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The following is a compilation of notes Mayor Mundy has taken from the Sycamore City Council Meeting Minutes during the period from 1990 through 2009. It took Mayor Mundy several months to review the minutes, make notations, and present what is seen here for your understanding, education, and enjoyment. City Clerk Candy Smith is credited with having the city council minutes available for review as she carefully and accurately records, maintains, and safeguards city records. When there is mention of the Annual Appropriation Ordinance, Annual Tax Levy Ordinance, Treasurer Report, bills approved to pay, or other financial information, it is included here. This is the seventh installment of notes from meeting minutes which began in 1858 and continues 152 years through 2009. A note of interest is that Sycamore never was “flush” with funds to sustain and improve public services but always “made do” with careful, conservative, and controlled spending as opposed to State of Illinois and Federal Budget protocols and operations. So we have traveled 152 years from the beginning noting the first well, paved street, sidewalks, fire company, constable, water standpipe, road grader, and snowplow. Over time homes, businesses, churches, schools, parks, a Carnegie Foundation Library, Eli Barnes’ 12 room rooming house, hotels, theatres, bakeries, museums, many good eateries, county court houses, jails, and hospitals were built and operated by the people of Sycamore. This last 20 years marked historical growth which was managed both by the market and city ordinance. During the middle 2000’s some Sycamore natives, concerned with rapid growth, protested the pace of growth as Sycamore grew from 12,000 in 2000 to 18,000 in 2010. The housing market collapsed in 2007 which nearly curtailed home building until 2009 when moderate commercial, industrial, and residential growth resumed. We’re happy that all notes from city minutes now appear at www.cityofsycamore.com with a link on the home page. Enjoy this 7th set of notes with advance apologies for abbreviations, typos, poor spelling, and poor grammar. Even though leaving office in 2017 I plan to monitor minutes and continue the notes from my home office or until another takes over the project. The hope is these notes complement Sycamore’s history and prompts further reader investigation of same. Thanks for your interest in “how we were back then.”

January 15, 1990

Rev Chaney invocation. Mayor Johnson in the chair. New fire engine in service and should be for 30 years. Ok’d special use permit for park and playground at 1503 John St in Maple Terrace.

January 29 – John O’Connell invocation. Ok’d bills \$208,663. Ok’d workers more than 30 hours eligible for city health insurance including mayor and clerk.

February 12 – Rev Sheley invocation. Mayor and Ald Bernie McMillan, Gary Smith, Roy Smith, Arthur Buck Drake, Ray Puentes, Robert Butch Binder, and Phil Ramsey, and Clerk all present. Il EPA sent letter to Supt Swanberg that treatment plant 98% rated for safety. Mayor appointed Treas Mundy to chair committee on finances and street work with mayor and Engr Brady to report to Board of Local Improvements.

February 26 – Rev Sheley invocation. Ok’d final plat Maple Terrace unit 1 phase IV and unit 2 Sanderson Subdiv. Mayor noted 1990 census to use improved methods to ensure better accuracy. Treas Mundy noted invite to open house at Bethesda Group Home on Woodgate Dr as it opens with residents on Mar 11th.

March 12 – Rev Dequin invocation. Mayor asked Bldg Commissioner Doty work with Water Supt Albrecht on building addition to Water Dept. No flooding reported on Perry Ct or Lincoln St after recent heavy rains. Ok’d work on Lincoln from Locust to Kish Dr at \$504,000 plus sanitary sewer replacement there at \$269,000. Treas Mundy and Ald G Smith to compose resolution honoring NIU athletic teams successes.

March 26 – Rev Ryden invocation. Ok’s increase shut off fee from \$12.50 to \$40. Resol #203 honoring NIU ladies basketball with Coach Jane Albright, men’s coach Jim Molinari, football coach Jerry Pettibone, and local SHS player at defensive back Brett Tucker with all receiving resolution copies and big applause.

April 9 – Rev Henzlik invocation. Tom Doty of Doty & Sons spoke to council on aggregate planters downtown with Streets & Walks Comm to study. Ald McMillan noted development should include schools and parks by Plan Commission. Ok’d new Sgt position for police dept. New business, Delta Color, in Sycamore Business Park so park has nearly as many working there as did Anaconda. Ok’d Thomas Marsh to move houses from 111 and 119 E Exchange to Genoa. Mayor appointed comm to study parking lot south side State St: Chair Bob Wildenradt, Cliff Danielson, Bill Johnson, Ald Ramsey, McMillan, Engr Brady, and Treas Mundy. Ok’d.

April 23 – Rev Mark Knappe invocation. Junior High School students at council for community awareness week. Mayor Shane McCormick, Clerk Tiffany Moret, Treas Britta Lorenzen, Ald 1st ward Stuart Sorrel, 2nd Kari Forest, 3rd Timeri Moore and Amy Gillette, 4th Amanda Kracen and Anne Kirchmann. Big applause all around. Ok’d bills \$256,397. Tickets for dogs, parking and weeds violations to be studied by Ord Comm. Supt Swanberg planted 100 trees at treatment plant. Treas Mundy suggested pooling funds for Lincoln St phase I. Ok’d. Mundy asked for \$1,000 for annual Treas budget for ’90-’91. Ok’d. State auditors here for Fire and Police Pension Funds 1st audit in 6 years. Vencor ok’d to raze house on Edward St for expansion. Ok’d 6 hex shaped planters from Doty’s downtown with Stran’s to plant them. As of 7-1-90 DeKalb Co Disposal no longer to pick up yard waste. Mayor’s appointments new year ok’d. Honors to Ellen Meinert after 22 years service to library board with Resol #204. Ok’d police patrol at park 594 hours per year at \$15,000.

May 7 – Ald Ramsey invocation. Mayor appoints co-counsel Atty Tim Johnson and Atty Peter Smith for city to share annual fee of \$37,500 equally. Supt Albrecht noted city received EPA award for fluoridated water and mayor told press to let people know city has good water and water dept doing a good job. Mayor noted Atty Johnson's parents and wife at council. Applause. Ok'd final plat Maple Terrace 29 single family detached homes in phase IV unit 2. Ok'd DR Gilbert Const Co \$819,561 from MFT Lincoln St.

May 21 – Ald Roy Smith invocation. New computerized billing format from Clerk's Ofc. Treas Mundy submitted Annual Treas Report and he noted a reception at library Mon 6-4-90 3 to 4:30 pm to honor Ellen Meinert who served library board 22 years.

June 4 – Police Chief Vesta invocation. Ok'd grants: VAC \$7,000, FOOD Program \$500, DCEDC \$12,000, Senior Citizen Center \$500, Discover Sycamore \$2,500, Family Service Agy \$500. Expansion of water dept ongoing. Street Program lists done by Engr Brady and Supt Listy. Ok'd 20 year ConTel Phone Co maintenance contract. Ok'd residency from 3 to 5 miles from city for full time city workers. Chamber objects to city lot at State and Sacramento used for Pumpkin Fest as council denied use of lot to Chamber. Ok'd letter opposing land fill in Kane County and ok'd police dept car at \$13,056.

June 18 – Ald Roy Smith invocation. Pump Fest Comm asked council to reverse denial of lot for fest. Vote was 4-4 with mayor breaking tie with yes vote to allow use of lot for Pump Fest Carnival. Mayor noted all groups need to work together for the good of the city and the Pump Fest. 4 homes north side Turner Pl should be annexed now that city surrounds them. Ok'd. Ok'd south end Locust for Farmington Glen Development at Locust and Turner.

July 2 – Ald Ramsey invocation. Ok'd 1 day circus for FOP police union behind Hardee's. Ald Binder noted Foxpointe Development donated funds for schools even though not required and city take note for future devel donations for scholls and our kids. Comm Doty noted 52 new single family detached to be built. Ok's street program at \$81,314. Atty Smith and Ald McMillan working on land/cash impact fees.

July 16 – Rev Chaney invocation. Builders Joe Williams, Steve Irving, Marty Oehlert, and Mike Larson object to impact fees. Annual Approp Ord 1st reading: Gen'l Fd \$3,794,011, G O Bonds \$141,312, Forestry \$48,500, PMRF \$45,000, IMRF \$180,000, Wat/Sew Fd \$931,665, Capital Improv Fd \$1,404,000, Total \$6,544,488.

July 16 – Board Local Improv meeting on impact fees show differing views on them with more work to do. Mayor added Brad Sanderson, Chair Cliff Danielson, Jim Brotcke, and Rod and Marty Oehlert to group with Bd Local Improv to work on issue.

July 30 – Rev Kirk Reed invocation. Ok's ord on land near Ideal Ind that Peace Rd would go through. Ok'd increase cost of street program to \$200,910. Clerk Brantner ok'd to attend Clerk's Institute at NIU for \$300 for 3 years.

August 13 – Eugene Ehrhardt invocation. Treas Mundy noted IMRF and Wat/Sew revenue bear watching. Mayor noted IMRF approp increased a lot and Wat/Sew rates are under review. Both Ald R Smith and G Smith commended fire and police for work they do. Ok'd fire dept EMTI & D which is intravenous and defibrillator training at \$38,337.

August 27 – Rev Dequin invocation. Jim Mason, Marvin Barnes, and Mike Larson spoke on impact fees. Mayor noted that parents of kids who deface new cement should pay for repairs and Ald Binder rode Bethany Rd in ambulance and now supports repairs of road due to its bumpiness and state of poor condition.

September 10 – Chief Vesta invocation. Mayor noted city will contest new census count of 9,600.

September 24 – Rev Persson invocation. All sang Happy Birthday to Ald Buck Drake on his 68th birthday. Group set up to study impact fees for schools and parks.

October 8 – Rev Knappe invocation. Stan Wells offered his '87 Ford pickup to city for public works at \$7,500. Accepted. Ok'd plat for Foxpointe II development. Ok'd water and sewer rate increases.

October 22 – Rev Ryden invocation. Treas Mundy noted his annual report down to 4 pages from 17 and prior audits in clerk's Ofc and he will discuss them with anyone. 1st blacktop layer on Lincoln St with final lift in '91. Ok'd 600-ton salt at \$25.32/ton.

December 3 – Rev Beamon invocation. Annual Tax Levy Ord and public hearing at \$1,507,149 with 30% increase due to insurance, IMRF, FICA, and new 911 equipment and staff. Treas Mundy noted levy only 22% of approp ord. Chief Vesta noted parking meter rev \$27,000 this year vs \$13,000 last year.

December 17 – Rev Beamon invocation. Ok'd bills \$425,210 with \$285,000 sewer bond debt service. Resol commending Gary Larson on new State Street Theater and Events Ctr. Ok'd education impact fees Ord 90.34 on 5-3 vote after Plan Comm sent to council on 9-2 vote.

January 19, 1991

Rev Chaney invocation. Comm doty noted 82 residential permits in '90. Ald Ramsey noted footage of Pump Fest Parade seen in South Africa on TV. Letter from Dist 427 Board Pres Marvin Barnes thanking city for passing impact fees for schools and noted "Sycamore is a unified community." Ok'd settlement proposal of Sycamore Municipal Hospital with The National Bank & Trust Company and Kishwaukee Hospital on advice of Atty Smith and Johnson.

January 28 – Rev Reed invocation. Ok'd bills of \$156,383. Mark and Kim Aug and Sandy Totty presented POW/MIA flag to city. DeKalb Co Disposal to continue yard waste pickup. Denied use of city lot for Pump Fest on 3-5 vote.

February 11 – Rev Tim Martin invocation. Treas Mundy attended NIU women basketball game and accepted certificate for National Girls and Womens Sports Day and presented it to Mayor. Fire dept ok'd 3 new paid on call for total of 24 poc. Ok'd city lot for Pump Fest on 5-2 vote after Mary Emmer advised it's \$6,000 to run the Fest and the carnival helps with funding. Ok'd bids for Tree Program. Census Bureau agrees city count too low and will recertify in 4-6 weeks.

March 11 – Rev Mullins invocation. Mayor introduced special guest 6th grader Brandon Herst. Martha Wetzel complained on excessive Warner Cable rates. Ok'd annex former El Matador Restaurant into city.

March 25 – Chief Vesta invocation. Treas Mundy requested reserve transfer to Genl Fund and asked that further purchases be deferred to new fiscal year. Mayor asks for short Bd Local Improv meeting for a “wish” list for new year. Ok’d extending liquor district to Dari Ripple north side E State to include County Liquors in city. Ok’d tree bid from Stran’s at \$178/tree or \$17,800 with white ash, honey locust, and little leaf lindens.

April 8 – Rev Ryden invocation. Mayor asked moment reflection in honor of Jack Norling former county board and Merrill Barnes of Barnes & Roberts Oil Co and former crossing guard as both had passed away. Public works Supt Carl Swanberg retiring after 18 years service to city with Resol #220 honoring Carl. Big applause. Asst Supt Fred Busse had troop #141 to council to see how city is run. Elections canvassed: Ald 1st ward McMillan, 2nd Charles Stowe, 3rd Drake, 4th Binder. Ok’d. Ok’d Huskie Bus Line in city from 8-26-90 to 5-10-91. Ok’d paying clerk \$26,000 annual salary bi weekly instead of monthly. Ok’d annexation of 107, 121, 201, and 211 Turner Pl on 5-3 vote.

April 22 – Rev Beaman invocation. Middle School election winners at council: Mayor Jamin Unger, Clerk Josh McCrea, Treas Scott Mathison, Ald Jessica Martin, Stephanie Myska, Dan Keating, Ryan Kessler, Trisha Drake, Rachael Jewell, Shannon McCoy, and Andy Tripp. Ok’d bills \$212,186. Several spoke against cat ord but want cat control near homes. 2 year IAFF contract ok’d on 4-4 vote with mayor voting aye for 5-4 vote to include 4% increase with incentive pay too. Walks in bad shape many parts of city. Ok’d grants: VAC \$7,000, FOOD Program \$500, SYCEDC \$12,000, Senior Citizen Program \$500, Discover Sycamore \$2,500 totaling \$22,500. Mayor annual appointments ok’d and he thanked students for being at council.

May 6 – Rev Beaman invocation. 1st National Bank seeks trailer on site at State and Sacramento where their bank to be built. Ok’d. Ald Ramsey noted much press on cats and none on students who attend council and who are more newsworthy than stray cats. 19 new housing starts past 3 weeks in Maple Terrace. Concern by some who can’t hear the civil defense/storm sirens. Ok’d seeking state and federal funds for Elm St improvements with \$1 million alternate revenue bonds. Ok’d \$1.50 per sq ft as copay for walks.

May 20 – Carla Vanatta invocation. Treas Mundy noted no surcharge from state which gained city \$241,000 last year and is a hard hit to revenue and urged careful spending. Ok’d Veto Enterprises bid for 2 police cars at \$21,990 each with trades and police packages. Ok’d legal counsel Atty Smith and Johnson at \$20,400 each. Ok’d change name of Sacramento north of North Ave to Brickville Rd. Mundy reduced his Treas budget request from \$1,000 to \$900 fiscal ’92 to save city money. Ok’d.

June 3 – Ald G Smith invocation. Comm Doty noted plans in his office for new Brown’s Market store. New comm center 911 taking fire and police calls now. Ald Drake noted many complaints of high taxes and mayor said they need to look at the city portion of the consolidated tax bill.

June 17 – Chief Vesta invocation. Library Board Pres Yvonne Johnson and members Larry Kaye Gray, Mary Lou Reeve, Karen Duffey, Mike Maveus, and librarian Carol Logue presented written report of past 20 years of library growth. Ok’d 12 new planters downtown with merchants to plant and maintain. Mundy noted as of 7-1-91 34 part-time workers not in IMRF or fire and police pensions must pay full social security at 7.65% not 1.45% with city required to match the amount and pay combined shares to feds. Ok’d annual approp ord at \$6,594,737.

July 1 – United Methodist Church invocation. Ok’d DR Gilbert Const Co bid of \$787,453 for Elm St project from California to Main.

July 29 – Rev Chaney invocation. Many zoning and annexation changes ok’d various parts as city grows. Treas Mundy reported and commended clerk for 2-sided copying of council material to save paper, trees, and money. Ok’d new fire dept brush truck from Sycamore Ford/Mazda at \$20,623 with city to sell old one at sealed bid auction. Ok’d 6%-7% water sewer rate increases.

August 12 – Rev Dequin invocation. New ambulance in service now.

August 26 – Elder Don Lampkins invocation. Ok’d ord where city employees receive 10% of savings over \$1,000 for cost saving suggestions to city.

September 9 – Rev Tim Martin invocation. Much dissent from neighbors on city parking lot expansion at 219 Somonauk and much support by merchants Henderson’s, Paulsen’s, Ben Franklin, and the Chamber of Commerce. Weeds in Martin’s Ditch need to be removed by property owners both sides given they own each side to the middle of ditch. Ok’d IDOT and city micro surface State from Sacramento to Center Cross and DeKalb Ave from Fox to Fair. Ok’d \$700 for Clerk Brantner for Clerk’s Institute. Ok’d vacating alley from Exchange north to Sycamore St.

September 23 – Rev Martin invocation. Scout Troop 45 at council. Applause. IDOT noted ’90 MFT audit in order. Ok’d Sycamore Child Care Inc buy 2 lots at Stonehenge for \$500. Mayor appt Harold McFarland, Sandy Totty, Ken Mundy, and John Boies to comm on the widening of DeKalb Ave planned by IDOT. Ok’d.

October 7 – Rev Knappe invocation. Atty Johnson called meeting to order and asked for silence to honor former Mayor Harold Red Johnson who passed away Sat night at home. Mayor’s passing complete surprise and shock to community as he had not missed work, meetings, or appointments. God’s plan for our great Mayor Red was for him to go Home right from his sofa at home with First Lady Mae Johnson. Friends, family, coworkers, and colleagues all came together as community around First Lady Mae to conduct events and memorials to honor an amazing man whose heart was as big as any city truck he and council ever bought and worked for Sycamore with a true “servant’s heart.” Atty Johnson called Ald B Phillip Ramsey, Finance Comm Chair, forward to be sworn as mayor. Clerk Brantner administered oath of office as First Lady Rosemary Ramsey stood by Phil.

Mayor Ramsey then appt Jim Huntley to replace Phil as Ald 4th ward. Ok’d. Comm Doty offered congrats and support for new mayor. Treas Mundy noted with pride the smooth transition going on and that Mayor Red would be pleased. Tom Scott noted for Chief Vesta of former Mayor Red’s Sycamore Youth Council was formed “to promote a gang free community and wholesome environment for youth.” The new council to host a town meeting Mon 10-19 at the State Theatre to discuss gang awareness and education. Supt Albrecht wished best for new mayor and Ald Huntley. Mayor appt Jim Personette to Fire & Police Comm. Ok’d. New Brown’s Market to break ground 10-10 at 11 am. Ald Binder, Stowe, R Smith, appt with Supt Listy to see about memorial

plaque at Johnson Junction to honor Mayor Red. Ok'd. Ok'd sale of 219 Somonauk house by sealed bid due 11-18 at 8 pm. Mundy shared letter group sent to IDOT that widening DeKalb Ave not in best interests of the community and IDOT will send its response after all input is received. Board Local Improv Engr Brady noted southwest treatment plant at capacity with no more sewer hookups allowed there. Greely & Hanson, Donohue Assoc, and Engr Brady all recommend SW plant be closed with all sewerage gravity flow routed to north plant as it's expanded and modernized. Project cost \$12-\$15 million as 20-year design with interceptor as 50 year design. EPA fines sure to come without city action to remedy this.

October 21 – Rev Ryden invocation. Mayor Ramsey in the chair. Ok'd bills \$196,986. New fire dept brush truck in service. Chief Vesta noted gang awareness town meeting success and set the next one for 11-21. Supt Listy noted leaf clearing going well. Engr Brady noted Elm St open and ready for Pump Fest. Il Risk Mgmt Assoc awarded city for low claims, safety, and outstanding accident prevention in '90. Proclamation 10-25 and 26 as "help retarded in Sycamore days" and is sponsored by DeKalb Knights of Columbus Council #717. Ok'd salt buy at \$25.92/ton. DeKalb City Council "expressing sympathy to family and friends of Harold "Red" Johnson, Mayor of Sycamore 1957-91."

November 4 - Ald R Smith invocation. Well #3 pumping 600 gal/day. Chief Vesta estimated 100,000 here during Pump Fest. Ok'd \$300 each for 5 groups of volunteers who helped with the Fest. Treas Mundy noted his annual report in paper this week. Ald McMillan noted unused liquor licenses returned to city sent to ord comm.

November 18 – Ald Huntley invocation. Treas Mundy noted deficit in wat/sew fund alleviated. IMRF still deficit but next 2 levies will bring it solvent by fiscal '94. Fire Chief Linville noted former 1st Lady Mae Johnson donated \$3,748.98 of Mayor Red's Memorial to equipment for fire dept. Letter thanking Mae to be sent. Bids opened on 219 Somonauk St house: Russ and Berni Schelkopf \$96,000 and Larry Patton \$61,250 with house going to higher bid. Ok'd. Sold '72 GMC fire dept truck to Ivan Krpan for high bid of \$4,500. Ok'd. Ald Stowe noted photo of Mayor Red Johnson to be enclosed in brick structure as his memorial at Johnson Junction. Ok'd. Treas Mundy explained '91-'92 levy, equalized assessed evaluation, deficit funds, IMRF, and took questions and he noted EAV up 12% to \$100 million.

December 2 – Rev Beaman invocation. City recycling strong at 60%. Ok'd annual tax levy at \$1,678,500 and ok'd 30-year contract with N I Gas and city. Derick Degroot DeK Co Disposal noted city to save \$11,000 by year end due to 80% recycling participation. Annual insurance fee to IRMA \$145,318. Treas Mundy noted \$6 million in city ops of which only 25% is funded with property taxes and that city funds balance with other revenues.

December 16 – Rev Beaman invocation. Mayor Ramsey in hospital so Ald McMillan ok'd as Mayor Pro Tem. Ord on 7am construction start time vs 6 am failed on 3-4 vote. Ok'd Dek Co Disposal trash, recycle, yard waste, and white goods contract fiscal '92 – '96. Ok'd valued engineering agreement north treatment plant with Stanley Consultants at \$28,225.

