubic feet of usage (1,600 cubic feet used over two-month billing cycle) and a ¾” meter are used to illustrate the estimated monthly and bi-monthly costs to demonstrate a sample City Utility Bill with the schedules outlined above:

Sample City Utility Bill

*Using 1,600 cubic feet per 2-month billing period*

	Per Month	Per Bill
Water User Fee	\$24.10	\$48.20
Meter Maintenance	\$1.54	\$3.08
Radium Treatment	\$6.75	\$13.50
Infrastructure Fee	\$6.90	\$13.80
Sewer User Fee	\$36.28	\$72.56
Refuse and Recycling	\$22.78	\$45.56
Total	\$98.35	\$196.70

**Summary**

Certain assumptions were made regarding operating revenues, connection fee revenue, operating expenditures and anticipated debt service associated with operations of the wastewater treatment plant. These figures anticipate a balanced budget consistent with the plans set out at four years ago to support operations and debt service related to the wastewater treatment plant expansion.

Alderman Huseman said that “no increase in fees” stood out to him and said hats off to Brian and the team for presenting a balanced budget.

**B. Consideration of the Proposed 2021 Street Maintenance Program.**

City Manager Brian Gregory said that this summer’s street maintenance program involves an estimated allocation of \$2,200,000 in capital funding toward street and related infrastructure repairs. This includes \$575,000 from Fund 7 (Motor Fuel Tax); \$1,475,000 from Fund 30 (Street Maintenance); \$150,000 from Fund 06 (Capital Assistance) to address hazardous sidewalks. He noted that Sabin Street got pushed back another year because it is on the watermain replacement plan.

The following is a detailed scope of the proposed projects for FY 2022.

<b>MFT and Locally Funded</b>		
<b>Street</b>	<b>Limits</b>	<b>Description of Work</b>
Plaza Drive	DeKalb Avenue to End of cul-de-sac	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Surface removal/overlay</li> <li>Spot curb and sidewalk removal/replacement</li> </ul>
Pebblewood Court	Russet Lane to End of cul-de-sac	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Surface removal/overlay</li> <li>Spot curb and sidewalk removal/replacement</li> </ul>
Crosby Avenue	Fair Street to West End (Curbed Section)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Surface removal/overlay</li> <li>Base Repair</li> <li>Spot curb and sidewalk removal/replacement</li> </ul>
Cloverlane Drive	Fairway Lane to South (135')	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Surface removal/overlay</li> <li>Spot curb and sidewalk removal/replacement</li> </ul>
North Cross Street (South Section)	Box Culvert to Loomis Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Surface removal/overlay</li> <li>Base Repair/ Reconstruction as needed</li> <li>Curb and Spot Sidewalk removal/replacement</li> </ul>

North Cross Street (North Section)	Box Culvert to North End	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surface removal/overlay</li> <li>• Base Repair/ Reconstruction as needed</li> <li>• Storm Sewer Improvements</li> <li>• Curb and Spot Sidewalk removal/replacement</li> </ul>
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**Locally Funded**

Street	Limits	Description of Work
Reston Ponds Subdivision	Fulton Lane Brower Place Wilkins Road Rogers Way Bailey Road Leah Court Thurrow Street Reston Court Ohio Grove Chautauqua Lane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sidewalk Removal and Replacement</li> <li>• Structure Adjustment</li> <li>• Pavement Patching</li> <li>• Microsurface</li> <li>• (Fiber Cracksealing completed in 2020)</li> </ul>
Fiber Cracksealing Townsend Woods Subdivision	Penny Lane Millie Circle Kevin Street Oxford Circle Martin Street Hadley Court Maplewood Drive Abbey Lane Rachel Circle Jackson Blvd Ashwood Drive Arneita Street Katherine Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fiber Cracksealing of the pavement to preserve it for anticipated microsurfacing in 2022</li> </ul>
Cracksealing	Various	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$100,000 allocation for preventative maintenance</li> </ul>
Rejuvenator	Various	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preventative maintenance \$70,000 part of DeKalb County contract</li> </ul>

**State, Federal and Locally Funded**

Street	Limits	Description of Work
Potential Bike Path (\$30,000 Material Purchase)	Sarah Drive to Johnson Avenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City of Sycamore and DeKalb County collaborative effort to provide a link from Peace Road to IL Route 64. It would link the Peace Road Path to Downtown Sycamore</li> </ul>