January 13, 1992

Ald R Smith invocation. Sales tax revenue decreasing. Kudos to fire dept emergency medical technicians Henderson, Hickey, and Rhodes by Kish Hospital who worked to save a girl brought to Kish ER on 1-2-12. The doctor there looking forward to working with fire dept emergency medical technicians in the future. Ok'd naming improved alley north of State St "Bill Johnson Blvd" to honor the merchant and community supporter so involved with success of the downtown.

January 27 – Rev Chaney invocation. Permits and building down from last year. MFT late to city due to state budget cuts. Fire dept saved heart attack victim with cpr and defibrillator device. Ok'd bills \$212,358. Ald McMillan, Atty Smith and Johnson, and Ald G Smith negotiations with FOP and IAFF, police and fire unions.

February 10 – Ald Huntley invocation. Recess meeting 8 pm to unveil "Discover Sycamore Industry" plaque display 1st floor lobby with folks from 17 industries, Discover Sycamore, Chamber, SYCEDC, and city officials conducted by Atty Jim Stoddard. Mayor reconvened meeting at 8:20 pm. Ok'd civil defense siren with 50/50 cost share with Sycamore Township installed at Brickville and Freed Rds to serve north side of city. Ok'd ord to have plans submitted directly to Plan Comm or Bd Zon Appeals then to council with recommendations from either group to simplify and streamline building or variance requests.

Bd Local Improve meeting with curbside recycling to begin 2-17-92 as 1st community in state to offer this. Ok'd press release on north treatment plant upgrades at \$12 - \$14 million.

February 24 – Ald Huntley invocation. Ok'd Castle Bank stacked parking in their drive-in bank at 511 W State. Utility tax discussion with Jerry Henderson, Jim Conners, and Don Gehrlein of Turner/Cooper Tools Inc all suggesting impact fees and higher wat/sew rates to fund treatment plant but no utility tax. Treas Mundy noted city resources limited but wat/sew fees and other sources could fund the plant costs without a utility tax. Ald R Smith moved to cut ald pay 20% due to shortages. Ok'd.

March 9 – Rev Ryden invocation. Ok'd city hall generator at \$22,000 with 911 funds and city on 50/50 cost share.

March 23 – Atty Johnson called meeting to order and asked for silence to honor deceased Mayor B Phillip Ramsey. Ok'd. Ald McMillan to become mayor per succession ord. Clerk Brantner swore in Bernard McMillan as mayor. Mayor appt Cheryl Maness as his replacement ald 1st ward and Clerk swore Ald Maness into office. Mayor asked Rev Beaman for invocation. City of DeKalb Resol #9-22 read to express sympathy at death of Mayor Ramsey. Former Ald Sadie Swanbum offered best wishes to Mayor McMillan. So, for our small city this was the 2nd shocking and sad death of our great mayors in just 6 months time. Sales tax for December at \$106,000 and all urged to shop locally to support merchants and the city. Ok'd police to buy new weapons at \$1,000. Each council member expressed best wishes and support for Mayor McMillan with mayor noting intent to "run the city pretty much as it had been guided by last 2 mayors." Ok'd Ord 91.64 to reduce ald pay from \$125/meeting to \$100/meeting with atty advising sitting ald pay cannot be reduced midterm but new ald can be paid at the newly approved rate.

April 6 – Rev Persson invocation. Jim Edwards spoke to aid reduced pay as bad idea and if they felt less worthy they should resign. Ok'd police/park patrol contract at \$15,000. Roger Hopkins and Bob Boey urged continued city support of SYCEDC and DCEDC. Ok'd Klein & Hoffman structural engrs treatment plant. Ok'd city borrow from state water pollution control fund.

April 20 – Rev Stoval invocation. Community Awareness Week brought Middle School students to council: Mayor Chuck Knapp, Clerk Kelly Miller, Treas Sarah Blair, Ald 1st ward Ben Burzynski and Scott Maness, 2nd Nunzio Maniaci and Alysia Moret, 3rd Joellen Johnson and Matt Schuneman, 4th Alyssa Perkowski and Andy Steczko. Big applause welcoming students. Comm Doty noted walks program ready to go. Chamber of Commerce 1926 brochure reprint to highlight city events of that time. Plaque presented to Bernie Sosin for 23 years serving Fire & Police Commission. Applause. 8 of the Police Explorer Post were in Scouts back in '67. 4 Resol ok'd: #233 opposing cuts in state shared revenue, #234 honoring Coach Jane Albright and NIU Womens Basketball Team for success, #235 thanking Francis Sibley for 17 years crossing guard service, #236 naming HG Siepert LLC external audit firm fiscal '91-'92. Ok'd sports center at 725 E State as mini golf, driving range, and baseball batting cages including annexation of same. IDOT responded to objections to widening DeKalb Ave saying no money to widen but they seek funds to resurface the road.

Board Local Improv: sale of hospital to Vencor with appraisal at \$1.6 million so options ok'd: \$1 million now with \$200,000 for 5 years or \$1.75 million up front. Ok'd Clarke Chemical for mosquito larvae treatments at \$6,694 with helicopter spraying as needed at \$2,112 per time vs a \$12,000 flat contract.

May 4 – Ald Huntley invocation. Work going on for revised Comp Plan. Clerk ok'd into IMRF. Ok'd mayor appts. Litigation on medical and education trusts resolved so funds on way to city. Ok'd FOP police contract. Grants ok'd: VAC \$7,000, FOOD Program \$1,000, Sr Citizens Center \$1,000, Discover Sycamore \$1,000, SYCEDC \$2,400. Ok'd co-counsel Atty Smith and Johnson at \$21,300 each. Ok'd city officer pay. Ald Stowe asked for \$1,300 for Treas Mundy for year. Ok'd.

June 1 – Rev Reardon invocation. Fire Chief Linville resigning 6-30-92. Ok'd metal names tags for mayors' pictures in hallway at \$3 each. Ald Drake noted drought and urged watering trees. Supt Albrecht asked for water billing done from Page St Office. Ok'd. Ok'd Vencor expansion.

June 15 – Rev Reardon invocation. Library Board member Yvonne Johnson invited all to library's 100th anniversary 7-12 2 pm. Treas Mundy noted IMRF deficit will be resolved by 4-30-94 and there's only \$60,000 for the street program this year. Ok'd following projects: treatment plant phase I contract to River City Const Co at \$4,973,000 and sanitary sewer to Dempsey Ing at \$995,897. 2nd sanitary sewer to Anderson-Dashney at \$433,355, and contract #3 Elliott & Wood at \$121,992.

June 29 – Ald Huntley invocation. Plaque presented to retiring Fire Chief Linville on his 24 years fire dept service and he thanked city for the support for him and SFD. Steve Cook introduced as new police officer. Engr Brady noted the 25%/75% city/state cost sharing on the treatment plant is approved.

July 13 – Rev Reed invocation. Neighbors objected to Vencor expansion on Somonauk St and incinerator burning. Police Officer Pat Solar intro young man who is working due to police dept youth employment program for at risk youth and noted that 2 more to have jobs soon with 5 more in the works. 911 contract with Genoa and Genoa Fire District ok'd city to provide services 9-1-92 to 8-31-94. Ok'd one day special events that include sale of alcohol with city and state code required compliance. Ok'd infrastructure for Farm & Fleet Store. Ok'd Sterling Codifiers at \$5,400 to supply revised city code pages with supplements to update city code books.

July 27 – Rev Chaney invocation. Mayor appt Jerry Lane Civil Defense Director. Ok'd. City thanked Bud Duffey, President of Driv-Lok Inc, for 19 years service to Board Zoning Appeals. Ok'd annual approp ord \$7,537,000.

August 10 – Rev Dequin invocation. Treas Mundy presented 4-year review of revenue. New city hall generator operational. Ald G Smith noted excessive overtime in fire dept with council ok new firefighter this year and one next year to combat overtime. Engr Brady noted plant funds loan at \$7,631,122 at 3.36% interest and city must accept terms or lose the loan. Ok'd. All urged to vote against unfunded state mandates on the Nov ballot.

Board Local Improv Meeting with park district board members concerns by Pres John Boies, Dale Remala, Steve Alexander, Gayle Braffet, and Larry Gary on annexation, recreation facilities, sewer easements, and police patrol. Vencor seeks \$40,000 to move their incinerator and is denied. Developer Tom Rosenow after trying to work with DeKalb now seeks annexation to Sycamore for Hauser-Ross Eye Institute and seeks \$200,000 toward improvements for commercial buildings and possibly residential condos. Ok'd up to \$250,000 upon annexation to aid with development and waived \$1,000/acre annexation fee.

September 8 – Rev Persson invocation. Library noted library progress and joint resol with school district affirming joint respective curriculum support.

September 21 – Rev Martin invocation. Denied HPS Partnership to rezone Fox Ave and DeKalb Ave to C-3 Highway Business. Several neighbors object to commercial zoning on DeKalb Ave, truck traffic, congestion, etc. Roy Safanda, HPS, noted streets and accesses to be built for trucks so no trucks on residential streets. Ok'd rezoning parcels within Farm & Fleet land to C-2 commercial zoning and \$59,427 city funds to pay in part for sanitary sewer extension near Fox and DeKalb Ave. Ok's IAFF Fire Dept union contract.

October 5 – Rev Foellmer invocation. Fire Dept notes 93 calls in Sept. Pat Roach and scouts at council. Applause. Ok'd sale of Sycamore Municipal Hospital to Vencor. Ok'd acceptance of Mildred Poole Stewart home northeast corner of North Ave and Brickville Rd. Resol thanking Stewart Family for gifting house to city.

October 19 – Rev Ryden invocation. Roger Hopkinds, DCEDC, noted Peace Rd extension open to the north and presented '92 DeKalb County Industrial Directory. Mayor noted last Comp Plan dropped due to excessive costs and seeking better plan at better cost. Ok'd revised water/sewer rates.

November 2 – Ald Huntley invocation. Mayor thanked all who worked on a safe and fun Pumpkin Fest. Ok'd Det Darrell Johnson to homicide school 2 weeks. People spoke on need for more business parking in new Comp Plan. Resol to note author Tom Woodstrup's new book "Sycamore WWII Veterans." He is thanked to big applause.

November 16 – Mr Mullins invocation. Finance Comm recommends elected pay: mayor \$20,000 with \$2,000 liquor commissioner, clerk \$31,000, treasurer \$10,000 with same ald pay and mayor to remain part time. Ok'd 6-1 vote. Ok'd moving \$50,000 from Genl Fd to Forestry Fd. Said that to have a 4% levy increase means no new spending and increased user fees with higher EAV meaning \$62,000 extra generated in levy. Ald Maness noted community center needs more space and possible space sharing with school district. Thanked Karen Duffey 8 years on library board. Ok'd tax levy at \$1,717,000 only 25% approp.

December 14 – Ald Huntley invocation. Objectors spoke against Larry Patton's seeking commercial zoning at 119 N Governor St. Denied Patton's request based on Plan Comm study and recommendation to council. Ok'd elected officers wages new year.

January 11, 1993

Rev Reed invocation. Treas Mundy noted sales tax averaging \$100,000/month and he recounted benefits to city for his IMTA membership since 1982. Police dept noted 150 tickets recent snow storm. Parts of the proceeds of the hospital sale have been moved within city funds per council direction.

January 25 – Rev Reed invocation. Ok'd bills \$431,863. Chief Haeffner presented Ben Henderson with gold badge for 16 years service to fire dept. Applause. Ok'd greater frequency of water/sewer rate increases to match costs of those enterprise funds.

February 8 – Rev Martin invocation. Ok'd Krpan's townhouses phase I. Jerry Malmassari presented Gene Listy "Outstanding Service Award" for working closely with Pump Fest Comm over the years. Gene thanked Pump Fest Comm for donating to more barricades for events and control. Ald Puentes objects to \$20 prevailing wage by state as it limits local workers and companies in affordable labor and is unfair unfunded state mandate. Ald Maness noted city paying insurance for some ineligible dependents and need to verify and correct errors.

March 8 – Ald Huntley invocation. Ald G Smith noted state surcharge tax will continue for city despite Chicago vs Springfield battle. Ok'd various stop sign, zoning, and parking issues.

March 23 – Mayor appt new comm on new community center: Phoebe Barnes, Debbie Benson, Tom Carls, Cliff Danielson, Susan Erickson, Bob Hammon, Pete Johnson, Curt Lang, Jim Minnihan, Ken Mundy, Tom Moline, Bud Trapp, Larry Steczko, Dick Willey, and park board rep. Ok'd. Sale proceeds of \$100,000 from hospital and from old community center ok to go toward funding new community center.

April 5 – Rev Stovall invocation. Mayor appt Joe Bussone and Bob Wildenrad community center comm. Ok'd. Noted that Kiwanis has new Shaken Baby Syndrome brochures out to public. First Natl Bank DeKalb/Sycamore open for business at State and Sacramento. SYCEDC notes industrial tax base at 7% but should be 15% with 20% commercial and 65% residential as a better balanced tax base spread. Recommend revolving fund to aid business to locate here and working closely with DCEDC to retain, attract, and secure business here. Resol #259 honored Jerry Henderson "Illinois Retailer of the Year."

May 3 – Rev Beaman invocation. Atty Johnson swore in Clerk Brantner who then swore in Treas Mundy, Ald Maness and Gary Smith 1st ward, Roy Smith 2nd, Ray Puentes 3rd, and Jim Huntley 4th ward. Treas Mundy gave report for last year and requested same budget for his office as last year. Ok'd. He and mayor presented for the city at Rotary meeting. Resol #260 honoring John Garman's induction to Illinois Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame. Ok'd with big applause. 911 system up 2 weeks with many calls for service.

May 17 – Rev Beaman invocation. Middle School Community Awareness Week elected at council: Mayor Kelly Miller, Clerk Aran Murphy, Treas Debbie Lenschow, Ald 1st ward Ben Burzynski and Andy Schmoll, 2nd Tony Schmidhuber and Nicole Mobile, 3rd Keith Barnes and Alyson Groves, 4th Ben Kirchman and Pat Busch. Mayor Miller called the meeting to order and Clerk Murphy called the roll. Phoebe Barnes thanked council for having the students and noted no raises for crossing guards so far. Ok'd. Applause for students. Noted upcoming Memorial Day Events. Ok'd city part of group health insurance purchasing group with other local entities.

June 1 – Rev Reardon invocation. Ald Maness asks city to support opposing court house ban on Kishwaukee Valley Art League use of court house lawn for annual art exhibits. Support letter for KVAL to be sent favoring their use of the lawn. Clerk noted only 850 dog tags vs 1,100 last year so far. Budget for new year transfers \$44,875 from PMRF to pension fd and \$82,898 from water/sewer to genl fd. Ok'd. Mundy cautioned careful spending matching costs with revenue and use of less costly options this year.

June 14 – Kyle White invocation. Firefighter George Spartz and fire dept members met with 300 scouts at Becker Park. A plaque was presented to the fire dept from the scouts. Ok'd grants: VAC \$7,000, FOOD Program \$1,000, Senior Citizen Center \$1,000. Ok'd lease of city lot at State and Sacramento at \$1,000/year. Ok'd transfer of \$822,455 from capital improve fds to genl fd to gain clearer view of and to strengthen fiscal condition. Ald Binder noted former mayors Ramsey and McMillan photos on the wall of mayors and Luke McLagen, local author and historian could join in the dedication of same.

June 28 – Ald Huntley invocation. Library Board President Yvonne Johnson updated council on library expansion plans and seeks \$100,000 from city, as it did for the community center, to help fund same. Police dept thanked volunteer corps members Terry Schroeder, Dan Berres, Ron Corn, Mike Montgomery, Shelley Criswell, Anita Szymanski, Ray Puentes, Rich Bryant, Jim McCue, Jeanne Pelan, Alic Bennett, Vicky Stanton, Jim Allnutt, and Kim Aug for their assistance whenever called upon. Finance Comm recommended \$200/mo to SYCEDC and \$7,000 to DCEDC with quarterly reports to council. Ok'd. City to remove underground fuel tank and buy fuel locally for vehicles. Noted that police could hire 2 part-time meter people and save \$23,000/yr.

July 12 – Rev Weatherup invocation. Public hearing annual approp ord: genl fd \$5,915,650, water/sewer \$14,118,000, pkg mtr \$71,500, for \$54,600, pens fds \$403,000 total approp \$20,562,700. 14 people spoke to keep meter man Fred Ruthe in place. Ok'd plat for MDM Partners for devel south end of Scott Dr. Ok'd on 8-0 vote to end the full-time meter position to save money.

July 26 – Rev Reed invocation. Mayor commended public safety and public works for flood work and especially with Evergreen Village which flooded and was evacuated for safety. People on Lincoln St noted they were dry in the flood thanks to newly laid storm sewer there. Ok'd trash contract with Waste Mgmt of Illinois for '92 – '96. Treas Mundy noted he is President of IMTA a state municipal treas organization where he's been a member since '82. Fire dept had 115 calls last month.

August 23 – Rev Dequin invocation. Electronic transfer of state funds to city to increase interest earnings. Rejected all bids on fire dept vehicle as too high. Recommended quarterly budget meetings with depts. to more closely track costs and control spending.

September 7 – Rev Persson invocation. Kudos to Chief Vesta and police for quick capture of robber and abductor at Clark Gas Station. Resol #264 commends Juanita Doss on her book "Gone But Not Forgotten" on local vets buried in Elmwood Cemetery. Sycamore Food Pantry open 10-4-93 at noon. Resol #267 and gold badge thanking Clint Gittleson for 25 years fire dept service. Big applause. Resol #268 and gold badge to George Sabin for 50 years fire dept service, standing ovation, and applause. Ok'd M-1 light manufacturing and annexation of 2040 and 2048 Coltonville Rd to Rod and Marty Oehlert for mixed use commercial, manufacturing, and residential facilities.

November 1 – Fr Frank Timar invocation. New police officer Dick Lalowski and officer Sharon Howald through academy to train with officer Singer 5-6 weeks.

November 15 – Dedication of mayors wall of photos at city hall. Fr Timar invocation. Budget looks ok half way through fiscal year. Census bureau corrected city count from 9,708 to 9,896 due to miscounting. Recent drug bust proves drugs in city and not just big cities. Treas Mundy noted Sycamore Youth Council concerned with both drugs and gangs being developed locally. Family Service Agy has the Bigs & Littles Program to match adults with kids who are single parented to guide kids on good paths.

November 29 – Annual tax levy hearing: Treas Mundy noted a 7-cents or 4.5% levy increase meant \$24.33 more tax on \$100,000 home and city must find another \$500,000 to balance budget revenue with spending. Fr Timar invocation. Ok'd tax levy \$1,970,000. Ok'd final plat Krpan's townhomes phase II. Clerk Brantner invited 5th graders to decorate Christmas tree in city hall lobby Sat 12-4 4 pm with treats and mayor and council on hand too.

December 13 – Rev Foellmer invocation. Much discussion on St John Lutheran Church to build expanded fellowship hall with 13 opposing and 7 in favor speakers. Plan Comm recommends approval with 2nd reading set for 1-24-94.

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Rev Reed invocation. Ok'd fire dept specs for tank truck to replace '66 GMC and '72 Mack pumper. Ald Huntley noted great need for industrial trained workers. Ok'd agmt with Terry and Chuck Criswell for civil defense siren on their property at 1625 DeKalb Ave. Jim Edwards Sycamore Youth Council asked community to find host homes for neighborhood watch programs for safety and crime, drugs, and gang awareness in the city.

January 24 – Rev Chaney invocation. Ok'd 4 phase NIU update of city comp plan with digital map of city for \$15,000. Speakers in support of ord 93.49 to allow St John Lutheran Church to expand fellowship hall: Atty Ron Klein, Rob Robbins, Ken Mundy, Martha Windelborn, Lowell Evans, Rev Dr Henry Dequin, Jim Edwards, and Bernice Maness. Opposed: Atty Rick Turner, Thecla and Richard Cooler, John Rooney, Phil Wells, Howard Hart, Jean Brown, Carla Cumblad, Paul Nehring whose father funded building St John in 1937, John and Angela Nielsen, Brenda Knighton, Tom Campbell. Ord needed 2/3 council majority to pass and it did with 7-1 vote with Ald Roy Smith voting against. Ok'd Fox Briar Devel east of Peace Rd and was the 1st devel to include impact fees for schools. This multifamily devel possibly worst plan allowed due to excessive density and other factors, but it passed Plan Comm and council perhaps since it was the 1st larger building plan to come before city in some time. The townhomes along east side Peace Rd have worked out ok but such tight density will not be approved again in city.

February 7 – Rev Persson invocation. During Mayor McMillan's heart surgery recovery Ald Binder mayor pro tem. Boy Scout Troop 2 at council working on communication badges. Plan Comm and school board urges city work with county on their comp plan on joint matters of growth. Ok'd many Woodgate properties to R-1 from R-3 zoning. Ok'd state bid on fire dept utility truck at \$17,522. Ok'd Farm & Fleet Devel at Peace Rd and DeKalb Ave. Mayor McMillan reported home from surgery to recover.

February 21 – Rev Persson invocation. Mayor pro tem Binder in the chair. Clerk Brantner registered city clerk having completed courses from the clerks institute. Ok'd all for vote new water/sewer hookup fees. IDOT may require parallel parking downtown which city opposes. State police to advise city on local gang activity to aid us. Federal gov't requires all intersections with walks to be ADA compliant within a period of time. Engr Brady estimates each intersection to cost \$3,000 to comply to ADA ramps. Treas Mundy said it's time for city to hire full time administrator to manage negotiations, insurance, pensions, ord enforcement, ADA compliance, comp plan, and many other vital issues. Person would report to council and cost \$30 - \$50,000.

March 7 – Rev Ryden invocation. Neighborhood watch meetings going well with good feedback. Ald Puentes favors local bidder preference policy.

March 21 – Mayor McMillan back in the chair. Budget, approp, and levy will all be approved in timely manner. Canvass election referendum those who prefer referendum before gambling expansion: 1,006 yes and 205 no so copies to county clerk and state board of elections. Negotiations at hand with Farm & Fleet and Brian Bemis Autos to move to city. Ald G Smith noted both FOP and IAFF labor contracts in negotiation and it's time for professional mgmt. person to represent mgmt. with unions.

April 4 – Rev Stovall invocation. Ok'd Class A liquor license to Paul and John Schwartz in former Boone's Tavern. Ald Maness noted 44% walks in ward 1 ADA compliant. Ald Puentes favors city administrator. Ok'd local preference bidding for local bidders policy.

April 18 – Ald Huntley invocation. Chief Haeffner noted city ISO fire rating improved from 6 to 5 which favorably impacts home and business owners insurance. Ok'd FOP contract with 4 % increase per year and 10% paid toward dependent coverage. Ok'd outside law firm to negotiate future labor contracts. Ok'd park district land transfer to city for Borden Ave extension.

May 2 – Rev Robert Krogman invocation. Honored NIU women basketball team for great season. Mayor appts ok'd. Stuart Sorrels, SHS student advisor, asks city to ban smoking 18 and younger since 10 – 30 students gather to smoke on West and Albert near SHS. Council to consider. John Lewis and Carol Zar, NIU Center for Gov't Studies, noted city comp plan phase I done and time for focus groups meet to define city: industry, ag, commerce/retail, residents at large, other gov't bodies, etc sent to finance comm. Bemis/city agmt defeated on 0-8 vote. Fiscal revenue and expense reports to council.

May 31 1994 – Rev Krogman invocation. Bemis/city agmt discussed with public input. School dist and library like expanded tax base and favor the agmt. Atty Jordan Gallagher for Bemis noted they are happy here and want to remain in city. Issue on 1st reading. Treas Mundy noted even with current costs exceeding revenue old debt to retire soon and revenue outlook improving and city in position to accept Bemis deal with revenue expected to increase 5% to 7%, \$300,000, and debt and other costs being controlled. He said people need to look at total costs to live here as we have no utility tax nor vehicle stickers nor extra trash taxes all of which neighboring places have. He urged council give careful consideration and pass the Bemis/city deal.

June 13 – Rev Reardon invocation. Waste Mgmt spoke to new legislation effective 7-1-94 that they will pick up white goods for \$25.75, remove PCB's and CFC's and take them to recycling as they no longer allowed in landfills. Ok'd grants: VAC \$10,000, FOOD Program \$2,000, Senior Citizens Ctr \$2,000. People spoke against city/Bemis incentives. Sold '83 Dodge Diplomat to Marie Madison high bid of \$525. Ok'd Borden Ave extension, resurface Somonauk Meadows, Grant, and Greeley bids to market.

July 11 – Rev Chaney invocation. Noted that most intersections with traffic lights can be changed to green by emergency vehicles to promote safe travel through them by responders. Noted budget includes \$50,000 for city grants and business mgmt. Bike path grant in place with work ongoing. State tax surcharge ends costing city \$100,000 annually. Ok'd budget for '94-'95. Ok'd sale of '88 Buick for \$3,950 to Todd Henert, high bidder. Ok'd annual approp of \$16,480,700. Mundy noted half million dollars in state unfunded mandates of fuel tank removal, ADA, and building requirements.

August 8 – Deacon Ridulph invocation. Many spoke against Dahl Devel north of city. Roger Hopkins DCEDC spoke to need for land for industry and incentives to attract business. Bud Trapp spoke to Operation Back Door to pick up 6th to 8th graders with home meetings to steer them from drugs and gangs. Ok'd Dahl Devel with 20 lots with access to Rt 23 via Maplewood extension east of Rt 23 north. Library and park boards urge moving to phase III revised comp plan. Ok'd grant of \$7,000 to DCEDC on 4-2 vote. Ok'd Phase III city comp plan by NIU to continue. Ok'd Elliott and Wood storm sewer, water main, and street improve at \$535,175. Negotiations with labor ongoing.

September 6 – Rev Persson invocation. Ald Maness noted SHS parking with 213 juniors and 169 seniors ok to have cars yet only 156 parking spots. Ok'd city to investigate outsourcing fire dept ambulance services. Fire dept notes calls at 1,300 this year vs 1,100 last year. Mayor appt comm to work with NIU on city comp plan: Treas Mundy, Ald Huntley, Maness, and Stowe.

October 3 – Rev Knappe invocation. Comm Doty thanked city for support at passing of his father. Finance Comm noted due to \$500,000 deficit and poor revenue outlook they will study utility tax and report back. Ok'd Stahl Const Co bid of \$659,597 for Rt 23 and Foxpointe Dr project. Joel Barczak noted removal of Sycamore trees from Rt 23 near Farm & Fleet site and urged replacements in other areas with ord to enforce. Letter from Robert Blain, Farm & Fleet Pres, that landscaping will be done in Spring and urged ideas from residents with city input. Martha Wetzel urges no more bar nor restaurant liquor licenses be allowed. Ok'd bills \$255,717. Mundy presented multiyear fund source and use analysis with his annual report and urged city look at utility tax to bolster revenue. Clerk noted new code books in and new audit books too. Chief Haeffner and city to meet on fire dept ambulance service challenges.

October 31 – Rev Ryden invocation. Community identity focus meetings by NIU to extend into Nov. Ok'd \$2,000 to 7 volunteer groups who helped with Pump Fest. Ok'd posting sign at SHS entrances that vehicles could be searched for cause on school property. External auditor noted revenue increase to service debt on treatment plant loans, genl fd transfer notes, and aid to library to reconcile their accounts and records. Ok'd 60,000 sq ft warehouse for Seymour of Sycamore on Crosby Ave. Ald Binder wished Treas Mundy happy birthday on his Halloween birthday today. Applause.

November 14 – Fr Timar invocation. Opposition noted to ending sales tax on leased vehicles and likely for tax caps within 1 or 2 years. Chief Haeffner invited all to fire dept open house to mark 75th year as a motorized fire dept. Ok'd \$1,000 annual donation to county animal control to pick up stray dogs in city. Finance comm to hold to the \$100,000 pledge for library expansion. Ok'd intergov't policy on local preference bidding with city, DeKalb city, DeKalb Twnp, Sycamore Twnp. Ok'd revised city code. Ok'd closed session meeting to review closed session minutes. Ok'd releasing some closed session minutes to public. Ok'd IAFF firefighter union contract. Noted that in the '80's \$244,000 transferred from genl fd to wat/sew fd and now to reverse that transfer of \$244,000 from wat/sew fd to genl fd. Ok'd. Ok'd alternate revenue bonds at \$1,210,000. Ald Binder noted 32% property tax levy is unfunded state mandates.

December 12 – Rev Foellmer invocation. Kevin Dahl seeks annexation for his devel north of city. Firefighters Lyon and Niewold seek public input on ambulance services. Sarah Gallagher, SHS Junior, police dept explorers member, supports ord 94.18 to ban minors from smoking and sales of tobacco to them. Police dept to give rides home New Years Eve. Mayor appt fact finding group on ambulance services. Ok'd. Ok'd '94-'95 AFSCME labor contract with public works. Ok'd transfer of property at 103 E State to library. Ok'd Borden Ave extension with cost sharing: city \$83,000, Ideal Industries \$173,000, and Emmsen Devel \$101,910. Ok'd nonsmoking ord for minors. Ok'd annual tax levy. Ok'd special use for Herb Katz on Meadow Creek planned unit development east of Bethany Rd and north of DeKalb Ave. Ok'd revision of intergovt agmt with DeKalb on shared revenue 10 parcels between 2 cities with factor from 3% to 5%.

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Rev Reed invocation. Treas Mundy noted retired debt results in \$513,990 transfer from capital improve fd to genl fd. Ok'd. City received annual installment from Vencor of \$200,000 plus \$1,071 late fees. Chamber commends Farm & Fleet and new business they bring to city.

January 23 – Mary Akers invocation. Mayor pro tem Binder in the chair. Ald Huntley noted many things in the DCEDC pipeline could be good for city. Ok'd tax increment financing proposal.

February 6 – Ald R Smith invocation. Sycamore youth council noted successful year and seeks support for another year. Ok'd. Water supt Albrecht retires 3-1-95. Finance Comm recommends special census since at 10,000 city could have referendum on home rule. Ok'd. Ok'd 10 30" x 36" signs to place on property with pending legal action or public hearings. Ideal Industries seeks a \$400,000 loan to finish Sycamore Prairie Business Park with delays due to wet land mitigation. Treas Mundy thanked Syd Albrecht for time they worked together and noted that Ald Binder and Mundy presented city financial report to Chamber.

Mundy met with Rep Dave Wirsing on unfunded mandates, tax caps, etc. Ok'd Asst Water Supt Ebe Smith as Water Supt upon Supt Albrecht's retirement. Resol #280 ok'd honoring Supt Albrecht with plaque for his 28 years serving Sycamore. Big applause. Ok'd wage and salary ord. Ok'd Landahl Devel north of city. Ok'd renaming north south street in Emmsen Hills Devel to Emmsen Hills St. Ok'd city/county fuel purchase agrmt to save city \$10,000/yr. Mayor noted good for city to be home rule and Mundy noted home rule revenue would preclude a utility tax. John Lewis and Carol Zar from NIU reported on the city 8 focus groups that met the past months with these highlights: managed growth, attract commercial business, clarify land use codes and ord, professional city management, comp land use plan to aggressively manage the 1 ½ mile perimeter band around the city, review and update code on signs and zoning, green space ord for residential growth areas, proactive in attracting industry, incentive guidelines for retail and industrial business attraction, detailed revenue source analysis, work closely with other taxing bodies, more professional staff and use of consultants on special projects, arterial transportation working with IDOT. Discussion followed with Engr Brady and Comm Doty to work with NIU on new map. John Lewis noted "the community is ready for action and city urged to act swiftly as possible to capture the momentum which has been established." It was from these groups and the info gained that home rule, city manager, enlarged park district lands, reasonable business incentives, greater attention to retention of business, new revenue sources, modernized downtown with newer amenities, and a whole host of positive changes and improvements began to form and produce increased business, jobs, and community betterment coupled with good balance of small town along with a vibrant growing and sustainable Sycamore.

March 6 – Rev Ryden invocation. Ok'd city/Ideal Ind agrmt for no interest \$400,000 infrastructure loan to enable completion of the Sycamore Prairie Business Park. Ok'd 10-mile worker residence rule. Ok'd Meadow Creek final PUD plat.

April 3 – Rev Persson invocation. Ok'd bills \$192,351. Levy noted at \$1,998,827 with rates of \$1.45 for city and \$.15 for library. Ok'd. Ambulance study group recommends keeping fire dept as provider of services. Proc on Alcohol Awareness Month in April. Ok'd proc for SHS boys basketball successful season. Resol #281 to honor Ald Arthur Buck Drake for 24 years as ald and another plaque from fire dept making Buck an honorary firefighter. Ok'd annex land north and east of Peace and Bethany Rds. Ok'd low bid of Laverne Fire Equipment Co at \$212,344 on lease/purchase new fire dept apparatus. Rod Oehlert asked for city water to twin gables rental and commercial complex west Rt 64. Mayor met with NIU's Dr James Banovetz "father of home rule in Illinois" and that Dr Banovetz recommended that schools, industry, merchants, park board, and others promote home rule for city and to drive home the plan through town meetings to educate the people on the favorable aspects of same.

April 17 – Rev Stovall invocation. Turner Corp deciding whether to remain open or close its plant. Bank, city, Jim Edwards, and Jim Dinicola working on resolution to Harvester Square on South Ave. Ald Binder to prepare city admin job description for council to review before interviews begin.

May 1 – Rev Persson invocation. Clerk swore in Mayor McMillan along with new Ald John Swedberg. Mayor and Ald G Smith, Maness, Stowe, Puentes, Huntley, Binder, and Swedberg present with R Smith absent. Supt Listy noted savings on salt of \$5,000 this year working with state bid. Ald Binder noted law that all police dept random drug tests and that any city worker should be willing to be tested to prove them clean and sober. Ok'd Don Kohler and Dick Anderson's 28 lots at Arrowhead Acres Subdiv with waiver on Plan Comm since it's west of Motel Rd and north of Freed and not in city. Ok'd 2 access points on Peace to Freed Rd in intergovt agrmt with county. Mayor's '95-'96 appt ok'd. Mayor appts Ald Binder, Stowe, G Smith, and Treas Mundy to write the city admin job description. Ok'd.

May 15 – Rev Persson invocation. Middle school students at council for Community Awareness Week: Mayor Angie Van Ostrand, Clerk Amy Gabriel, Treas Audra Davy, Ald 1st ward Beth Burzynski and Amber Graves, 2nd Chris Smith and Ashley Stowe, 3rd Nick Swedberg and Shannon Steinbus, 4th Jason Taylor and Amber Hillman. Mayor thanked teacher Ray Lambert for bringing the students. Big applause. Treas Mundy gave reports and thanked the students for good manners and warm reception when he spoke to them in their classes. Rec Comm met and agreed to work for a "Sycamore Solution" for community center, funding, staffing, programs, etc. Ok'd bid of \$39,209 for lift to serve 3 floors city hall. Ok'd hiring city admin by 10-1-95. Ok'd dispatchers as part of FOP police labor union contract.

June 5 – Spec Meeting Dr Banovetz says others than city gov't need to drive the home rule effort so Chamber has group of 8 to have it on the Nov ballot. Excess cost of trash removal and city admin planning at issue. Mayor appts task force on new funding: Mike Cullen NB&T, Greg Millburg Farm Bureau, Dick Lindgren Fasco Mills, Roger Burdick Amer Natl Bk DeK Co, Marge Johnson Inlaid Woodcrafts, Larry Kaye Gray Chamber, Dan Brown Brown's Market, Bud Duffey Driv-Lok, Jerry Henderson Henderson's, Dave Juday Ideal Indust, Larry Kendzora Sycamore Containers, John Paulsen Paulsen's, Rick Turner Atty, and Treas Mundy. Ok'd.

June 26 – Fr Matthew Dutton-Gillette invocation. Ok'd Supt Listy for 2 public works trucks at \$104,048 with a 5% loan for them. Ok'd Krpan Grandview Townhomes phase IV PUD. Ok'd grants \$10,000 VAC and \$2,000 to FOOD program. Ok'd fire district and ambulance district contracts and DeKalb/Sycamore mutual aid agrmt. Ok'd ord 95.17 creating city admin position. Ok'd special census at \$44,000 cost.

July 10– Rev Reed invocation. Ok'd new ambul fees residents to \$125 from \$70 and nonresidents to \$230 from \$175 with industrial rate unchanged. Board Local Improv reps to meet with DeKalb reps to flesh out agrmt on 10 parcels revenue sharing. Hearing on annual approp ord with deficit in genl fd. Ald Stowe noted the state library grant of \$250,000 received. Ok'd annual approp ord.

August 7 – Rev Dequin invocation. Comm Doty noted work begun on Farm Bureau Bldg Peace and Bethany Rds. Chief Haeffner thanked fire depart, DeKalb, Genoa, Cortland, Maple Park, police, volunteers, poc's, and neighbors for help with the gas explosion and fire at the home of former 1st Lady Mae Johnson on South Ave. Due to the collapse of walls around her bed, Mae survived and recovered from the explosion caused by a faulty gas supply flex line to her stove. Resol #288 to place the home rule issue on the Nov ballot passed on close 5-3 vote with some worried community not aware enough of the topic. Proc ok'd to honor Steve Loptien, firefighters Tal Hickey, Kurt Mathey, Tom Pritchett, Paul Rubeck, and Lt Duane Prather for heroic effort and lifesaving success at the Mae Johnson home gas explosion and fire thus saving her life on 7-27-95. Certificates for all and big applause. City has 50 applications in house for city admin position.

September 5 – Rev Persson invocation. Alternate revenue task force seeks pulling home rule from Nov ballot so Resol \$288 rescinded with home rule not on Nov ballot. Yvonne Johnson noted phase I library project \$2,650,000 with \$1,760,000 at hand and recommends \$400,000 added from hospital sale. Dr John Ovitz spoke in support of hospital proceeds to library and that hospital was built all with private not govt funds. Mayor noted library is part of the city foundation and sent the idea to Finance Comm. Ok'd tree program another year at \$17,675. Ratified boundary agrmt with DeKalb for 20 years with 20-year extension options. Ok'd permits for library to expand waiving all fees. Turner/Cooper to stay in city but cut 40 jobs. Ald Huntley noted neighborhood watch program going well with good meetings and signs up around the city.

October 2 – Rev Reardon invocation. Walmart Corp presented Hometown Leadership Award to city with \$1,500 for SYCEDC. Ald Binder Finance Comm Chair noted city has no extra funds for library expansion. Ok'd pre-annexation agrmt with Rod and Marty Oehlert Commerical & Rental Complex at 1780-1788 W State. City administrator applications at 12 with Dr Banovetz, Carol Zar, Dr John Lewis, NIU professionals, with report back to city then 5 recommended to be interviewed by city. Ok'd \$625 per semester to Huskie Bus Line to run a route in city. Ok'd city/Ideal loan of \$400,000 to aid in completion of business park.

November 13 – Rev Timar invocation. Ok'd genl obligation bonds at \$8.5 million to fund capital projects.

December 11 - Special Meeting on merger of Recreation Comm and Park Dist resulted in good communication on issues of tax rates, services, community center, city support of \$100,000 for new center, low income and scholarship assistance and others. Rev Foellmer invocation. Annual tax levy hearing with levy at \$2,042,000 including special library tax \$202,000, Rec Comm \$90,000, Refuse Removal \$200,000, officer salaries \$200,000 with rate down from \$1.56 to \$1.52/\$100 assessed evaluation. Ok'd tax levy. Ald Swedberg seeks to ask county ro reduce speed Peace Rd to 45 mph. Ok'd trash removal fees. Ok'd Oehlert Rentals final plat and zoning. Ok'd Ord 95.64 to impose impact fees with builders opposing.

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Rev Wm Mills invocation. Ok'd bills \$487,075. Ok'd household waste disposal by Farm Bureau and county League of Women Voters. Treas Mundy spoke to the memory of Clifford Danielson who passed recently and how the community joins Mrs Marjorie Danielson, daughters Anne and Jane and the family in grieving his death while celebrating with thankfulness Mr D's dedication to and sense of generosity for Sycamore and the area at large with expert business acumen and strategic lending through The National Bank & Trust Company of Sycamore which launched many successful farming, business, residential, educational, vocational, and not for profit entities all of which served and strengthened the lifeblood of Sycamore and area business, medical, and educational institutions. Supt Busse noted southwest trt plant ended service with all flow to the modernized north plant. Many stop sign and parking issues discussed. Ok'd B&B Devel south of Freed Rd and Townsend Woods annexation north of city. Treas Mundy introduced Tim Sharp, new actuary serving the Fire and Police Pension Fds at \$1,000/year since state no longer provides free actuary services. Ald Stowe noted library expansion underway.

February 5 – Rev Mills invocation. Many spoke against city growth to the north wanting to wait for comp plan to finish. Chief Vesta noted neighborhood watch 3 years old with over 20 meetings during that time and many signs up in city. Clerk Brantner now Certified Ill Municipal Clerk with plaque and applause. Ok'd final plat Foxpointe condos by Roncon Const Co. Ok'd city/state agrmt for walks from Fox Ave to Burger King on DeKalb Ave for \$259,475. Ok'd annex Townsend Farm Devel Rt 23 and Mt Hunger Rd with mowing be devel and \$50,000 impact payment to schools on 6-3 vote. Council asks plan comm to finish the comp plan as mayor wants "plan in place and to stop horse trading on acreage on top of impact fees in place." County ok'd speed from 65 to 50 mph from Rt 64 to 500 ft south of Fox Bend Dr per city request. Mundy spoke to budget deficit in genl fund and asked budget meetings and approval done by April 29th.

March 4 – Rev Greg Davis invocation. Trash collection fees mow on water/sewer bills. Ok'd Resol #296 to transfer from forestry, pensions, and water/sewer fds to genl fd to cover deficit. City looking for census workers for April.

April 1 – Rev Charles Steinke invocation. New SYCEDC brochure presented. Ald Roy Smith resigns due to moving from his ward. Plaque of thanks for Roy and applause. Proc on Henderson's 100th anniversary given to Jerry Henderson. Big applause. Ok'd loan with NB&T for \$251,210 for 5 years at 4.8% interest for fire dept truck. Ok'd lease/purchase with 1st natl Dek/Syc for \$102,462 5 years at 3.9% for public works trucks. Ok'd decreasing wat/sew fees for new business coming to city. Supt Busse

noted middle school students visited treatment plant, city hall, water, and street depts. Ok'd land use plan and map for land within 1 ½ miles of city limits. Ok'd adding 20 acres commercial zoning to Rt 64 and Old State Rd sub area plan.

April 30 – Rev Steinke invocation. Mayor appts Pat Balentyne to finish former Ald Smith's term as Ald. Ok'd. Ald Balentyne sworn in by clerk. Police and fire depts. celebrate clean and sober living at SHS. Commended Brown's Market for 50 years in business. Applause. Ok'd annual approp and tax levy ords. Ok'd mayor appts new year. Census going well and county adjusted levy downward due to Rec Comm and Park Dist merger. Atty Smith to verify same.

May 13 – Ald Huntley invocation. Emergency operations mock drill pointed places where communication needs improvement. Fire dept sold old ambulance for \$23,000 with new one in service. Ok'd Landahl phase II annexation and zoning. City home rule comm to meet with Chamber. Ok'd IAFF fire dept labor contract. Jim Edwards for the merchants voted on parking meters with 87% wanting meters reinstalled after street work. Ok'd annual grants: VAC \$10,000, FOOD program \$2,000, and DCCF \$1,000. Teacher Ray Lambert and middle school students at council in their elected positions: Mayor Ben Doty, Clerk Nicole Donald, Treas Nikki Heyob, Ald 1st ward David Adamkiewicz and Andrea Wagley, 2nd Elizabeth Matykiewicz and Mark Pietrowski, 3rd Steph Newsom and Kristen Wood, 4th Ashley Hofer and Josh Brown. Big applause for the students. Ok'd special use permits parking lots for county at 127 E Exchange and 219-225 N Locust.