*With the Council's support, the City will advertise for bids for the resurfacing and concrete portion of the project in April. Microsurfacing will go to bid in early summer and crack-sealing later in the summer. Construction would start soon after the start of the fiscal year, with completion scheduled prior to Pumpkin Fest. He added that last year, the MFT and locally funded projects were combined into one project resulting in more competitive bids. While there will be more paperwork and material testing, the cost savings far outweighs the disadvantages. Streets that only use local funds are deemed "non-participatory" by IDOT since those streets will utilize local funding.*

Alderman Bauer asked if this is the complete list or if there are still the items that were skipped from last year as he still doesn't see Exchange Street on the list.

City Manager Brian Gregory said that this is a complete list and that all of the Reston Ponds streets were what was skipped from last year.

City Engineer Mark Bushnell said that Exchange Street is one of the streets where watermain replacement is recommended so it is definitely on the list. They are in the process of coordinating the street program with the underground.

Alderman Bauer said that will take some explaining to those residents unless the council would want to hold it on First Reading and let those folks come out although it might not change anything.

Alderperson Cople asked if there is a list of streets that are part of the sewer program.

City Manager Brian Gregory said the streets were listed in the Water Master Plan and had Mark Bushnell read them off.

Alderman Bauer asked if those streets were in priority order.

Mark Bushnell said that Sabin and Exchange Streets were originally number five of ten, but that they get put into a matrix that allows them to evaluate the projects so if the money is available to do the street, that project would get moved up on the watermain list to save money by combining the two projects. This list is evaluated every year and recommendations are brought forward. He said that North Cross is taking most of the funds because it was deferred due to the traffic from the WWTP construction.

City Manager Brian Gregory said that they may be able to highlight where Sabin and Exchange Streets might fall in that plan at the next meeting or prior to making final determinations and what that timeline might look like. He just wants everyone to understand that it is not something that they will do as piecemeal rather they will do several significant projects as part of it. The last thing they want to do is put in a new street and then put in a new watermain a year or two later.

### **C. Consideration of an Extension to the Contract Between the City of Sycamore and the Sycamore Chamber of Commerce for Visitor Attraction and Economic Development.**

City Manager Brian Gregory said that this is a consideration of a one-year extension of the partnership with the Sycamore Chamber of Commerce and based on discussion and direction tonight, they will bring back a resolution at the next meeting for action. The past two-years the City provided \$55,000 and \$42,000, respectively, in support to the Chamber, which had amounted to roughly 25% of the receipts for the three previously audited years. Receipts estimated at \$72,000 for FY2021 are considerably lower than the roughly \$168,000 to \$220,000 generated the previous three years. The city has had a long partnership with the chamber as they provide a lot of services to the city and is an integral part of the business community as outlined in the agenda. In discussions with the chamber, staff has identified \$40,000 within the draft FY22 budget to continue to support this partnership. Executive Director Rose Trembl, who is on the call tonight, has made some modifications and "tightening of the belt". He noted that this will have to be funded from a different fund within the budget.

Alderman Stouffer said of all the things listed for the Sycamore Chamber, the Young Professionals of Sycamore program needs to be added and said he is all for supporting the chamber in this consideration.

Rose Trembl said they have actually had 136 young professionals go through the program since 2011 and said that they are really proud of that. She added that they have completely shifted because they couldn't host any of their events. In 2019, they had \$224,000 come in through events and in 2020, they had \$91,600. They cut and tightened their belt as much as they possibly could. They did end the year \$12,000 in the red which is the first time since she has been in her position but they did have some reserves that they had to tap into. She appreciates the partnership and said they have kept in touch with businesses more than they ever had regarding resources and how they and the city, county, and state could help.

Alderman Huseman said this makes sense and said he would support it as presented. Whatever we can do to support our downtown and businesses, he would like to think that this is just one item that will come forward as to how they can show their support.

Mayor Lang thanked Rose Trembl and her staff.