June 10 – Fr Dutton-Gillette invocation. Ald Stowe mayor pro tem in the chair. Some for and against park land/cash ord. Ok'd Clarke spraying at \$15,540. Clerk thanked Sycamore News Kim Kubiak for new city brochures. Ald Huntley noted anonymous library expansion donation of \$500,000. Chamber and schools setting town meetings on home rule info. Mayor appts Mike Swedberg Ass't Supt water dept. Ok'd. Ord 96.05 is for cash only no land to park dist impact fees. Much discussion followed by 4-4 tie vote with mayor voting yes to pass ord on 5-4 vote.

July 8 – Rev Arlene Christoferson invocation. Ok'd city admin contract with Fred Snyder to begin 9-9-96. Mayor read Ald Huntley's note of thanks for flowers and cards at passing of Mrs Iris Huntley. City workers and volunteers credited for hard work during recent flood which saw 3" water in city hall basement and 2 police cars damaged. St John's Lutheran Church opened as flood refugee center for Evergreen Village flood victims as the whole park was closed and evacuated for safety purposes. Supt Busse noted usual pumping of 2 million gal/day went to 31 million gal/day. Police acted on abandoned vehicle on Exchange St which is another plus for home rule autonomy with no state permission necessary on nuisance cases.

August 5 – Rev Dequin invocation. Many flooding complaints various parts of city with treatment plant and storm sewer systems simply overrun with flood waters. Ok'd \$7,000 DCEDC grant on close 4-3 vote. Sheriff Scott presented plaque to fire dept from sheriff's dept for rescue of Shawn Johnson. Noted in the rescue were Lt Ege, Lt Kessler, firefighters Hepker and Doty.

Mayor noted ways to fight flooding and some citizens formed a WATER Group to share ideas and info on flooding. Tom Woodstrup and Juanita Doss seek help from city for rotunda repairs at Elmwood Cemetery. Ok'd Resol #303 "Should City of Sycamore become home rule unit under article 7 section 6 II Constitution of 1970" for the next election. Ok'd Resol #304 for 20 years city ambulance service and 6 firefighters with 20 years service to fire dept with plaques and applause for all. Ok'd annex land north of Kishwaukee River, east of N Main, and south of Mt Hunger Rd, final plat of Krpan's Grandview Townhomes phase V.

September 3 – Ald Huntley invocation. People wanting flooding solutions now with mayor noting long term solutions take time and money. Elected salaries recommended: mayor \$18,000 plus \$2,000 liquor commissioner, clerk, \$36,000, treas \$12,937. Mayor appt David VanBuren police pension board. Check valves discussed at length with owners to consult with local plumbers to install and after an "outburst" by audience member discussion sent to wat/sew comm meeting.

September 16 – Rev Bill Badel invocation. WATER volunteer group and Chamber urged city to address flood related infrastructure to reduce future flood damage with an action plan. Mayor noted city working on facets of the issue and it just takes time. Mayor introduced new City Administrator Fred Snyder. Snyder will meet with all local taxing bodies to acquaint them with him and to learn their priorities and how they interact with the city. WATER group volunteers will clean Martin's Ditch and Parkside Dr ditch at noon 10-6-96. Chief Vesta noted 2,000 filled sand bags on hand. Ok'd elected officer salaries and wat/sew fee and hookup fee increases.

October 14 – Ald Huntley invocation. WATER group volunteers noted Martin's Ditch cleanup went well and want to do more to help. Fire dept has new admin secretary, Becky Hepker. DeKalb County Community Foundation donated \$8,000 toward flood relief. SHS football team under coach Daryl Graves filled 1,100 sand bags to store for future events. Ok'd interest free loan of \$1,500 to reroof the "mourning house" at Elmwood Cemetery by Veteran's Day. WATER group presented 1,000 names to not allow building when it impacts infrastructure. Park dist applies for liquor in clubhouse and on beverage carts. Ok'd FOP police labor union contract. Treas Mundy noted home rule on the ballot and that it is best way to fund projects without increasing property taxes and that it works well in other places in Illinois.

November 11 – Joe Bussone invocation. Admin Snyder noted home rule passed its referendum and thanks Dr Banovetz, Mayor McMillan, Ald Swedberg, Treas Mundy, and voters who worked for and approved it. Ald Binder thanked volunteers who reroofed cemetery "mourning house" with all donated material and labor: Geo Maness, Geo Maness Jr, Perry Maness, Bill Foote, Rod Oltman Jr, Geo Oltman Jr, and Dick Wall. Ok'd portable smoke house for fire dept training.

November 25 – Fr Timar invocation. A few spoke against liquor in the park and a few spoke in favor. Dist 427 board pres Karen Hamingson presented check for \$10,000 as school share of crossing guard program. Ord for liquor in the park denied on 1-6 vote.

December 9 – Rev Foellmer invocation. Tax levy hearing with no speakers. Chief Haeffner recommends fire dept become full paramedic dept sent to fire & police comm to study and report back. Vote 4-4 tie on No II Disposal trash contract with mayor voting no to defeat motion 4-5 votes. Motion to ok Waste Mgmt needs 2/3 to pass and fails on 5-3 vote. Tax levy tie 4-4 vote with mayor voting yes to pass levy ord on 5-4 vote at \$2,012,000 including \$160,000 for trash contract.

December 19 – Spec Meeting on trash contract rejecting all bids then voting on Waste Mgmt 5-year contract unanimous vote for cost to remain as is with one weekly pickup including trash, recycle, yard waste with annual increases years 2 – 5 based on consumer price index changes. Ok'd used '94 Blazer to replace '87 wagon at \$15,700 for bldg. comm Doty. Ok'd 457 worker savings plans for city workers.

January 6, 1997

Rev Mills invocation. Ok'd bills \$584,434. Real estate transfer tax discussed as revenue. About 10 years later voters ok'd the tax with all proceeds to the schools as unrestricted funds. The 1st ten years of the tax generated \$3 million for schools as noted in 2016. Tax is ½ of 1 % on all real estate transferred in city except residents who have owned or rented in city for at least 1 year being exempt. Ok'd SCADA well monitoring system at \$67,584. Ok'd Proc week of Jan 12th Jaycees Week in city. Dr Banovetz of NIU selected to National Academy of Public Administrators with kudos to him as he helped greatly with the home rule successful passage. Finance Comm recommend hotel/motel tax, impact fees, and ¼ % home rule sales tax increase.

February 3 – Ald Huntley invocation. Fire dept recommends replace 3 oldest vehicles with 1 rescue pumper at \$250 - \$350,000. Ok'd. Ok'd '91 Med Tech ambulance refitted with sewer video and get bids on new ambulance. Noted city has no impact fees while parks and schools do so ord and fin comms to study. Newly expanded library open and all urged to visit and use it. Ok'd hotel/motel tax. Concern DCEDC not promoting retail/commercial so talks ongoing there. Chamber ok's cooperation with city on downtown improvement and promotion. Admin Snyder noted letter from Bernardi Securities that new home rule status saves money on '96 Genl Obligation bonds. Tami Remala and Ald Huntley noted success with neighborhood watch meetings and need more to be effective in city.

March 3 – Rev Davis invocation. City given state community initiative grant but state needs to see strategic plan. WATER group noted due to clean Martin's Ditch recent heavy rains had no flooding and they want to do more with city. Treas Mundy recommends moving ambul, annex, and capital improv funds to genl fd and estimates \$200,000 genl fd deficit with costs exceeding revenue for the balance of '97. Engr Brady noted Plan Comm needs direction from council on city bldg. code.

March 17 – Ok'd Resol #309 for intra fund transfers from various to genl fds. Proc honoring Atty Mike Coughlin's 8 years as States Atty. Ok'd Krpan Grandview Townhomes phase VI.

April 14 – Salem Lutheran Church invocation. Newly elected sworn in including Mayor James Edwards. Ok'd Bethany Rd detention area basin with city and Il Dept of Natural Resources. Dick Willey from Discover Sycamore noted merchants opposition on sales tax hike. Mayor appts ok'd. Ok'd on 5-3 vote 4 10 hour shifts for police dept. Emergency Medical Technician program at \$250,000 denied on 3-5 vote. Mayor noted 30 min press conference prior to each council meeting with press having agendas and backgrounds beforehand. Mayor Edwards in chair, Clerk Nancy Marchiando, Treas Mundy, Ald Binder, Huntley, Maness, Stowe, Bauer, Dahl, Swedberg, and Balentyne present. Ok'd additional landscape standards for all new construction of all types per Plan Comm recommendation. Joel Barczak, Dave Stran, and Jeff Donoho thanked for advice on landscaping. Hearing for Community Development Assistance Program grant included wish list: treatment plant drying bed \$350,000, reconstruct Bethany Rd \$2 million, street improv \$160,000, water tower \$1.5 million, 2 well improve \$400,000, public works bldg. \$1.8 million, expanded fire dept \$600,000, retention pond Bethany and Somonauk \$1 million. Admin Snyder noted joint project with Ideal Indust could enhance city stake in CDAP grant as it relates to econ devel and industrial growth. Ideal family owned corp makes electrical supplies and tools for US and Intl distribution. Plant expansion would allow Ideal to bring manuf and distribution from other states back to Sycamore. Ideal offers to build 80-acre detention pond on donated land.

May 12 – Rev Jim Elliott invocation. Middle school elected students at council: Mayor Dustin Doctor, Clerk Molly Nihan, City Admin Cory Divine, Treas Maggie Tucker, Ald 1st ward Brianna Cavaness and Katie Lancaster, 2nd Megan Horton and Amanda Stowe, 3rd Eric Landshaft and Beth Judkins, 4th Ken Benson and Greg Sullivan. Applause for students. Council thanked students and Proc for teacher Ray Lambert for many years of bringing elected students to council on his 35 years teaching in Sycamore. Ok'd, applause, and standing ovation for Ray. Ok'd Ord 97.13 on housing nondiscrimination. Roger Burdick for Chamber spoke to sales tax increase and that if enacted a plan for added revenue be devised. Ok'd VAC grant \$12,000 and officer salaries. Ok'd annual budget with trash collection less than \$12/month.

June 9 – Rev Dutton-Gillette invocation. People spoke on sales tax, Treas Mundy reported prior year's sales tax revenue, and city to conduct workshop to plan financially. Ok'd 37 more walks to be ADA compliant. Ok'd intergovt meeting on business attraction with incentives on 7-2-97. Ok'd tree program for fall and WATER group will clean Martin's Ditch again. Ok'd outdoor special events with liquor served. Ok'd Atty Smith legal counsel contract. AFSCME public works contract failed on 2-6 vote.

July 7 – Rev Tom Harmon invocation. Ok'd bills \$454,265. Ok'd AFSCME contract with corrected language. Treas Mundy noted recap of pension fund overstated and recommends city go under the budget act and gave council info on it. Ok'd 6 acres annex Borden Ave as new school site and city to waive annex fee. Ok'd 802 Borden Ave annex as park land with fee waived. Ok'd annual approp ord on 5-3 vote.

August 4 – City Atty Smith invocation. Information on proposed county health facility at Peace and Bethany Rds with county board chair Geo Daugherty, Ray Bockman, designers and planners, and Dave Juday, Ideal Indust all speaking to the issue. Noted DeKalb City Mgr Bill Nicklas reception as he moves on to Castle Bank. Ok'd 45 mph in Sycamore Prairie Business Park. Ok'd Rockford Blacktop bid on \$1,175,000 retention pond Borden and Prairie Dr. Ray Bockman and Ray Baker spoke favoring county facility at Peace and Bethany Rds. Resol #323 approving site selected by county bldg. comm needing unanimous council approval to become effective. Vote was 8-1 with Ald Dahl voting no. City admin Snyder directed to arrange county/city meeting on the issue.

September 2 – Rev Persson invocation. Ald Stowe questions buying water when city makes its own water. Treas Mundy brought back internal control checklist from a meeting he attended. County asks new health and nursing home bldg. ord be tabled 90 days and a 2nd letter from city that all fees waived except direct or material costs incurred by city. Vote was 4-4 tie with mayor voting no so failed 4-5 votes. Tabled nursing home ord. Ok'd Reckitt St be renamed E and W Reckitt with Main as the divider. Ald Swedberg noted Martin's and Park Ditches clean but owner neglect and yard waste deterring good flow there. To review fee waivers on nursing home ok'd. Letter ok'd to DeKalb County Viet Now, DeKalb Co Marines, and NIVAC commending them for bringing Viet Nam Honor Wall to city. Proc ok'd Natl Chamber Week 9-21. Sold '79 and '71 public works pickups for \$560. Ord 97-18 amended $\frac{3}{4}$ % sales tax to $\frac{1}{4}$ % failed, amended to $\frac{1}{2}$ % failed, and amended back to $\frac{3}{4}$ % with mayor gone 4-4 vote with no way to break the tie. Motion to amend again to $\frac{1}{2}$ % tax with Treas Mundy noting a reasonable goal of 25% to 33% of genl fund spending as genl fund reserve which is \$1.5 – \$2 million, which city is not even close to. Need to work on reserves and contingencies yet revenue does not support even current cost of services people are accustomed to and Mundy asked council to do the responsible thing with sales tax. $\frac{1}{2}$ % tax failed again on 4-4 tie with no tie breaker. No action.

September 29 – Rev Badal invocation. Chamber Director Tami Remala noted successful car fest by new car dealers downtown. Ord 97-18 ok'd to reconsider amending tax at $\frac{1}{2}$ % which passed on 4-3 vote with Ald Binder absent. Ok'd Resol #326 supporting county nursing home in the city. Ok'd resignation of Chief Vesta and ok'd severance package.

October 13 – Rev Reardon invocation. Trick/treat hours ok'd 3-8 pm 10-31-97. Ok'd ord St Alban's Apts 775 S Locust. Treas Mundy noted audits on fire and police pensions done and that Dick Barrett, investment advisor, will speak to boards on equity investing for the funds to further diversify and strengthen returns on investments. Motion to dedicate 75% of new sales tax revenue to street improve and 25% to new equipment. Ok'd.

November 10 – Rev Foellmer invocation. Mayor noted joint city/DeK/Cort meeting at Ellwood House carriage house 12-9 and trophy from Pump Fest parade for city float. Proc Kiwanis Key Club Week 11-2. Ok'd. Ken Blood of B&B Devel presented visuals of planned devel on Engh property north of city called Heron Creek. Library board member noted expanded library caused higher library prop tax by 7%.

December 8 – Rev Foellmer invocation. Result of audit is each dept designates a person to pick up paychecks and signs for them as internal control improves. Appt Gene Ege Fire Chief 1-1- 98 and thanked Chief Haeffner fine service to fire dept. Mayor appt search committee for new police chief. Ok'd.

January 5, 1998

Rev Mills invocation. Mayor Edwards in the chair. Clerk Marchiando, Treas Mundy, City Admin Snyder, Ald Dahl, Swedberg, Huntley, Maness, Binder, Bauer, Balentyne, Stowe, and Atty Smith present. Thank you notes from Georgina and Wes Yeager and Fred and Phyllis Ruthe to city. Proc week of 1-18 Jaycees Week in city. Ok'd Lannert updated Comp Plan. Ok'd city and Dept of Natural Resources funding of Bethany Rd retention pond.

February 2 – Rev Stovall invocation. Admin Snyder noted dinner to honor local industry 3-5 at Fargo Hotel. NIU Huskie Line to discontinue city runs due to poor usage. IDOT to totally reconstruct State St from Sacramento to Peace Rd, Center Cross, and DeKalb Ave to Fox Ave and could take 1 – 2 years with all wat/sew mains repaired along the way. Proc for 3-5-98 Local Industry Day in city. Ok'd. Ok'd intergovt agrmt on business incentives.

March 2 – Rev Davis invocation. Ok'd Spring tree program. Mayor appt Ray Garcia Police Dept Chief. Ok'd. Tree program from Fall '98 into Spring '99 ok'd. Relay for Life 6-13 and 14 in city. Kudos to SHS winter sports teams for their successes and sportsmanship.

April 13 – Rev Steinke invocation. Pumpkin Fest rep spoke to fest comm needing more authority and control. Council asked for specifics. Mayor appt historical comm and tourism comm. Ok'd. Ok'd state loan of \$525,000 for north treatment plant upgrade. Ok'd new fees to annex and sub divide in the city.

April 27 – Rev Steinke invocation. Several spoke in support of tourism for city revenue. Ok'd adding \$30,000 to budget for tourism and total operating budget of \$9,286,097 ok'd. Ok'd sale of lot 8 at Redmore Subd sold to Scott Carlson at \$55,000. Ok'd liquor code changes including hours of operation, classes, days sales allowed, and license fees increase in all classes. Ok'd ord to require expired licenses return to city and application fees as nonrefundable on new license requests.

May 11 – Rev Elliott invocation. Ald Stowe noted new library executive director named soon, the art sculpture dedicated, and the Joiner History Room to open 6-1-98 in the library. Auction at police dept netted \$2,436 for city. Outstanding employees award to public works dept due to installation motorized gates in influent pumping station at trt plant. Ok'd \$12,000 city Voluntary Action Comm grant. Ok'd street sweeper buy at \$87,648 Bruce Municipal Equip Co. 9th Class A restaurant liquor license ok'd at 1001 W State for Ski's. Ok'd 1st Natl Bank Springfield as city funds depository to enable electronic transfer of state funds into city.

June 8 – Dan Yunek given citizen's award for saving a choking child via the Heimlich Maneuver at his Dari Ripple Drive in. Ok'd Ideal's loan repayment of \$400,000 on phase I of Sycamore Prairie Business Park. Ok'd IAFF fire dept labor contract. Ok'd written city investment policy authored by Treas Mundy and reviewed by Finance Comm.

July 6 – Marion Marsh invocation. Ok'd \$4,000 as 50/50 match on city historical district brochure. Proc honoring SHS 800-meter track team of Veronica Thompson, Christine Renner, Chrissy Harris, and Jennifer Roberts for 5th at state in the relays. Proc honoring Amanda Meadows Miss Illinois to compete in Miss America Pageant. Ok'd final plats Krpan's Thanks America Professional Campus and Hauser-Ross Professional Campus. Library Board Pres Ald Stowe, VP Sandy Quiram, Sec'y Mary Lou Reeve, Treas Jean Erlenborn.

August 3 – Rev Persson invocation. Alex Todd new library executive director. Several spoke in favor of Cornerstone Christian Academy. Ok'd FOP police labor contract. Ok'd Cornerstone Christian Academy special use as school at 355 North Cross St.

September 14 – Rev Persson invocation. Ok'd city/DeKalb indoor police firing range on cost sharing and use basis. Admin Snyder reminded council of dinner at NIU Pres Latourette's home and theatre to follow on Oct 3rd and urged council attend. Mayor noted process of selecting Bill Nicklas as new City Admin. Council ok'd Bill unanimously followed by Treas Mundy noting Bill's many qualifications and accomplishments and happy Bill part of Team Sycamore and looking forward to working with him. Ok's Proc honoring Coach/Teacher John Birkett on 35 years service to students in the area. Ok'd annexation and C-3 zoning of Menard's land between Peace Rd and DeKalb Ave.

October 12 1998 – Treas Mundy invocation. Ok'd bills \$376,215. New City Administrator Nicklas outlined tasks to take up while studying services provided, meeting with dept heads one on one, and holding weekly staff meetings. Chief Garcia noted 3 grants for police dept and trick or treat from 4-8 pm Sat the 31st. Ald Huntley asked thank you notes be sent to NIU Pres Latourette for hosting council at dinner and theatre and to Hink's, Tommy O's, and Knodle's for recent renovations. Mac McIntyre asked for \$5,000 tourism funds to buy tree sculptures at the park. Ok'd on 5-3 vote. Ok'd employment contract for Admin Nicklas. Water/sewer issues being studied by Admin Nicklas to present options to council. Treas Mundy noted sweep accounts in place to capture daily interest on accounts from genl fd. Annual Treas report completed and published and external audit completed. Elleson's Bakery and Jim Herrmann completed store façade renovations.

November 9 – Fr Timar invocation. Scout troop 16 at council working on communication badges. Pastor from Methodist Church noted extension of Johnson Ave through SHS well done, but members worry about the speed limit near Johnson Ave and Rt 64. IDOT reviewing mph on Rt 64. Suchy Devel willing to wait for Bethany Rd retention area be built in '99 before he considers devel across Somonauk north of Bethany. Tourism Comm received \$19,553 grant. Auditor Hildebrandt noted improved mgmt. letter and Admin Nicklas asked about modified accrual basis of accounting and auditor said he could help city get there. Ok'd final plat Glasgow's professional campus east Rt 23 and north of Bethany Rd. Admin Nicklas noted new city logo on council chambers wall instead of a bookcase and bulletin board looking way more professional for council. He appt Bob Ray asst public works supt replacing Bob Brust who retired. Admin Nicklas proposed council meet 1st and 3rd Monday instead of every other Monday each month with council to consider it. City float 1st place in civic division Pump Fest Parade. Ok'd refinance on '96 bonds at lower rate to save \$130,000.

December 7 – Rev Foellmer invocation. Ok'd raising wat/sew rates to generate funds to repair, update, maintain, and operate wat/sew system.

December 21 – Rev Persson invocation. Ald Binder noted he's not seeking reelection in '99 as he and wife Sue wish to have more time together. Lengthy discussion on library levy of 25% vs 35%. Ok'd forgiving IMRF library debt and paying county loan with levy to remain at 25%. Ok'd total tax levy for new year.

January 4, 1999

Rev Mills invocation. Mayor thanked public works who kept streets open during recent big snow storm. Ok'd Treas Mundy to operate with state comptroller via automated clearing house to move funds electronically. Ok'd 1st and 3rd Monday council meetings monthly. Ok'd payment from Nicor in place of free gas. Petition being circulated for library to become a district library. Water dept awarded fluoride treatment 3-year honor. Ok'd new ambulance from Foster Coach at \$97,509. Ok'd Bd Zoning Appeals to meet 4th Tuesday monthly as needed.

February 1 – Ald Huntley invocation. Mayor noted Russian visitors hosted by Sycamore and DeKalb Kiwanis to study public transportation systems hoping to improve their own. Library loan from county \$66,400 with interest waived per city ok to pay the loan. Mayor noted plaque to recognize Doty & Sons Concrete Products Inc to thank them for all their service to city. Ok'd annex Engh properties near Peace, Brickville and Freed Rds on 7-1 vote.

March 1 – Rev Massey invocation. Mario Fontana, Com Ed noted tree trimming to be done around city with notices to owners before work done. City Admin Nicklas recommends grant writer at \$5,000 the \$25,000 to secure more grants. Ok'd \$3,100,000 Genl Oblg Bonds refunding '99 issues to save \$163,000 as home rule city. Ok'd annexing Roush property Rt 23 and Plank for DeKalb Clinic Branch.

April 5 – Rev Tom Harmon invocation. Ald Swedberg noted tri city meeting at Fargo for city, DeKalb, and Genoa with sitting and outgoing council members. Ald Binder, Swedberg, and Stowe thanked for service to city. Ok'd removing "licensed plumber" from repair code with repairs to be done by code and inspected by city code officer so people could make repairs subject to city inspection and code compliance. Ok'd taking bids on all city used vehicles on 6-2 vote.

April 19 – Rev Harmon invocation. Newly elected ald sworn in and plaques for Ald Binder, Swedberg, and Stowe presented for serving city. Applause. Ok'd adopting Budget and Approp Act for '99-'00 and all future budgets. Ok'd modified accrual basis of accounting for '99-'00 and all future fiscal years. Ok'd city officers and pay for new year and ok'd resol to require any IMRF worker to work minimum 1,000 hours/year.

May 3 – Rev Elliott invocation. Mayor Edwards in the chair. Clerk Marchiando, Admin Nicklas, Treas Mundy, Atty Smith, Ald Martha Wetzel, Jim Huntley, Pam Blickem, Candy Smith, Pat Balentyne, Alan Bauer, Cheryl Maness, and Kevin Dahl present. Ok'd Procs: Lions Foundation Day 5-22, Emergency Medical Services Week 5-17, Foster Care Month of May, Natl Public Works Week 5-17. Mayor noted Supt Busse's birthday and former Fire Chief Haeffner struggling to recover from surgery complications. Estimates to raze Harvester Square from \$165,000 to \$385,000, is public hazard, and needs to be leveled. James Dinicola, complex owner, offers to aid in demolition. EPA also involved due to mysterious drums of stored unknown material there. Proc ok'd on VFW 100th anniversary. Ok'd St Mary's School ord to expand school for 7th and 8th grades. Ok'd Vencor to expand medical service facilities. Ok'd resol approp \$2,135,000 to reconstruct Rt 23 and 64 both city and state portions in city. City did not fund mosquito spraying to save \$16,000. City waiting on city/owner agrmt to raze Harvester Square or city going to court.

June 7 – Rev Persson invocation. Plaque for Chief Ege for 20 years service to fire dept. Applause. Treas Mundy urged city to name depositories and authorized signers city financials annually. Done and ok'd. Ok'd VAC grant \$12,000. Ok'd agrmt with city/Dinicola/American Natl Bank DeKalb Co on loan to raze Harvester Square Complex. Ok'd Swedberg & Assoc for \$21,995 to build and set markers for historical homes once owners permit them on the property. Ok'd lowering nonresident sewer rates due to average of 3.5 people per home not 4. Ok'd small Tax Increment Financing District along South Ave and Park Ave from Edward to north of State St to address blighted areas.

July 6 – Rev Christopherson invocation. Tami Armstrong Exec Director Chamber and member Kishwaukee Valley Visitor's Bureau explained how tourism funds promote city. Ok'd bills \$364,364. Police Community Service Officer hired to address weeds and other nuisances. Noted that Kristen Rasmussen, senior at SHS, voted '99 Athlete of the Year by Teen Magazine as she plays volleyball, basketball, and soccer at SHS. Admin Nicklas introduced Peter Krumins, NIU intern, who will be with city 1 ½ years as he completes his degree in public administration. Ok'd Country Inn & Suites near Farm & Fleet. Ok'd purchase of Strong Farm land at \$15,000/acre for a dry water retention and collection area south of Bethany Rd.

August 2 – Treas Mundy invocation. John Beck had many concerns on trash collection, snow plowing, water rates, people not being welcome at council meetings, patriotism, and all city officials to fly the flag. Mr Beck exceeded the 3 min time span allowed for audience and was escorted from the meeting by Chief Garcia. Admin Nicklas noted treas, clerk, admin, and auditor find it necessary for permanent equity transfers in the budget to "put our financial house in order" so funds resided where council directed. Ok'd ord on 1st ever city combined annual budget and approp. Ok'd by pension law that 1 active and 1 retired fire dept member be members of the Fire Pension Board of Trustees.

August 16 – Rev Don Phelps invocation. State Rep Dave Wirsing present to announce city awarded grants from II First Funds: \$100,000 for streets, \$100,000 for fire dept breathing apparatus, and \$500,000 for storm sewer/street repairs and further he would continue to seek funds for city. Big applause. Treas Mundy noted city/state communications improved and all agreed. Ok'd bid of Sjoström & Sons of Rockford for rebuild of Rt 23 and 64 at \$6,369,874 with other bids of \$8,291,163 from Plote Inc and \$9,882,722 Elliott & Wood Inc. Admin Nicklas proposed creation of Finance Division as part of Administration. Ok'd along with remodeling for space and also ok'd new exempt position of deputy clerk. Mayor noted due to resignation of Ald Wetzel he wants names from public as suggested replacement appt as he interviews interested people with Admin Nicklas to assist.

September 7 – Ald Huntley invocation. Admin Nicklas noted remodeled Clerk's and Finance Ofc open for council to view and he thanked street dept helping with moves. Ok'd new city entrance signs. Mundy noted closed small and unnecessary saving and checking accounts to streamline city banking operations. Good banking relationships being maintained with most public funds safely held in local financial institutions. Fire dept notes 100 calls last month and police noted 1,518 calls. Noted Kiwanis, Lions, and Knights of Columbus in streets different weekends fund raising. Ok'd final plat Heron Creek Devel phase I. Admin Nicklas noted final audit report shows all funds positive with small genl fund surplus at year end. Auditor thanked city for working well and willingness to correct issues needing attention. Downtown businesses spent time studying the preferred "look" for downtown and are working with consultant and city to gain renderings of same. Plans afoot to site and fund new well. Mayor appts Michael Chambon to replace Ald Wetzel who resigned. Ok'd.

October 4 – Rev Reardon invocation. Ald Chambon sworn in by clerk. Admin Nicklas noted he would present a detailed financial report each month and council thanked him. Treas Mundy reported on annual fire and police pension funds. Ok'd city subsidize Chamber position by \$15,000 to aid in promotion. Bank Officer Beth Bollinger noted new bank building at DeKalb Ave and Bethany Rd for American Natl Bank of DeKalb County. Council spoke in opposition to proposed 25% school tax hike and ok'd Admin Nicklas take a resol from city to school tax hearing on 5-3 vote. Comm Doty noted 15 building permits past 2 weeks. Ord to raise parking fines \$1 and \$2 failed on 2-6 vote.

November 1 – Fr Timar invocation. Procs ok'd Kiwanis Key Club Intl at SHS and Bible Week in city. Sycamore Ford/Mazda open for business on DeKalb Ave. Good job by all for Pump Fest. SHS to sell parking permits to sophomores to promote parking at school not on the streets. Admin Nicklas presented first ever city employee handbook with a signature page for each one to return form to clerk that they have the book and have read it. Noted that strong revenue and controlled costs strengthen city financial condition. Ok'd resol city to hire architect for community center study. Several groups expressed interest in use of community center. Fire Chief Ege to retire 7-1-00 and search committee ongoing.

December 6 – Rev Foellmer invocation. Ok'd bills \$854,980. West Elementary School students, Mayor Mundy's alma mater from the '50's, donated \$577.69 to fire dept via their "Save a Penny – Save a Life" fund raiser. This donation and \$5,000 from fire dept union will buy a fire plug robot for use in schools for fire safety training. Resol ok'd on draft of county comp plan. Ok'd Dottie Hove Deputy Clerk. Ok'd adding bachelor's degree to educational requirements for fire chief.

December 20 – Treas Mundy invocation. Admin Nicklas noted in preparation for 12-31-1999, city computers will shut down 12-30-99 with dept heads to meet 10 am 1-1-00 to assess and restart computer system and address any issues related to change of century calendar. Treas Mundy thanked all for recovery wishes and cards during healing from broken leg after being hit in NIU's parking garage November 19th. Mundy used the lift in city hall to attend council meetings on 2nd floor there. Revenue and costs remain within budgets. Ok'd support of Teen Reach Program Grant so after school activities can continue mostly for elementary and middle school students. Admin Nicklas noted upcoming 3 yr contract with school dist to jointly fund crossing guards.

January 3, 2000

Rev Mills invocation. Mayor Edwards in the chair with Clerk Marchiando, Admin Nicklas, Treas Mundy, Atty Smith, Ald Pam Blickem, Candy Smith, Alan Bauer, Patrick Balentyne, James Huntley, Kevin Dahl, Cheryl Maness, and Michael Chambon all present. Chuck Criswell, local businessman, presented idea and plan for antique car show last Sunday in July 2000 with perhaps 250 to 800 cars downtown noon to 5 pm that day. \$10 charged to enter with proceeds going to DARE Program to fight drugs in schools. Chuck noted 4 major sponsors for the "Turning Back Time Weekend" as Brown's, American Natl Bank of DeKalb Co, Auto Meter Inc, and Carquest Auto Parts Store. Mayor asked if it would be an annual event and answer is yes with hopes of service clubs taking it over in time. Letter ok'd to DeKalb City on the retirement of friend Police Chief Don Burke July 2000. Chiefs Ege and Garcia commended Treas Mundy as custodian and investor for pension funds. Water Supt Smith noted water use up 2% due to growth. Ok'd Nicor gas franchise agrmt resulting in free gas to city buildings.

February 7 – Rev Stovall invocation. After being tabled ok'd Oehlert Rentals adding building for more apartments on W State. Ok'd resol in support of Kishwaukee College referendum for building on March 21st election. Admin Nicklas offered capital revenue options: sales tax, restaurant and bar tax, utility tax for council consideration.

March 6 – Rev Persson invocation. Ok'd any increase in sales tax dedicated to capital spending. Ok'd supporting NIU's goal of IHSA championship football games at Huskie Stadium. Suchy's Clover Ridge Devel tabled on concerns of traffic, walks, lot size, retention, congestion, and safety. Ok'd special use for Harvest Time Fellowship Church at 203 S Sacramento. Ok'd special use permit for St Mary's Church to build parish activity center at Waterman and Park Ave. Ok'd final plat for Drs Steven and Michelle Glasgow phase II Midlands Professional Campus.

April 3 – Gill Larimer invocation. Admin Nicklas noted revised Comp Plan draft ready for 30-day public review and input. Noted that tourism events need to cover all costs in receipts and burden neither Chamber nor city with event costs. Ok'd resol that 1/3 home rule sales tax support capital projects. Admin Nicklas reviewed 3-year capital plan with much discussion on priorities. Community center renovation estimate is \$1.6 million with 2 families ready to help fund it given it remain public activity center. Person present to solicit support for Unicore, a railport to locate 1 mile east of Cortland. Noted \$425,000 II 1st Funds received to build public works bldg. and salt storage facility. Noted thanks to fund transfers and reserves built, bond rating improved to AAA(m) which may be the best ever for city. Ok'd combined annual budget and approp ord. Appt by mayor, city officers, and wage ord ok'd. Ok'd AFSCME labor contract for public works.

May 1 – Rev Elliott invocation. Gov'r Ryan to visit SHS due to receipt of Build II Grants. Admin Nicklas credited for management of events leading to improved and highest bond rating ever for city. Clerk noted city website to include Pump Fest info, city meeting agendas, and minutes. Mayor noted Memorial Day events and July 8th fund raiser at VFW for new flags for downtown. Ok'd ord to allow assisted living facility east of Somonauk. Honors to retiring Chief Ege with 21 years service to fire dept. Applause. Search underway by Admin and mayor for new chief.

June 5 - Ald Huntley invocation. Draft for tax increment district for review before 7 affected taxing bodies. Admin Nicklas noted Menard's to open end August, Country Inn & Suites 8-1, and Walgreen's in 2 weeks. Good news all around. New Fire Chief Bill Riddle to begin 7-10-00. Comm Doty noted 24 bldg permits past 2 weeks. Supt Listy noted 65 ADA ramps done with 120 to go to complete the ramp compliance.

July 3 – Rev Persson invocation. Ok'd Chamber tourism grant for \$60,000 to market and promote city. Admin Nicklas assured council he would track the grant funds to be sure they are spent on tourism. Ok'd qualified massage therapy to home occupations code. Fire Chief Riddle sworn in with wife Sherry pinning badge to his uniform without drawing blood. Big applause. Boy Scout Troop 49 present to earn citizenship badges. Comm Doty noted Hayes Body Shop open on Oakland Dr. Finance Chair Ald Bauer asked Admin Nicklas for quarterly report on debt service.

August 7 – Rev Phelps invocation. 31 people on Albert Ave petition for relief from SHS students parking there. Chief Garcia met with them and issue sent to streets and walks comm. Chuck Criswell, Pharaoh Car Club, noted successful car show and presented check to police dept and DARE for \$3,187.67. Applause all around. Culver's to open 8-14. Treas Mundy noted 5% increase in state shared revenue due to special census increased population. Comm Doty noted 32 permits, fire dept 87 calls, and police dept 1,900 calls all as recent activity. Ok'd pass through charity account with DCCF for community center fund raising. Former Ald Martha Wetzel spoke against TIF and public funds improving private property. Michael McVey opposes stings in liquor stores by police dept and noted letter to his employer who owns a liquor store from Liquor Comm Mayor Edwards and McVey felt sting was a plot by city to redeem its reputation. John Swedberg brought to council old railroad tie spikes found under Center Cross as the highway rebuild continues and he wanted contractors be mindful of private property during the rebuild.

August 21 – Ald Blickem and Huntley noted that once TIF explained to people they support it for Sycamore. Noted that liquor laws will be enforced to ensure compliance with same. Admin Nicklas to meet with residents and construction co on the street work ongoing. Ald Balentyne noted with recent 5" rainfall new retention pond worked and neither Perry Ct nor Martin's Ditch flooded. Ok'd TIF ord and set boundaries for it. Ok'd city/Cortland boundary agrmt.

September 5 – Treas Mundy invocation. 4-H member Joel Balentyne has his wood veneer project as only 1 of 14 on display for 1 year in Washington DC. He is 10 years old and son of Ald Pat and Cindy Balentyne. Treas Mundy noted fire and police pension investment yields at 16% and 19% so property taxes levied for pensions decreased by \$13,000. Ok'd ord to regulate building in flood plains. Ord to incent Felts-Maire Auto Sales failed on 3-5 vote. Clerk's office employee Sandy Haeffner resigned 9-13. Ok'd filling the vacancy. Moment of silence to honor retired police Lt Louie Bolt who passed away. New deputy clerk Karen Denecke, full time fire dept secretary Becky Hepker, and firefighter Brad Belanger all now serving Sycamore. Ok'd ord agrmt with Felts-Maire Automotive on former Tallitsch property DeKalb Ave and Coltonville Rd. Ok'd resol to condemn Jahn's land east of Somonauk and south of Bethany Rd for water drainage control. Ok'd \$12,000 for Spring city tree program of 65 trees.

October 2 – Rev Reardon invocation. Council invited to Veterans 24-hour vigil at court house flagpole 11-10 at 1730 hours. Admin Nicklas noted Rt 64 open with driveways and walks yet to finish. External auditor noted conversion to modified accrual accounting went well with some internal control issues yet to address. Ok's Proc Veterans Week 11-4 with VFW Commander Pat Burkart thanking council and reminding them of Vets Vigil 11-10. Ok'd 6-2 vote mayor's salary of \$18,000 plus \$2,000 as liquor commissioner as first raise since '96, clerks at \$39,500, and treas at \$15,000 which is 2% x 4 years for clerk and treas. Ok'd employment agrmt with Admin Nicklas. Ok'd new position of accounting supv to oversee finance office.

November 6 – Fr Timar invocation. Library Board member John McBride presented library levy with increase due to debt service as well as new exec director to be hired at \$50,000 and replace some full-time staff. He noted 6 full time and 17 part-time workers. Council asked if volunteers used in library to control costs and yes they are. Admin Nicklas with 4 levy options noting levies reduced past 3-4 years due to other revenue increases. Mayor noted city while still at risk for revenue has worked to reduce levies and hopes that all other taxing bodies can follow suit. Many spoke against closing 100 block of E Exchange to one way traffic as safety, property value, and convenience negative impact. County Admin Ray Bockman defended buying homes near court house to expand county campus for parking and legislative center. Balance between city, county, and neighbors as stakeholders is the goal.

December 4 – Ald Huntley invocation. Many objections to E Exchange becoming 1 way eastbound. Scout Troop 16 at council. Admin Nicklas introduced Steve Garland as 1st accounting supv in finance dept. Discussion of county economic impact in city with 450 county workers 250 of whom work in city. Ok'd ord to convert 100 block of E Exchange to 1 way eastbound. Ok'd tax levy noting it the lowest levy since 1970. Ok'd property tax abatement incentive for Felts-Maire Automotive.

January 2, 2001

Rev Persson invocation. Ok'd revised zoning ord due to work by Engr Brady, Admin Nicklas, and Comm Doty. Chief Garcia noted 17 police personnel outstanding performance awards.

February 5 – Rev Mills invocation. Mayoral candidate Michael McVey seeks to meet with dept heads. Public Works Supt Listy retiring 5-1.

March 5 – Rev Stovall invocation. People spoke against Suchy's Clover Ridge Devel which received 3-8 negative plan comm recomm to council. Fire dept members to Ashton for funeral of fallen firefighters there. Public works bldg. ground breaking 4-10 at 6 pm with bldg. dedicated to Gene Listy. Police dept citizens award to Bryce Dearborn for chasing arson suspect and info to police dept. Mark Suchy withdrew petition to build to rework it to refile in 12 months. Human Resource Director position possible for city with salary included in budget talks. Firefighter Jim Lyon noted group to buy and restore '23 Stutz fire truck which served city when new in the '20's with group raising funds to restore it with equipment from the period. Ok'd. Ok'd annex Warren Lowe's land next to Menard's property. DCEDC member Rod Schairer noted bus tours of city points to positive opinions of city gov't. Noted how council, mayor, admin, and Chamber work together to retain and bring new business to city.

April 2 – Rev Massey invocation. Council thanked Ald Huntley for service to his 4th ward and to city. He said he enjoyed serving 4th ward for 10 ½ years and knows public service as a privilege, honor, and rewarding. Paulsen Appliance donated video camera recorder and tv to police dept to use with in car cameras. Supt Listy thanked council and city for being his family for 40 years as he served Sycamore. Big applause.

April 16 – Atty Smith swore in new Clerk Candy Smith. Clerk then swore in new Mayor John Swedberg, Ald Michael Chambon, Janice Tripp, Andrew Larson, Pete Paulsen, Alan Bauer, and Treas Ken Mundy. Service plaques presented to Mayor Edwards, Clerk Marchiando, Ald Huntley, Dahl, Balentyne. Big applause. Admin Nicklas reminded council of workshops prior to 1st council meeting each month. Ok'd Bethany Rd regional plan as low density residential, low commercial, connecting park spaces with paths and walks to maintain the "Sycamore look." Ok'd annual budget and approp ord to include Human Resource Director. Personnel functions removed from clerk's office to human resources by ord. Ok'd ambulance fees to \$200 basic life services, \$400 advanced life services for all in city and ambulance district. Ok'd Rt 23 and 64 improvement contract to Pyramid Excav & Util Co Rockford at \$1,019,773.

May 7 – Treas Mundy invocation. Admin Nicklas noted genl fund to have surplus again this fiscal year end 4-30. Ok'd 3 year IAFF fire dept labor contract. Pilot study trash containers 4th ward: 90% ok with 96 gal carts, 95% ok with 64 gal, 87% with 35 gal, ease of use 75% ok, improved city appearance 80%. Ok'd. Water Supt Smith noted gis/gps mapping of city begins with man in ghost buster appearance walking streets with city id. Ok'd \$17,000 VAC grant, DCCF \$1,000, DCEDC \$7,000. Ok'd 1 year IMRF early buyout for retirees. City ok'd audit to Siefert & Co at \$19,500.

June 4 – Rev Elliott invocation. Ok'd Ord 2001.10 agrmt with United Airlines aviation fuels as "order accepting facility" accompanied by Il Dept of Revenue private letter ruling to strengthen contract in city as negotiated by Admin Nicklas, Dept of Rev Tom Johnson, and United Airlines. The facility will be modest operation housing employees in office less than 1,000 sq ft. City and airline in 10-year contract with city to retain \$300,000 1st year with 3% annual increase each of 9 remaining years. Recommend the revenue be dedicated to capital projects not operating. Jay Thomas Johnson KP&G Accounting Partner rep for United Airlines appreciated the candor of Admin Nicklas during the contract negotiations and noted based on KP&G recommendation United agreed to site the call center in Sycamore. Ok'd 8-0 all for vote.

July 2 – Treas Mundy invocation. Plaque to Mike Dornedon for 28 years service to city. Applause. Concrete being poured on Center Cross and State St. Ok'd Chamber grant at \$60,000 from hotel/motel tax revenue. Jean Tritle new Human Resource Director welcomed. Proc ok'd on Kiwanis 50th anniversary in city. 3 local churches concerned with speakers from car show.

August 6 – Rev Phelps invocation. Chuck Criswell Turning Back Time Car Show presented June Ehrler \$500 for Fizz Ehrler Scholarship Fund at SHS and a '95 Chevy Caprice squad car to police dept. City thanked car show guys for their generosity. Sycamore History Museum open lower level Sycamore Center Tues and Thurs 10 am to 1 pm. Former Ald Huntley successful heart surgery at Mayo Bros. Audit shows improved surplus of \$2.77 million due to cost control and careful dept spending. Auditor noted it went better than ever with no material weaknesses, compliant internal controls, and no reportable conditions which all point to 1st clean audit ever.

August 20 – Special meeting with Stage Coach Players who are staying in DeKalb. Dr Russ and Berni Schelkopf have offered their taxidermy collection of 350 North American and African animals to the city with community center becoming a possible natural history museum containing the Schelkopf collection.