City Manager Brian Gregory said a resolution will be brought back to the February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**D. Consideration of a Recommendation by the Liquor Commissioner to Reduce FY22 Liquor License Fees for Class A, B, C, E, and VG Renewals.**

City Manager Brian Gregory said, to Alderman Huseman's point, this proposal is another example of helping. *With positivity rates trending in the right direction and the vaccine slowly being administered suggest that the coming year should be better than the previous. To offset a small portion of the impact of the past year, the Liquor Commissioner is proposing that the license renewal fee for Class A: Restaurants, Class B: Bars, Class C: Clubs, Class E: Bowling Alley, Park District Clubhouse, and Theatre, and Class VG: Video Gaming Parlors be reduced by 50% for the coming fiscal year.* He recommends a waiver that can be done through administrative authority, for the Catering Permit renewal fee as they were not allowed to be used. If they renew, we won't charge them, but if they don't renew, we will issue a refund.

Alderman Stowe said it sounds good.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Mayor Lang called for a roll call vote. Alderpersons Stouffer, Stowe, Bauer, Copple, Huseman, Paulsen, and Sherrod voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

**E. Consideration of a Police Department Recommendation to Purchase a 2021 Ford Utility Interceptor through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperation Competitive Bid Contract #151 from Currie Motors in Frankfort in the amount of \$34,326.00.**

City Manager Brian Gregory said the next few items involve capital purchases, many of which were deferred. These involve our front line vehicles that are needed to do the job. The cooperative bid price through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative, Contract #152, is \$34,326.00 and replaces a vehicle with over 100,000 miles on it which is becoming problematic from a maintenance standpoint.

Alderman Bauer asked if the vehicle giving the maintenance problems is also a Ford and wonders if we are having that many issues at 100,000 miles, if we shouldn't have looked into another brand.

City Manager Brian Gregory said yes, they are the same. He wouldn't say that it's broke down, it's just as they get older there's more wear and tare and higher miles. We want our front line officers to have something that is dependable.

Chief Jim Winters added that for the type of vehicle, the Explorer has served them well as far maneuvering around town and carrying all the equipment. The one that is going to be replaced has 106,000 miles.

**MOTION**

Alderman Bauer motioned to approve the consideration for \$34,326 to Currie Motors and Alderman Huseman seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Mayor Lang called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Alderpersons Stouffer, Stowe, Bauer, Copple, Huseman, Paulsen, and Sherrod voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

**F. Consideration of a Public Works Recommendation to Purchase Two 2021 Ram 1500 Crew Cab 4x4 Pickup Trucks from Roesch Truck Center of Elmhurst, Illinois in the Amount of \$54,774.00.**

City Manager Brian Gregory said this involves one vehicle that if for the position of staff engineer; a position that was deferred but currently has no vehicle to use. The second Ford Escape would go to replace a 1997 Chevy Blazer. They are getting some attractive prices through the purchasing cooperative for about \$27,387 a piece for a truck that we will have for the next 15-20 years.

Alderman Huseman asked in reference to using the cooperatives, if the local dealerships are aware of any participation opportunities or if it's just too far discounted with the cooperatives making it not worth their time.

City Manager Brian Gregory said yes, that has been the history when they have done sealed bids and the cooperative usually beats the states price, too.

**MOTION**

Alderson Stowe motioned to approve the consideration for \$54,774 to Roesch Truck Center and Alderson Sherrod seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Mayor Lang called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Aldersons Stouffer, Stowe, Bauer, Copple, Huseman, Paulsen, and Sherrod voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

**G. Consideration of a Public Works Recommendation to Purchase a 2021 Ford F250 4x4 Pickup Truck and Plow from Currie Motors Fleet of Frankfort, Illinois in the Amount of \$32,832.00**

City Manager Brian Gregory said this truck will replace a 2002 vehicle and is used as part of the normal fleet. This expenditure will be split with \$27,387 coming from account number 22-000-8521 and 06-000-8639.

Alderman Bauer asked if the plow is included.

Matt Anderson said yes it does include the plow and it is a good price. He said that Mechanic Joe Cusumano was integral in helping with the options and specifications and thanked him.

**MOTION**

Alderson Bauer motioned to approve the consideration for \$32,832 to Currie Motors and Alderson Sherrod seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Mayor Lang called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Aldersons Stouffer, Stowe, Bauer, Copple, Huseman, Paulsen, and Sherrod voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

Alderson Copple mentioned a shout out to the Public Works staff who help a lady shovel her drive after plowing by.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

Alderson Stowe motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. and Alderson Paulsen seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Mayor Lang called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Aldersons Stouffer, Stowe, Bauer, Copple, Huseman, Paulsen, and Sherrod voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

Approve:

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Mayor - Curt Lang

Attest:

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City Clerk – Mary Kalk