August 20 – Rev Phelps invocation. Admin Nicklas introduced brother Bob, his wife Terri, and son Tim visiting city from Pennsylvania. Treas Mundy noted fire and police pension funds placed on the general ledger per auditor direction. Ok'd Don Thomas new police chief and thanked Lt Darrell Johnson for acting chief during vacancy. Admin Nicklas introduced Brian Gregory, NIU intern in the Public Admin Program who will work 2 years at 20 hrs/week. Ok'd Krpan's Parkside Estates annexation, plat, and zoning for land east of Somonauk and north of Bethany Rd. Ok'd B&B Devel for phase III and IV Heron Creek PUD. Ok'd on 7-2 vote Charlie Laing's Stone Prairie Devel east of city and north of E State St as upscale rental community to attract young professionals, singles and couples, who cannot yet afford home buying. Major wet water retention area as aesthetics and flood control in the region. 50 units to be built at a time with demand to control buildout on 65 acres. Ok'd.

September 4 – Rev Barbara Good invocation. Pat David spoke opposing accepting the Schelkopf Collection since they are hunted animals and she opposes a museum for them. Mayor asked to add Pledge of Allegiance as a standing council agenda item. Ok'd. Chief Riddle noted that many of the emergency responders who perished in the 911 terrorist attacks in New York were teachers and experts in mass casualty and collapse rescue and urged all to hold victims and families in our thoughts and prayers. Chief Thomas noted all police wearing black ribbons on their badges to remember the responders who perished in the line of duty in NYC. Ok'd Mike Long Const Co bid of \$1,050,000 on new public works bldg.

October 1 – Rev Briesacher invocation. Chamber member Rich Para presented merchant survey on the proposed museum downtown with 14 favoring, 1 opposed, 1 abstained, and 8 unavailable and noted his store Ben Franklin welcomed gains of the museum for downtown for educational, cultural, and economic business reasons. Admin Nicklas presented Engr Brady with a matted wall hanging of "Sycamore Street" for John's hard work and dedication to many projects for Sycamore. Treas Mundy noted NIU dedicated an auditorium in the business college to departed Mr Clifford Danielson. West School teacher Jim Heintz and students Kathleen Mathey, Jessica Pluhm, Alex Dominquez, and teacher Angela Cambier presented books to mayor, Chief Thomas, and Supt Busse about their visits to city depts. Martha Wetzel opposes pubic funds for museum and wants the issue on a referendum. Admin Nicklas thanked those involved with major street rebuilds on State, Center Cross, and DeKalb Ave. Ok'd Plan Comm recommendation to adopt urban design guidelines into city comp plan. Resol to accept Schelkopf Collection and house it in the restored community center opposed by mayor and some ald but with Treas Mundy and many in audience in support of it. Resol passed on 6-2 vote and ok'd Admin Nicklas sit on the museum board.

November 5 – Fr Timar invocation. Ok'd proc Kiwanis SHS Key Club week of 11-12 with member Laura Springmire present for Key Club. Viet Now Vets 24-hour vigil at court house 11-9 5:30 pm and is the 16th annual vigil. Firefighters Mathey, Spartz, Doty, and Belanger in New York City for funerals resulting from 911 with costs covered by themselves and IAFF union. Bids present for trash, recycling, and yard waste program from Waste Mgmt, BFI, and N I Disposal with recommendation from Admin Nicklas to renew Waste Mgmt contract due to past performance. 4-4 tie vote with mayor voting aye to pass on 5-4 vote. Proposal to change Waterman St to St Mary St noted with custodian reporting Fr Timar was ok with it but the church board had not considered it. Council consensus was to not change the name. Ok'd on 6-2 vote the new ward map based on the 2000 census. One bid to raze 404 South Ave Dinicola property plus back taxes of \$2,000. Directed Admin Nicklas to work with 3% tax levy increase. Mayor appt to ad hoc comm on impact fees: Ald Blickem, school board member Dan Stanberry, park board member Marlyn Burkart, DCBDA member builder Mike Larson, citizen Mike White, and Admin Nicklas. Ok'd.

December 3 – Rev Johnson invocation. Ok'd bills \$768,319. Treas Mundy noted \$56,000 in new sales tax received. Tax levy hearing with no speakers. Levy Ord ok'd at \$2,533,354 on 7-1 vote and ok'd tax abatement on bond debt service. Chamber noted local promotion "Sycamoola" generated \$450,000 in downtown summer retail spending. Admin Nicklas noted Sycamore, DeKalb, and Cortland population over 50,000 now are a metropolitan planning organization for transportation and hence the DeKalb Sycamore Area Transportation Study is enacted to place us eligible for state and federal transportation funds. Human Resource Director Jean Tritle and Admin Nicklas presented city service awards ranging from 5 to 38 years with mayor noting 504 total years of service honored. Ok'd new trash contract with rates of 2002 \$10/mo, '03 \$12/mo, and '04 \$14/mo.

January 7, 2002

Rev Person invocation. Ok'd revised bldg. permit fee schedule. Police Explorer Post #133 officers sworn in. Treas Mundy noted of the \$800,000 bills approved, \$132,000 actual operating costs, \$95,000 debt service, \$77,000 public works bldg., and \$494,000 remits to United Airlines jet fuel sales passing through city books. Ok'd 45 mph on Mercantile Dr where Menard's and outlets are. Ok'd annex and planned unit devel south and west of Bethany and Somonauk for Somerset Farms Townhomes.

February 4 – Rev Persson invocation. Acting Mayor Pam Blickem in the chair. Fire Chief Riddle and Admin Nicklas announced 1st class of fire dept paramedics graduated: Darren Hepker, Tom Pritchett, Kurt Mathey, Paul Rubeck, Marc Doty, Sean Penn, and Todd Turner. Cooperation noted with Kish Hospital, fire dept, city admin, and union IAFF to have fire dept become a full paramedic 24/7/365 dept. Ok'd 2% restaurant and bar tax for capital needs. Louis Schoenburg of County Liquors opposes r & b tax. Admin Nicklas noted city playing catch up with high capital costs and options are utility and higher sales taxes with r & b a more fair consumption tax that all pay whether residents or not. Ok'd \$4 million 2002 genl obligation bond for capital improvements with levy and collection of direct annual taxes to fund debt service on the bonds. Noted that city A3 bond rating could improve with the issue.

February 5 – Special joint school and park dist meeting to consider joint recreation facility where bldg. shared by both. Dave Juday of Ideal Ind chaired meeting at Ideal with no formal conclusion but consensus to work together toward solution. Admin Nicklas presented DeKalb Co Regional Planning Comm which he authored with 14 communities planning for county future with each community retaining authority of land within 1 ½ miles of their city corporate limits.

March 4 – Rev Stovall invocation. Bobbie Lundberg sworn in as deputy clerk. Janice Waters presented 2,100 signatures to keep Kmart open as they were sent to Kmart Corp Hdqt. Ok'd 3 year AFSCME union contract for public works with 3% annual increases and 1 year adjustments to address internal and comparable external wage disparities. Ok'd joint impact fee changes from \$3,412 to \$4,912 on 3-bedroom detached single family homes. Much discussion on fixing roof at community center with Bruns Co bid of \$126,000 but concern on bldg. age and general condition. Mundy and others supported accepting Schelkopf Collection and to house it in the converted center as a natural history museum and to consider the museum and collection valued assets to the community. Roof bid accepted on 5-2 vote. On March 8th mayor vetoed the roof contract. Nicor to open call center in former Duplex Products Bldg on Bethany Rd. Ok's Wiseman – Hughes devel land northeast of Somonauk and Bethany as Reston Ponds.

April 1 – Rev Elliott invocation. Majority spoke favoring natural history museum most of them downtown businesses and educators. Mayor veto of roof bid considered. Admin Nicklas noted city agreed if museum raised funds for museum city could contribute some funds to help and noted possible landlord/tenant or buyer/seller arrangement. Ok'd on 6-1 vote to reconsider mayor veto. Ok'd holding issue over to May 6th council meeting. Budget issues noted that reduced state shared revenue big challenge and that funding a new city planner position the mayor proposed not good idea at this time. Webelos Den 2 Pack 822 Southeast School at council. Also, the YMCA boys swim team area state champs. Big applause. Ok'd Castle Builders 44 townhomes north side Heron Creek near Plank Rd.

May 6 – Treas Mundy invocation. Resol for Midwest Museum of Natural History use of community center. Mayor noted resol is culmination of many meetings and thanked Joe Bussone, Tami Armstrong, Jim Dombek, Chuck Kaiser, Pam Blickem and Bill Nicklas and further noted that positive action bodes well for “good discussions in the future.” Resol ok'd 8-0 vote, all for. Ok'd Bruns bid to repair roof not withstanding mayor veto on 8-0 vote, all for.

June 3 – Rev Massey invocation. Ald Blickem congratulated former Chamber Exec Dir Tami Armstrong on her new position at Kish College in development and thanked her for good work as Chamber Exec Dir. Applause. Supt Busse in motorcycle accident sustaining broken ribs, leg, and many bruises to be recovering many weeks. Treas Mundy going to Springfield to be recertified as Certified Illinois Municipal Treasurer with 20 years an IMTA member and director.

July 1 – Treas Mundy invocation. Mayor noted Ald Binder in hospital. B&B Devel with Fisk Farm will donate \$1,500/lot over and above impact fees and 12 acres for new school just east of Plank and Lindgren Rds. Ok'd police FOP union 3 year contract. Ok'd local liquor license holders to serve liquor off premises for catered special events. Ok'd Smith, Tucker, and Brown city legal counsel. Ok'd Foster Coach Co bid of \$106,363 on new ambulance. Noted state fire and police pension audits done with good reports but minutes of board meetings need more detail. Ok'd plow truck, plow, and spreader at \$69,510 with Ald Bauer noting much new equipment ok but council has a commitment to fix the streets as a priority. Admin Nicklas noted new street program 5 times more aggressive as any past year.

August 5 – Rev Phelps invocation. Michael McVey of DeKalb asks for impeachment or resignation of mayor and Ald Stowe “in order to restore public trust in city gov't.” Car show guys Chuck Criswell, Guy Stone, Les Gibbons, Tom Taylor, and Martin Pearson reported proceeds of \$1,500 to Fizz Ehrler Memorial Scholarship and \$4,000 to DARE drug prevention in schools and noted a good show with 400 cars on display. Big applause by all. Admin Nicklas noted Daily Chronicle editorial taking issue with release of personnel info on city worker discipline. He noted city policy and state law provides that worker info can be released with notice to the workers and unions but city does not release that info but allows other legal processes to address sensitive worker info. Paper hinted that city did the wrong thing and Admin Nicklas noted being reminded of 100 years ago when Joseph Pulitzer made his reputation by stirring sensationalism to improve circulation of his newspaper and wonders if the local paper is echoing Pulitzer's methods to gain readership. Fisk Farm under devel by B&B Devel with 392 homes planned with 1.63 units/acre density which exceeds city code. Ok'd ord with Brian Bemis Motors for \$2 million to aid in a new Honda, Volvo, and Mercedes on 50/50 sharing of 1 % sales tax for 10 years or until \$1 million favoring Bemis is reached. Ok'd 3-year contract with Waste Mgmt for free 96 gal carts. Ok'd city/county contract dispatch services at \$494,000/year with \$75,000 one- time capital equipment purchase. Supt Busse back at work and he thanked Bob Ray and Roger Haefner for leading dept.

August 19 – Rev Phelps invocation. Karen Hardy, and ardent walker noted grapevines overtaking recreation paths from Borden to Prairie with Admin Nicklas to contact county since paths are their responsibility to maintain. New bronze plaque presented to commemorate the kidnapping and murder of Maria Ridulph on Dec 3rd 1957 and to honor law enforcement and community compassion resulting from 7-year old Maria being tragically taken from Sycamore in her youth. The plaque is to be mounted on a masonry base and placed at police dept headquarters on DeKalb Ave. City and Chuck Ridulph worked together and Chuck thanked city for the family for “the tribute and remembrance for their sister.” Ok'd outdoor liquor consumption in controlled areas as special events by local license holders on 7-1 vote after much discussion.

September 3 – Rev Weingartner invocation. Proc ok'd 9-14 Welcome Home Day for C Battery, 2nd Battalion, 122nd Artillery of II Natl Guard with VFW Commander Pat Burkart noted lunch at armory 9-14 for soldiers and families as they return home. Fire Chief Riddle reminded of the 911 Memorial Service 8:30 am 9-11 at Johnson Junction. Ok'd Verizon refund to city of \$21,649 for overcharges for service since the 1990 franchise contract began. Proc honoring Bishop Thomas of Israel of God Church on his 100th birthday 9-27 ok'd. Big applause. He thanked city for the honor. Admin Nicklas thanked Supt Busse for recent tour of new public works bldg. Ok'd Vision Plan consultant to aid in the revision and update of comp plan at \$19,800. Ok'd Stran's tree program bid of \$25,155 for Fall.

October 7 – Treas Mundy invocation. SHS inviting city officials to be among those leading the Pledge of Allegiance each school day at 8:15 am. Comm Doty noted 32 permits to build, fire dept 89 calls, and police dept 478 calls recently. Ok'd employment contract with Admin Nicklas. New public works laborers Brad Dewey and Keith Fabrizius announced. Ok'd purchase contract for Henderson Bldg at \$533,000 and parking lot at \$265,000 with Admin Nicklas noting 3 generations of Henderson's, Noble and Betty, Jerry, and Beth kept the bldg. and lot in good shape. Ok'd annual budget and approp ord for '02-'03. Rose Treml, Chamber Exec Director, detailed Chamber tourism work for city.

November 4 – Rev Best invocation. New firefighter Bill Reynolds introduced. Admin Nicklas noted paper article to clarify that city cannot change form of gov't arbitrarily without a referendum to vote on even though professional management is preferred. Ok'd 1 time budget equity transfer of \$1.4 million from genl fund to public bldg. fund to buy and renovate Henderson Bldg and Lot. Also a 1 time equity transfer from genl fund of \$50,000 to revolving loan fund for zero interest loans for façade improvement downtown and 1 time equity transfer of \$135,000 to finance central dispatch center and police record keeping system to be compatible with county dispatch system. All ok'd. Approved \$1.5 million genl fund reserve from which only council has authority to spend. Ok'd resignation of Steve Garland and ok'd appt of Brian Gregory NIU intern interim deputy budget officer. Mayor and many ald noted it's time to move city to city manager/council form of gov't given that Admin Nicklas has brought professional mgmt. to city and should become the city manager to fully embrace and allow authority for him. NIU's Carol Zar will be asked to assist city with issue of moving to city manager/council form of gov't with voter approval. Proc ok'd honoring former Coach and SHS Principal Pete Johnson on his 80th birthday. Acting park district exec director Kirk Lundbeck named one of Americas top golf instructors by consumer research council. Closing on Henderson property 11-21 at 2 pm. Discussion of library tax levy requested at 13% due to wages and capital needs. Council took exception to large increase and urged exec director Sarah Tobias to review the request to bring it closer to the 7% equalized assessed valuation. Council consensus was to ok 5% library tax levy increase. Former police Lt Soler new chief in Genoa and ok'd Sgt Scott restored to police Lt. Admin Nicklas seeks promotion of Steve Cook to Sgt and to hire next best person on the police candidate list. Ok'd.

December 2 – Fr Timar invocation. Ald Chambon resigning due to move out of state first of year. He thanked city and noted he found out how hard it is to run a city. Applause. Fire dept noted new mutual aid and hazardous material assistance (MABAS) region to include DeKalb, Winnebago, Boone, Stephenson, Ogle, Lee and Rock Counties by 1-1-03. Ok'd DeKalb Sycamore Area Transportation Study (DSATS) due to county population exceeding 50,000. Mayor appt council/city manager ad hoc committee: Ald Blickem, Treas Mundy, Mike Cullen Pres NB&T, Rose Treml Chamber Exec Dir, Steve Braser Downtown Shoes, and mayor as chair. Ok'd.

December 16 – Fr Timar invocation. Mayor appt Barbara Leach 3rd ward to complete Ald Chambon's term. Ok'd and Ald Leach sworn in. Appt Rev Don Phelps paid on call fire fighter since he is fire dept chaplain and needs insurance to be covered at fire and emergency response scenes. Ok'd. Les Johnson honored for 40 years service to fire dept. Applause. Workers honored for 5 to over 20 years serving city. Levy ok'd on 7-1 vote at \$2,689,866 with higher EAV and meant the lowest rate since '70's.

January 6, 2003

Rev Persson invocation. Ok'd bills \$608,154. Admin Nicklas noted community meetings for input on comp plan. Firefighter Sean Penn serving as a military reservist in the Middle East and Chief Riddle asked we keep Sean and his company in our prayers as they fight terrorism a long way from home. Ok'd wat/sew rates for 3 year increases to bring mobile homes fees in line with single family detached residences. Ok'd council/city manager form of gov't referendum on next election ballot. Admin Nicklas noted next budget big challenge losing \$150,000 sales tax revenue due to Kmart closing and 7% drop in state shared revenue.

January 20 – Rev Dale Johnson invocation. New firefighter Pat Dulzo introduced. Chief Thomas presented Chief Riddle with plaque due to fire dept beating police dept in Battle of the Badges blood drive. Admin Nicklas proposed revenue and cost measures to address the next budget: increase in building, electrical, plumbing, inspection, annexation, liquor, engr plan review, 5% telecommunication tax, and on the cost side no new hires, wage and salary plan to incorporate union and mgmt. salary/wage plan with no increase in city administrator salary, supplies, commodities, and contractual services all held to present levels except insurance and dispatch costs, no increase in genl fund contingency account, no increase in moving and equipment costs for Henderson Bldg budget, and no new bldg. and engr division costs as they settle into the former public works garages behind city hall, all of these to control revenue and costs for the '04 budget. Council to consider all the proposed. Admin Nicklas and Chief Thomas presented 5 year police dept strategic plan calling for 22 – 28 sworn officers over 5 years to increase street enforcement of dui, speeding, and other violations. Lt Johnson noted that current patrol of 54 miles of streets means a patrol car passes every home and business twice in every 24-hour period. Admin Nicklas noted challenge is to address needs of all depts. to maintain service levels with limited and reduced revenue.

February 3 – Rev Persson invocation. Ok'd 5% phone tax on close 4-3 vote and ok'd fee increases except no change in dog tags, \$1,000 annual scavenger hauler fee, and \$3,000/acre annexation fee with \$2,000 to genl fd, \$500 to sewers, and \$500 for street repairs. Tom Carls from Fargo Hotel noted a newly formed Liquor License Assoc willing to work with city on increased liquor licenses and reminded council that many license holders are long time business owners who care about keeping the city viable. Mayor asked to be invited to their meetings. Proc ok'd honoring girls SHS bowling team as state champs with every team member holding average 200 game level throughout the state tourney. Debate ensued on phone tax with 3.5% tax failing to pass so it remains at 5% as passed by council prior meeting. Ok'd contract with Irving Const Co for the Henderson Bldg rehab at \$1,057,000. Proposed bid for conversion of community center to museum in Resol 426 to TASC Const Co at \$1,220,000. Ald Maness moved to ok resol to accept bid with city donating \$300,000 jet fuel tax and \$50,000 hotel/motel tax which sparked pro and con debate. Mayor was asked if he would veto this and he said he would share his position after the vote. Some ald noted city was to maintain the center yet neglected it. Bldg upkeep mentioned as funding issue and Treas Mundy, President of the Midwest Museum Natural History Museum Board of Trustees, noted museum business plan called for gate receipts, member dues and fees, and grants are expected to fund maintenance and if park district owned museum. DNR grants more likely to occur. He noted that phase II to fund and build displays with both state legislators committed to fill a \$90,000 shortfall. Dist 427 Supt Dr Bob Hammon noted strong educational support for MMNH for local students, NIU, and Kish College as well. Bank Pres Mike Cullen noted MMNH best use of city tourism funds and the bank is on board as project partners to shore up funding if needed along with Ideal Indust, parks, schools, and the community at large all in support of MMNH. Chuck Kaiser, NB&T, and MMNH Treas, noted downtown benefits big time and Chamber Exec Director Rose Tremel echoed prior support that entire Chamber wants MMNH to happen as a business and community amenity to set Sycamore apart as a great place to visit and live.

Resol passed on 6-2 vote. Mayor shared that he planned to veto the resol before the meeting but the widespread support shown changes his mind as he said "sometimes you just have to move on." Motion to waive roof repair monies owed ok'd on 5-3 vote. Ok'd, all for, motion to convey MMNH to park district upon MMNH completion and occupancy permit issued per bldg. code.

March 3 – Rev Stovall invocation. Ok'd transferring community center property to park district for MMNH. All for. Mayor and Admin Nicklas thanked Ald Pam Blickem for her service to the city. Applause. Firefighter Sean Penn who is deployed in Middle East war zone sent word that chow improved once the Italian Special Forces began serving in his area.

April 7 – Rev Massey invocation. Clerk swore in Ald Cheryl Maness, Barbara Leach, and Terry Kessler. Proc declaring City Manager/Council form of gov't approved 2 to 1 by voters and that council retains elected ald by its 4 wards. 911 dispatch working well at county jail. Ok'd liquor licenses at \$1,500 annual and \$250 package at bars and clubs only and nonrefundable application fee of \$2,500 for under 3,000 sq ft and \$5,000 for over 3,000 sq ft of business space. Bars and clubs still limited by population but a ¾ vote of the corporate council could allow variances in justified special case by case basis. All for. Ok'd lease of 3rd floor Sycamore Center to Zea Mays Holdings Inc for 3,800 sq ft of 9,800 sq ft available there with an \$80,000 prepayment to offset city investment of new offices and finished spaces for the 3rd floor. All for. Ok'd support of Oak Crest \$4 million bonds for 20 new beds with no obligation or risk for the city. Admin Nicklas presented budget ord with \$22,163,990 spending across 26 funds with \$8,284,096 as operating and all funds in balance with reserves in place. All for. Salary ord proposed with new features: no mgmt. overtime, all mgmt. in pay ranges appropriate to their comparative classes with attention to internal pay equity, and mgmt. to receive similar benefits as other employees. Mgmt group overall increase is 2.39%. All for. Ok'd ord to conform to City Mgr/Council form of gov't. All for. Ok'd final plat B&B Devel 140 lots average 13,000 sq ft per zoned R-1 single family. Ok'd sale of fire dept 1966 tanker to Rich Reynolds for \$2,251. Equalized Assessed Valuation up to \$216,389,113 so tax levy rate at \$.986236. Mayor appt standing committees. Ok'd.

May 5 – Elder Bridgewater invocation. Mayor Swedberg in the chair with Clerk Smith, Treas Mundy, City Mgr Nicklas, Atty Smith, and Ald Bauer, Kessler, Larson, Leach, Maness, Paulsen, Stowe, and Tripp present. First meeting with Dr Bill Nicklas as new City Manager as approved by 2 to 1 voter referendum. Applause and congratulations to City Mgr Nicklas. As Bill Nicklas conducted the office of city admin, it became clear to council that Bill could and did become more of a manager than an admin so it was with all confidence that the voters and council happily agreed to Bill's new role as City Mgr to continue to serve Sycamore with all the expertise, tact, and professionalism that he exhibited from his 1st day with Sycamore. Procs ok'd VFW Poppy Buddy Days, Save a Life Week, and Emergency Services Week. Comm Doty noted 77 permits this year. Police dept presented plaque to Sportsmens Club for use of their gun range for police training. Ok'd conveyance of Lake Sycamore at the end of North Cross from city to park district. All for.

May 30 – Special Meeting to ok city/United Aviation jet fuel sales tax contract. Terms are \$360,000 in fiscal '03-'04 with 2% annual increases for life of contract with term extended to 5-31-26. All revenue dedicated to capital spending only with none for operating costs. All for.

June 2 – Rev Elliott invocation. Ald Larson suggests council meetings begin at 7 pm and Ald Bauer noted Plan Comm meetings went to 7 pm starts 5 years ago. Treas Mundy noted SHS baseball team regional champs. Firefighter Penn welcomed home from deployment with 15 medals and ribbons from multiple deployments. Big applause. He is full paramedic and emergency medical technician instructor and he received US Army Certificate for outstanding support. Mgr Nicklas noted Comp Plan includes green space north with county, city, and Genoa preserved as green belt separating both cities. Also in the Comp Plan is text, land use plans, zoning, charts all revised. Ok'd ord to pace growth at reasonable level of 250 permits per year. Issues of IDOT, Dahlo Devel, and city north has entangled traffic lights at Maplewood and N Main and walks at middle school with little or no progress being made there. Green belt north discussed with idea that Whipple Rd be the northern city corporate boundary. Ok'd VAC grant for \$17,000 for bus routes and meals. Ok'd low interest IEPA loan to fund well #9. Engr Brady noted well is needed as 2 older ones taken offline due to sand and age. Ald Maness noted bad water on east side for 30 years and hopes the new well will correct

that. Wat/sew rates discussed with seniors and small users minimal increases if any. New rates will fund radium mitigation processes with no risk to users but to address unacceptable levels to EPA.

June 16 – Rev Elliott invocation. Several spoke against 30 mph on Foxpointe and were urged to meet with police, engr, and mgr. Ok'd \$7,000 DCEDC grant. Ok'd 7 pm council meeting start times. Ord ok'd to retain Foster & Buick Law Group as city legal counsel. Atty Smith had bid the job but withdrew bid due to other business opportunities but said in parting that Sycamore had a metamorphosis over the past years approving home rule and city mgr form of gov't and Atty Smith considered service to his home town an honor.

July 7 – Rev Reardon invocation. City Mgr Nicklas welcomed all to the 1st council meeting at Sycamore Center, former Henderson Dept Store, at 308 W State St and noted features of the remodeled building for city purposes and offices. An anonymous business person donated trees to city to symbolize the opening of Sycamore Center. Treas Mundy happy to be back in the building he worked in for Noble Henderson and Tom Brotcke cleaning the store when Mundy was 14 years old. New police officers Marchall Flynn, Dan Wojcik, and Pat Lozeau sworn by Clerk Smith. Water Supt Smith noted plant pumping 2.2 million gal/day up from 1.6 million due to heat, lawn watering, and swimming pools. Kishwaukee Education Consortium Executive Director Bruce Griffith noted 550 technical prep students enrolled in 13 different curriculums via Kish College and local high schools. Former council chambers at 535 DeKalb Ave to serve as public safety classroom.

July 21 – Treas Mundy invocation. Ald Stowe mayor pro tem. B&B Devel presented plans for large development on 650 acres and seek council feedback. Consensus is that B&B offers excessive land and cash as they develop and that they pay their way to the city and most felt at ease dealing with large well capitalized firm rather than smaller ones with lesser financial viability and possibly less quality of development.

August 4 – Moment of reflection. Ok'd sending B&B plans to plan comm on 7-1 vote. Mgr Nicklas recommends using \$250,000 from surplus for fire engine and borrowing \$1 million on 15 year Harris Bank loan for \$250,000 walks repairs and \$750,000 for Oakland Dr extension. Ok'd. Approved \$407,000 to drill well #9. Mayor noted Benson and Swedberg Family 100th Reunion with 250 members present. A joint council /plan comm meeting to discuss proposed 3,000-acre B&B development and impacts on city, schools, and parks on long term plan basis.

September 2 – Special joint meeting on growth discussion of developer vs city paying for new building with no definitive positions taken and agreement to meet again to discuss.

September 15 – Rev Weingartner invocation. Ok'd general obligation bond of \$2,005,000 to fund taper lanes on Bethany Rd, Oakland Dr, and to retire '96 bonds at \$455,000. Eric Anderson of Harris Bank noted after meeting with Moody's city bond rating improved to A-1. External auditor Clifton Gunderson reported genl fund reserve surplus of \$3,009,250, improved separation of accounting duties, and early compliance of General Accounting Standards Board 34 rule all point to strong and compliant financial position of the city. Mgr Nicklas thanked the auditor for a rigorous and timely investigation of city financials and thanked Water Supt Smith and Deputy Budget Officer Brian Gregory for successful work on the separation of duties issue.

October 6 – Some spoke on growth and jail expansion. Ok'd bills \$1,506,645. Justin Kness sworn as now police officer. Proc on Fire Prevention Month with theme "When fire strikes, get out and stay out." Fire dept and city agree to 3 shift work schedule. Ok'd Dr Glasgow final plat Bethany Medical/Business Campus. Ok'd city urban speed limit at 25 mph unless otherwise posted. Ok'd employment contract with City Mgr Nicklas with unanimous praise from mayor and council on Bill's excellent work and progress under Bill's management. Applause. Contract is through 4-30-07 at \$91,000 until fiscal '04 then to \$105,500 after which all city management salaries to become a plan related to all city workers. Mgr Nicklas to have same insurance, pension, and other benefits as other city workers.

November 3 – Fr Timar invocation. Promoted Police Sgt Mike Anderson sworn. Mgr Nicklas noted 535 DeKalb Ave bldg. now known as public safety bldg. housing only police and fire depts.

November 17 – Fr Timar invocation. Mayor dedicated meeting to former state Rep David Wirsing whose funeral is 11-21 at 11 am. Ed Richter of Sycamore Signs responsible for new logo in Sycamore Center Council Chambers. Council expressed sympathy to the Wirsing Family on Dave's passing. Fire Chief and mayor noted many city projects funded due to Rep Wirsing's work on behalf of Sycamore in the state legislature. Property tax rate noted of \$.98627 is only 11% of the consolidated tax bill and is lowest since 1969. City dependence on property tax down from 50% in '76 to 21% in '04.

December 1 – Rev Persson invocation. Boy Scout Troop 40 present to earn merit badge. Fire and Police Depts thanked for honoring Rep Wirsing and former Fire Chief John Linville on their passing with Chief Linville buried with full firefighter honors. Chief Linville credited with starting the emergency medical technician program as chief and 24 years at the fire dept. Public works moved Santa House to State St location. Assistant to the City Mgr Brian Gregory made city website user friendly with links and info and feedback capability. Ald Kessler disappointed that school board reluctant to grant Custom Consolidated Ingredients property tax abatements and noted by Ideal CEO Dave Juday that CCI could be an anchor in Sycamore Prairie Business Park to attract and retain more industry.

December 15 – Rev Persson invocation. Dean Copple Chamber Ambassador Club founding member, introduced Tom and Debbie Carls of the Fargo who have owned it since '71, expanded in '76, invested \$1 million in '82 to upgrade and rename it Stratford Inn. Tom said they appreciated the new downtown and how business and city need to work together to protect long standing downtown businesses. Mgr Nicklas and HR Director Jean Tritle conferred service awards of from 5 to 20 years city worker service. Treas Mundy noted fire and police pension funds created in '53 with \$10,000 each and now at \$11 million with state average funded at 60% but city is over 70% and both funds doing well. Ok'd tax levy at \$2,781,738 up 3.4% and ok'd tax abatement to CCI should they choose Sycamore as their new home which they did and were bought by Tate & Lyle and expanded the plant twice. All for.

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Rev Best invocation. Mayor Swedberg in the chair with Ald Bauer, Kessler, Larson, Leach, Maness, Paulsen, Stowe, Tripp, Mgr Nicklas, Treas Mundy and Clerk Smith present. SYCEDC presented Ed Kuhn of Banner Up Signs who began his business in Geneva and moved to city in '03. Applause.

January 19 – Rev Best invocation. Grace Adece and Carolyn Watson oppose growth and want B&B Devel on hold. SYCEDC presented Marvin Barnes of Sycamore Containers Inc in city 40 years and began in Duplex Bldg when CEO Lucien Smith needed local box company for Duplex paper products with annual sales of \$10 million and 25% growth since '97. They donate 4,000 trick or treat boxes to local kids every Halloween. Both DeKalb Clinic and Kish Hospital welcomed as they plan new facility in city at Peace, Plank, and Rt 23 and at Gateway Dr. Prairie Ridge Townhomes on Coltonville Rd ok'd. Ok'd DeKalb County Unified Development Plan which Mgr Nicklas mainly authored for the county.

February 2 – Rev Brian Jones invocation. John Beck spoke against growth and alleged city pushing development and forsaking the trust of the people. Mayor asked him to address specifics and cease personal comments. It was noted that some who now oppose growth live in recently developed areas. SYCEDC presented Doug Riefsteck of Floor to Ceiling Store who moved here from DeKalb in '92 and has been in business 26 years. After much discussion with provisions for impact fees, compliance to Unified Development Ord and Comp Plan, and limited growth codes in place, schools and parks input, 366-acre Sycamore Creek devel ok'd on 6-2 vote with annexation ok'd all for.

February 16 – Rev Mills invocation. Pastor Don Phelps on behalf of St John Lutheran Church thanked fire and police dept, city administration, and community for support after the fire that destroyed the church at s Main and Ottawa Sts on 2-4-04. Mgr Nicklas thanked city depts including public works when over 600,000 gal pumped to fight the fire which was a total loss but with homes both west and north of the church being saved. Comm Doty noted 258 permits in '03 up 31% over '02 for \$43,849,082 in value including commercial industrial for 467 all purpose permits. Doty is proud of issuing this many permits with just 2 men in his dept. Treas Mundy noted fire and police pension asset growth at 13% and 15% this year. Also, Mundy noted as a 55 year member of St John Lutheran Church help is coming from many directions for the church and is a blessing. Chief Riddle noted firefighters Bill Reynolds and Brad Belanger seriously injured in church fire with Reynolds using walker and Belanger back to work in March. Largest backdraft from fire ever blew them across the alley in back of the church as they tried to enter the bldg. from the west side alley. Chief Thomas noted 19,000 calls in '03 with 353 reported crimes and 421 accidents having 21 personal injuries in '03. Ok'd higher school impact fees. Youssi Const Co ok'd for River Edge condos and Roncon annexed for 183 housing units. Ok'd Castle Builders for townhomes planned unit development at Heron Creek. Mgr Nicklas noted capital spending averaging \$4.5 million a year past 5 years with next year at same level.

March 1 – Rev Stovall invocation. Jim Ward newest paid on call firefighter. American Flooring's Joe Munro 2nd location is in Sycamore and happy to be here. Ok'd extending \$45,000 grant to Chamber for promotion of commerce and downtown.

April 5 – Rev Massey invocation. SYCEDC member Jim Huntley presented Gary Seegers of Driv-Lok Inc in business here 56 years producing pins and fasteners for automotive, computers, medical, and space program with 123 workers and 152 production machines of which 110 were made at Driv-Lok. Seegers noted full time, flex time, overtime, career building, tuition reimbursement along with highest industry ratings and with strong work and living ethics codes. Ok'd new budget of \$25 million including \$9 million operations, no new fees or taxes. Ok'd agrmt with Feds for funds for Bethany Rd reconstruct at \$1.5 million and \$240,000 local funds there too. Discussion on Lundeen's application for liquor store on Menard's property and outdoor liquor sales hours. Ok'd Fire Lt Cary Niewold as new Assistant Fire Chief and ok'd Rosenbauer Inc bid of \$271,000 on new rescue pumper to replace Engine #1.

April 19 – Rev Massey invocation. SYCEDC Rod Schairer presented Don Paulsen from Paulsen's Appliance moved to city due to Mayor Red Johnson's appeal in '79, expanded in 2000, and offer name appliances and wish to expand to electronics. Don thanked city for alley reconstruct and the downtown project to make us more welcoming to shoppers. Mgr Nicklas noted EAV at \$241,500,000 with tax rate reduced to \$.91 with overall rate of \$8.80. Treas Mundy noted revenue being shifted to consumption fees and taxes in place of heavy reliance on property taxes. Ok'd city budget. Ok'd Wirsing Pkwy which connects K Mart with Peace Rd.

May 3 – Elder Bridgewater invocation. Asst Fire Chief Cary Niewold sworn with wife Barbara pinning his badge with no blood as Niewold has served fire dept 28 years. Mgr Nicklas noted employee appreciation cookout at public works garage this week. Police dept hired Joe Meeks as Community Service Officer. Parking Attendant Don Chambers back from duty in Iraq with Bronze Star after 15-month deployment. Ok'd \$17,000 VAC grant where 350 medical transports and 18,000 meals delivered the past year. Also ok'd is \$10,000 DCEDC grant and \$1,000 DCCF grant. Mgr Nicklas proposed façade funds be given as matching grants and not loans to entice more store front improvements. Ok'd. Ok'd 3 new police cars from Veto Enterprises for \$66,771 plus trades.

May 17 – Elder Bridgewater invocation. Proc for WWII Anniversary with members of the American Legion Post 99 and VFW Post 5768 present. Big applause. Plaque to fire dept POC Lester Johnson for 41 years service to fire dept. Noted Memorial Day events upcoming. Ald Paulsen noted Treas Mundy not running again as treasurer and should his duties go to Finance Ofc by ord. City received \$199,479 in brownfield state grant to aid in cleanup of Harvester Square mess. Treas Mundy in audit prep and soon to welcome 3rd grandchild. Chief Thomas thanked bike rodeo sponsors Geo Beasley, Blue Moon Bikes, Soft Water City, Coffee Gourmet, The Confectionary, Subway, Elleson's Bakery, Sycamore Theater, and Tommy O's. Ok'd conveyance of community center bldg. and land to park district as all renovation is made for Midwest Museum of Natural History to house the Schelkopf Collection of taxidermy animals from Africa and North America with public/private costs of \$1.22 million. All for. Ok'd extensive walks program with 50/50 cost split city and residents.

June 7 – Rev Elliott invocation. Greg Taylor thanked Atty Foster for his letter to the paper clarifying when the mayor should vote to dispel innuendo of improper actions. Taylor not supportive of reduced impact fees and not for random excessive growth but he thanked council for controlled growth efforts. SYCEDC member Berni Schelkopf presented Steve Braser whose Dad Roy brought Downtown Shoes to city in 1960. The store was in various locations downtown. Roy's heart attack in '68 and Mr Danielson asked Roy to buy the building the store is in but Roy did not have the funds to do so, but Mr D told Roy they would work together as banker and business owner to make it happen. Thanks to Roy's commitment and Mr D's confidence in him the deal was done and Downtown Shoes had a new home where it operated for decades under Roy's and Steve's management. Steve thanked city for downtown improvements to support increased sales downtown. Fire dept member Scott Flaterer sworn. Ok'd Gracious Living 17-acre complex south of Bethany Rd and west of Somonauk for 76 attached townhomes and community bldg. Ok'd 4-year FOP police labor contract with 4% 1st year, 3% 2nd year, and wage openers years 3 and 4. Ok'd changing façade funding from 2 yr loan to matching 50/50 grant up to \$5,000 per address.

June 21 – Rev Elliott invocation. County Board Chair Dennis Sands outlined court house 100th anniversary on 9-26-04. Plans are for marching bands, fireworks at dusk off the courthouse roof, 21-gun salute, speeches, kids rides, courthouse tours, horse and buggy rides, and food sold at 1994 prices all from 1 to 7 pm with Foot Stompers playing and a beer tent. County is asking each county community for small object from their towns to bury in the time capsule. Fire dept noted SHS seniors as POC Andy Powers, Dustin Ruby, and Josh Valdivieso picked from 25 interns for fire dept to train as firefighters and good young men. Ok'd annexation and plan for dentist Dennis J Collins 12-acre Prairie Professional Park off Bethany Rd. All for.

July 6 – Moment of reflection. SYCEDC member Dean Copple presented Tim Suter of Suter Foods, Inc. with Tim as 3rd generation as Pres, founded by Chas Suter in 1925 as chicken farmer. Now Suter employs 150 to produce prepared foods 50% which is sold under other brands, 70% canned and 30% refrigerated foods. Lots of product with troops in Middle East with no charge on most of it to the military just to support the troops. May St facility open since '47 but now all packaging on Bethany Rd new facility, and Suters happy with long successful history in city. Treas Mundy noted that new paperless processing with state to save city \$3,000 a year with increased savings as time goes on and auditors like the electronic transaction trails which are more reliable than manual entries. He noted all 5 state pension funds underfunded by \$43 billion, worst in the nation. St John Lutheran Church to vote on new church site and disposition of S Main & Ottawa former church site on 7-25. Police dept honors Scott Mayeda for 25 years and Tom Scott for 23 years service. Water Supt Smith noted former Supt Syd Albrecht passed away. Ok'd Ord and Finance Comm recommendation to appoint the next City Treasurer. Ok'd Stenstrom bid of \$1,240,457.81 for '04 downtown streetscape project.

July 12 – Special joint council/plan comm meeting to clarify growth issues and policy with much discussion and both groups seeking improved communication and understanding. P/C needs council to set policy by which proposals are measured and viewed. Mgr Nicklas noted policy needed since city is headed now toward a moratorium yet that is not written city policy. Dr John Lewis noted good meeting and is looking forward to council getting policy to P/C regarding residential growth. Mgr Nicklas noted "we are the only Il community setting boundaries and the challenge is not how big we'll grow, but how fast we grow."

July 19 – Moment of reflection. Nicor presented with call center Bethany Rd having 130 employees open 24/7/365 fielding 4 million calls for service, billing, collections, etc. and they are pleased with the labor pool and they donate to the city charity. John "Buck" Owens new public works laborer. As a result of advisory referendum with 70% favoring 7 years limited growth, the pacing Ord 2003.65 ok'd limiting growth to 250 residential permits annually.

August 2 – Moment to reflect. Joel and Joan Barczak present Blumen Gardens here for 15 years with 30 seasonal and 5-7 full time workers having \$1 million annual sales. Joel thanked customers, city, and staff for their success. Treas Mundy noted 208 of 320 cities in IMTA appoint rather than elect treasurers and city better served now with Finance Ofc set up years ago and he offered assisting during transition without pay to ensure continued financial operations. Ord presented to appoint treasurer with Mgr Nicklas noting Mundy's good background as banker and degreed finance person, but warned that laws require no financial education nor experience with elected treasurers. Ord 2004.26 passed on 7-1 vote to appoint next treasurer. Bob Boey at council as Anaconda plant owner now Sycamore Industrial Park with 12 companies and American Bare Conductor, maker of copper wire and cable, all there. Bob also serves the Boards of Kish Hospital, NIU, and Kish College. He suggests moving from just growth to "mutually beneficial growth vision to develop Sycamore. With no growth impossible and rampant growth undesirable, a compromise is possible. Park Board member noted they welcome all commercial and industrial and review each residential growth plan as it is presented. Grace Adee noted we neither want to be a big city nor do we have to provide jobs for all. Ord to further limit growth passed on 6-2 vote with an option to study real estate transfer tax as revenue source for schools.

August 16 – Rev Phelps invocation. Rose Treml from the Chamber noted they moved to 407 W State and invites all to visit their new offices. Chuck Criswell reported for the 5th year car show: Police Dept \$4,500 Fizz Ehrler Scholarship Fund \$2,000, St John Lutheran Church Fire Recovery \$500, Sycamore Food Pantry \$1,000, Car Quest Auto Parts for Special Olympics \$250. Michelle Schulz from Kar-Fre flowers noted Fred and Karen Rhynders, her parents, opened in '72 with 12 workers and continue as a successful business growing some each year. Ok'd 8 addresses downtown for façade grants. All for.

September 7 – Rev Bill Landis invocation. Noted that some Sycamore trees along DeKalb Ave being removed due to IDOT regs regarding road and turn lane width and access to commercial retail along the avenue. After that a person planted some Sycamores but they died according to John Brady. Many mature Sycamores remain in city and more are planted over time. Ald Bauer on behalf of Sycamore Historical Society noted a "Kiss the Pig" contest with people giving a dollar for one of four people to kiss a pig at the court house Oct 30th: Joe Bussone, Tom Ostreicher, Geo Beasley, and Ken Mundy are the four. 911 Board to consider new radio tower on Keslinger Rd to improve south county sheriff communication and all county fire communication. Ok'd Stran's at \$26,000 for tree program offering 10-12 types in 4 categories for 50/50 cost split with residents.

September 20 – Rev Weingartner invocation. Mgr Nicklas introduced NIU intern Ryan Kelly, a public administration student with former NIU intern Brian Gregory to help mentor Kelly. Paul Barnaby Jr noted his Dad Paul Sr had 14 years with Duplex Products and began Barnaby Printing in '63 adding office supplies to the printing business. 1984 brought 4 color printing and '95 internet sites. 3 generations of Barnaby's working with 15 employees with 2 digital presses for customized improved production. Treas Mundy noted St John Lutheran Church held a cookout with firefighter Reynolds there and how he's an inspiration to all. Ok'd Krpan's final plat of 126 single family homes with lot 601 a hub park named Stapleton Memorial Park to honor former plan comm member Gary Stapleton who passed away. All for. Ok'd Paul and John Schwartz of PJ's Court House Inn to buy right of way at 102 S Maple just beyond the popcorn stand to build outdoor eating area surrounded by 4 ft fences. Ok'd final plat Sanderson's Hickory Terrace PUD southeast corner Peace and Freed Rds of 30 acres and 49 single detached family homes. Ok'd 20-year boundary agrmt with Genoa, County, and City for strip of land 700 ft deep between city and Genoa for a green no build space unless agreed upon by all parties. Area bounded by Whipple Rd north to just south of Baseline Rd. All for with agrmt sent to Genoa and county for their approval. Discussion on fiscal impact study rfp with proposed cost sharing: city, \$20,000, schools \$9,000, and park and library \$4,500 each.

October 4 – Moment of reflection. Karen Gashi, Gen'l Mgr for Menards shared that John Menard was building pole barns in '58 in Eau Claire Ws and opened his 1st store in '60 and now there are 210 stores in 10 states with 10-15 new stores opening annually. Sycamore store has 4 acres under roof along with 4 acres open lumber yard and 110-150 workers. She noted Sycamore as good place to live, work, and do business. Treas Mundy spoke in favor of city clerk raise noting clerk is the author and keeper of all meeting minutes and records and is subject to FOIA requests and good accurate records "keep city out of the court house." Also noted is whoever is appointed treasurer their pay should reflect other city officer pay as well. Ok'd clerk raise and \$4,800 a year for aldermen on 7-1 vote. Ok'd franchise agrmt with Comcast.

October 18 – Rev Stovall invocation. Chamber noted candidate's night 10-19 at Farm Bureau and open to public. Mgr Nicklas noted he and Asst to Mgr Gregory to be working on new budget draft for council review Nov. Treas Mundy noted caution with new jet fuel sales tax revenue in that the deal could go away quickly. Ok'd Ord 2004.52 as agrmt with American Airlines on jet fuel sales tax on 26 years with city gaining \$360,000 a year so if it goes through 2030 income ranges from \$9,360,000 to \$18,400,843 depending on fuel sales levels. Bill Hood, Managing Director, and Robert Glenn, Sr Tax Mgr, noted it is a pleasure working with Bill Nicklas and Atty Keith Foster and is impressed with the city media kit and staff professionalism. Note: Both United and American Airlines fuel sales tax agrmts being challenged in Cook County Court by Chicago RTA but at this writing a settlement in favor of the contracts is at hand with no negative financial impact to the city or county who has similar agrmts with the airlines. Illinois Dept of Revenue issued private letter rulings on both deals which place city in stronger legal position. Further all revenue from same is used only for capital projects and never for the operations budget and is looked at as extra ordinary income to city. Beth Helton from the Chamber noted recent businesses: Taxco expansion, Paulsen's expansion, Carter's Alley Gifts, Randy's Video Store, Nat's on Maple, all new business for the downtown.

November 1 – Moment of reflection. Ok'd bills \$334,602. New firefighter Brian Thompson sworn. SYCEDC member Jim Huntley presents Rich and Roseanne Para who own Sweet Earth and offer gifts, cards, flowers, candy, engraving, and school gym and logo merchandise. They opened 10 years ago after researching 3-4 towns for their store and they are happy in Sycamore. Comm Doty noted 305 permits an all time high with much commercial: CCI bldg., dialysis center, day surgery center, Goodrich bldg., Dr Blaha's office on Aberdeen Ct, John Pappas bldg., dental clinic, Cornerstone Christian Academy Gymnasium, Portillo's, and Lundeen Liquor Sales. Treas Mundy noted Geo Beasley won the Kiss the Pig contest with \$4,500 raised for the history museum. Fr Timar arrived and gave the invocation. Ok'd insurance with Illinois Municipal Risk Mgmt Assoc with onetime payment of \$263,627 to capture 2% discount. All for.

November 15 – Fr Timar invocation. John Garman, Sycamore school sports expert, noted SHS boys soccer 2nd in state and girls volleyball 2nd in super sectional. Council followed with honor and applause. SYCEDC member Bill Nicklas presented Mike Weckerly of Morningstar Media Group whose clients include 155 Floor to Ceiling stores, 140 golf sales stores, Kish Health System, Hauser Ross, Bemis Motors, and they built new websites for United Way and DeKalb and Sycamore Chambers. Mgr Nicklas noted Upstaging Company in former Cooper Turner Bldg and warehouse on Park Ave as they produce and ship stage show backdrops, music, lighting, sound effects, pyro displays, etc for the entertainment industry worldwide. Ok'd final plat Camden Crossing PUD with fewer numbers at 43 single family detached, 48 duplex, and 92 townhome units. All for. Ok'd annex and zoning of 63 acres for Sycamore Prairie Business Park east of Peace and north of Bethany Rds. All for. Tax levy up 3% dollar wise but 3.64% rate decrease due to higher EAV at \$259,000,000. Genl Fund reserve at \$4 million and very healthy. Ok'd façade grants to Taxco and Sweet Earth downtown.

December 6 – Rev Best invocation. Elmer Larson Inc at council with Mike, Steve, and John Larson noting Elmer and Leon Larson began the gravel and quarry business after WWII and expanded pits from Rockford to Joliet then in '69 focused entire business in Cortland with 50 workers. Most mining was horizontal but now vertical to 500 ft depth which yields 1,400,000 ton of stone per acre to sell for roads, cities, developments, builders, brick makers, and landscapers. They noted 350 years' supply of rock and stone yet to mine in 33 acres. Due to new regime in Springfield funds to complete treatment plt expansion on hold and Dept Community Action broken up. Mayor noted Sycamore tour chosen for the "Agri Talk" radio program and is good exposure for the city.

December 20 – Moment of reflection. Discussion that Discover Sycamore should remain a 3-year contract. Service awards of 5 to 40 years with Alice Bennett 35 years, Jack Spartz 30 years, Gene Listy 40 years, and Geo Spartz 40 years. Big applause by all. Treas Mundy wished Merry Christmas to all. Ok'd tax levy, all for. Ok'd Mary Lou Eubanks and the Langsford Trust for the house at 719 Somonauk special use permit as Pay It Forward House for family overnights who have patients at VenCor. All for.

Ok'd labor contract 3 years with AFSCME with 2.5% increase 1st year and other benefits. Ok'd new agrmt with Discover Sycamore due to its success for retail/commercial activity in city.

January 3, 2005

Rev Persson invocation. Jim Herrmann of Countryside Wheels is presented with many different locations from E State to S California to E State to former Knodle's store on S California to find at auction quality vehicles for local buyers. City has bought found quality used vehicles from Jim over the years as cost containment measures. Treas Mundy took Brian Gregory to banks as they work together for Gregory to become the next City Treasurer with custodian duties of the pension funds and investment tasks for all city funds. New police officers Ryan Goodman and Dan Hoffman presented by Chief Thomas.

January 17 – Rev Mills invocation. Retired firefighter Bob Fleetwood asked city to give seniors a break on their water/sewer/trash bills. Floit Sand & Gravel featured business founded 50 years ago by Roy Floit who noted Sycamore is great place to grow up, raise a family, and do business in. Mgr Nicklas thanked public works during the 30-hour snow event and water dept for fixing broken mains in bad weather. Treas Mundy noted fire and police pension equity funds up and the Chamber/city agrmt directly related to increased sales, hotel, and restaurant and bar tax revenues to the city. Ok'd Kevin Wynn's Prairie Ridge Townhomes on 5 ¼ acres with 9 4 unit homes for 36 total units. All for. Ok'd 3-year Chamber/city contract. All for. Ok'd fire station #2 feasibility study and Mgr Nicklas gave a preliminary budget summary.

February 7 – Rev Mills invocation. Mary Lou Eubanks thanked council for zoning and invited all to Pay It Forward House at 719 Somonauk St. Pico curie levels of radium in the wells spurred radium treatment for wells even though research at Argon Labs showed a single Brazil nut contains more radium than 6 liters of water consumed over 40,000 years. Ok'd bills \$1,271,456. Rondo Trailers featured with Rondo and Jane Ziegler, both Sycamore natives, on E State with 10 workers offering low, flat, horse, and covered trailers sales and service. They are thankful to have a growing business in their hometown. Mayor noted former Ald Gary Smith died with funeral at Methodist Church Thursday with council condolences to the family. St John Lutheran Church accepted Kathy Laing's offer to buy former church site at Main and Ottawa to build Laing Memorial Park with walks, bricks, benches, and playground equipment all to be maintained by park district. Steve Senteney new plumbing inspector. Comm doty noted permits up 28% in '04 with wat/sew connections over \$1 million in revenue. Mgr Nicklas invited all candidates and media to tour city 2-22 with series of stops at all city depts.

February 21 – Rev Persson invocation. Pumpkin Fest Pres Julie Brannon thanks city for guidance and help with another successful fest with 47 local not for profits gained thousands of dollars for their budgets. Shawn Penn promoted to Lt in fire dept. Midwest Museum of Natural History open with over 125 visitors in 4 hours Sat. who commented on shopping, eating, and walking downtown while visiting the new museum which is exactly what the supporters hoped for and expected. Ok'd new park impact fees of land/cash based on their recent comp and land use plans. All for. Ok'd incentive plan for Fullco Industries with property tax abatement of 3 year 90%, 75%, and 50% being considered by relevant taxing bodies. Fullco Fastener Co has 22 workers planning to add 17 more with net '03 sales of \$10 million and growing every year in a building valued at \$1.65 million upon completion. Mgr Nicklas outlined 3-year capital improve plan: \$1,363,719 well #9 on line by end '05, \$3,146,000 rebuild Bethany Rd from DeKalb Ave to Peace Rd, \$850,000 Oakland Dr extension to Peace Rd, \$206,000 new equipment and vehicles, \$240,000 walks, \$200,000 annual street maintenance. Mayor noted much of this is for older parts of city and folks should appreciate that the entire city is served and maintained. Noted that since '99 \$22 million committed to capital spending with nearly all financed by low interest affordable loans. Capital debt service is \$26.96 per household per year. Ok'd all for.

March 7 – Rev Massey invocation. Chamber's Rose Tremel presented idea of Farmer's Market to run June – September in city lot #1 Somonauk and Elm with FFA, wines, flowers, and locally grown produce. The market continues today as a Sycamore summer success. Chris Puentes presented Soft Water City founded by Ray and Kathleen Puentes '72 with 1,000th customer by mid '80's, 2,000 by '90's, and 4,000 now as they offer water softening and bottles water. All family owned and run, Lisa is business mgr and Chris is sales mgr with building expanded in 2000 to add condos above plant as mixed use property. Chris noted community kind to them and thanked city for cooperating with the business for success. Mgr Nicklas noted Ass't to Mgr Gregory new father with son born into the family. Congrats to the Gregory's. Applause. Consider boundary agrmt with Burlington to prevent 1,000 home development proposed too close to city.

March 21 – Rev Massey invocation. Jim Wallace of Portillo's with 30 stores and more planned in Indiana and California. Wallace said it took him 5 years to convince Dick Portillo to build in Sycamore but they're glad to be here in business. Supt Busse noted city to become Tree City USA next month on Arbor Day and also the pruned trees downtown. Ok'd city/Burlington agrmt that neither builds beyond County Line Rd without agrmt from both parties. NIU Center for Gov't Studies Roger Dahlstrom summarized economic impact study noting that newer housing is better quality and worth more in property tax and owner disposable income so impact to city is favorable, but negative for schools. He said the \$1,000 donation over and above the impact fee could be increased to create favorable impact for schools. He noted his report is only as good as city willingness to follow its comp and land use plan.

April 4 – Rev Stovall invocation. Treas Mundy noted strong local financial institutions result in safe and insured market returns on invested city funds. Peddler ord and regs ok'd to include ice cream trucks. Ok'd Swedberg & Assoc for well #9 construction and radium treatment bid of \$827,590 with city happy a good local business got the work.

April 18 – Mayor Swedberg in the chair with Ald Bauer, Larson, Leach, Kessler, Maness, Paulsen, Stowe, Tripp and Clerk Smith, Mgr Nicklas, and Atty Foster present. Plaques to Mayor Swedberg, City Treasurer Mundy, Ald Larson, and Ald Tripp for service to city. Plaque to Dr Hirsch for 12 years city doctor. Todd Hendry of The Confectionary presented with business open in '94 making own chocolates and buttery creams now with 4 candy machines. Todd noted low worker turnover due to owner respect for

them as well as customers and they are pleased to be in business in city. Thanks all around to those leaving city service and Mgr Nicklas welcomed new Mayor Ken Mundy and Ald Grace Adee and Ald Darren Knuth. Treas Mundy noted his pleasure of serving Sycamore 9 years as Library Board Treasurer and City Treasurer for 24 years and he thanked Ald Larson and Ald Tripp and Mayor Swedberg for their service to city. Ord 2004.80 revising City Treasurer to appointed not elected with rank of Ass't City Mgr with appropriate salary and reporting to City Mgr. All for. Ok'd combined Annual Budget and Approp Ord for '05-'06 with \$7 million of capital improvements. All for. Ok'd Unified Development Ord to define acceptable building and development in city. Ok'd ord agrmt with Engh Family Farmstead for 5.9 acres gifted to the city for use of a local nfp. All for.

Note to Readers:

The author was elected Mayor of Sycamore effective May 2005. He continues to record notes from the minutes that are relevant and interesting to the history of the city. Unregulated growth was a community concern in the mid 2000's so council passed a regulatory ordinance that called for no more than 250 new homes or units be built in a year. That worked until the market went soft in 2007 and the demand for new homes plummeted until regaining some life in 2011. Now about 50 single family detached housing permits are issued a year which is a comfortable level of housing placed on lots that are contained in developments complete with streets, water, sewer, power, walks, parks, and other amenities. Multifamily housing is driven by senior citizens downsizing and moving closer to kids and grandkids and pensioners are good for Sycamore as they bring disposable income, shop and eat out locally, have no children to impact the school system, and are stable, educated, and appreciative residents.

May 2 – Rev Phelps invocation. Atty Foster swore in Clerk Candy Smith. Clerk Smith administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Ken Mundy with 1st Lady Juanita Mundy holding the Holy Bible Ken was given by his grandparents Christmas '54. Former Mayor Swedberg turned the gavel over to Mayor Mundy and thanked all for working with him during his term of office. Clerk Smith swore in Ald Allen Bauer, Ald Pete Paulsen, Ald Grace Adee, and Ald Darren Knuth. Chamber Executive Director Rose Treml thanked those leaving and those beginning public service. A local pastor noted a group of clergy gather weekly and pray for city and those who serve it. Ok'd bills \$3,043,895 including \$2 million investments. Plaque to Geo Beasley for Fire & Police Comm service. Plaque to Sgt Keith Snyder for 30 years with police dept and he said it's a pleasure to live and work in Sycamore with so many good people. Rod Swartzendruber sworn as new police sgt with wife Nancy pinning his badge on. John Laskowski welcomed as the new Ass't City Engr. Bob and Sue Rozycki from the Coin Shop noted they began as a card shop 30 years ago and moved 20 years ago to present store where they deal in collectible coins and are happy in downtown Sycamore. Mayor noted presidential candidate Barack Obama at library Sat 5-7 for town meeting at 2:30 pm. Ass't Mgr/Treas Gregory thanked council for the opportunity to serve as treas and thanked Mgr Nicklas for helping him along the way. Joint city/school district meeting 5-19 7 pm at The Natl Bank & Trust Co to explore NIU's growth impact study with public and private stakeholders and is based on facts found by NIU for all 4 taxing bodies from budgets, audits, and other financials. Mayor made appts new year. Ok'd all for.

May 16 – Elder Bridgewater invocation. Chief Riddle intro 12 student grads from fire science cadet program and they have been at fire dept weekly for 2 years. SHS grads Thom Ackmann, Anthony Kelley, Jeff Larson, Brian Reed, Ashley Williams, and Nick Young will be fire dept interns. Mayor thanked fire dept and Bruce Griffith, Kishwaukee Education Consortium, for this. John Pink welcomes as new fire dept member. Mayor noted passing of Charles Roberts, former City Clerk Nancy Marchiando, and Bishop Joseph Thomas. Mayor gave his final treas report noting fire and police pensions grew 9.7% past year and all revenue at 111% of budget with costs at 80% of budget with some to cost out yet. Ass't Mgr/Treas Gregory working to close '05 and open '06 and city newsletter nearly done and asked members to stay for pictures after the meeting. Ord on Genl Oblig Bond '05 \$2,965,000 with levy and collection of direct annual tax to repay them. All for. Bond rating improved to A1 "with outlook" meaning it could improve again. Ok'd EPA loan for well #9 of \$845,000, 20 years, at 2.5% simple interest. All for. Ok'd agrmt with McMahan and Tim Bronn for treatment plt upgrades.

June 6 – Rev Elliott invocation. Mayor introduced Plano Treasurer Janet Guest and former Rochelle Treasurer Carolyn Miller to present a plaque and honorary membership for 24 years service to the Illinois Municipal Treasurers Association to Mayor Mundy. Ken and Daryl Hopper who own the Sycamore State St Theater in town 13 years and are pleased with improvements to city, schools, parks, and library and noted their business is part of Midwest Museum of Natural History, downtown, car show, summer on state, ladies night out, and other events to promote city and retail especially. Daryl noted that after moving a lot as a kid they are happy with roots in Sycamore. Library noted 6,895 card holders and circulation up 19%. Ok'd agrmt with Daley Group as lobbyist for fed funds for city. Rose Treml noted area businesses wanting to move to city and their new office allows for more direct merchant contact, a good thing. New promo brochures at 10 interstate or tollway spots and new website promotes city as "one stop shop" to convenience shoppers. Local hotels and restaurants have noted 130 zip codes past 5 months from visitors. Ok'd special census at \$226,000 with city to gain \$200,000 a year once new population certified. All for.

June 20 – Rev Elliott invocation. Rockford TV to film in city July to feature city as a state line community. Gary and Penny Carter presented Carter's Alley a new gift shop on 1st anniversary and glad to be keeping downtown viable and busy. Ok'd on close 5-3 vote liquor to be sold from golf carts at the golf course. Ok'd annex Simon Farm along Peace Rd on 9-0 vote and zone C-3 highway business. Ok'd 7-1 vote resol to allow real estate transfer tax for schools with needed discussion from other taxing bodies and the people.

July 5 – Mayor invocation. Ok'd bills \$718,282. Paul Rasmussen with farmland in the green zone north of city objects that it decreases value of his property. Mayor noted 2nd year of council meetings and offices at Sycamore Center. Rep Pritchard noted the state stole pension funds again which will cost every Illinois resident \$3,500 in the future. He tries to get release of museum and treatment plt funds due city. No state guidance on smoking issue as they look at it as a local issue. Chamber takes a position against smoking inside as most businesses feel that way. Current consensus is let each business decide the smoking issue on their

own. Mayor noted more public input needed before city forms any legislation on smoking and sent it to Ord Comm. Ok'd \$235,000 to place walks near schools and heavy pedestrian areas and complete ADA compliance at all corners in city.

August 1 – Deacon Ridulph invocation. SYCEDC member Mundy presented Jody Mattison of the Popcorn Stand who has owned it 22 years and is a downtown landmark and favorite spot for over 100 years. Ok'd façade grants for 4 downtown addresses.

August 22 - Deacon Ridulph invocation. Kish Hospital execs Keven Poorten and Brad Copple propose 100 bed expansion with new surgical rooms to attract more specialists. Mayor noted Boy Scout Troop 2 present. Applause. County ok'd new access on Peace Rd for city commercial development.

September 6 – Rev Landis invocation. Ald Bauer in the chair as mayor pro tem. Chuck Criswell noted the car show cost was \$12,610 with profits: \$6,000 police dept, \$2,500 Fizz Ehler Scholarship Fund, \$1,000 food pantry, \$250 Special Olympics and was a good show again this year. Applause for Chuck and the comm. Many spoke for and against future growth with much support for B&B Devel who exceed donations to impact fees and help community as they develop. Business spotlight is Cindy Tucker of Kish Rehab Services at Unlimited Performances with outpatient pediatric gym, half court gym, and pool with underwater exercise machines where they work with students in sports, physicals for school, and occupational, speech, and massage therapy. Eric Walker sworn as new fire dept member. Chief Riddle noted firefighters and truck at Katrina storm to aid in rescue and recovery and he thanked staff for collecting \$4,291 in the streets in just one day for Katrina victims. Mgr Nicklas reminded council that developers that meet or exceed land use, comp plan, and udo should be approved to build and that city not become known as a no growth area. Jewel Foods already concerned that a city building moratorium would adversely impact our economy. Noted that many areas annexed and zoned so once they fit into the 250 a year plan to build they are good to go on a managed and supportable basis. Ok'd annex parcels of 41-acre, 283-acre, 114-acre, and 97-acre all accompanied by fees and donations to schools, parks, city, and library. All for.

October 3 – Deacon Ridulph invocation. Luke Glowiak District 427 Finance Director shared the district prefers B&B Devel as a larger firm with resources and responsible development that respects and improves the community and schools. "B&B proves voluntary contribution to city and schools beyond the required and working with city and schools they know their impact and work to alleviate some of that burden." Schools to study what facilities needed next. Vote to approve B&B Devel plans failed on 5-4 vote needing 6 yes votes to pass.

October 17 – Rev Stovall invocation. Don Paulsen SYCEDC member welcomes Scott and Sherri Prutten owners of Mojo Brewery with plans to open Sycamore Winery where wines and beers are made and consumed both on and off premises. Proc honoring Sycamore History Museum. Ed Kuhn and 6 men went to Slidell La to help 78-year old Wally Thurow repair his home after storm Katrina with fundraising in city ongoing to help Wally and Jan. People spoke both for and against B&B's Wolf Lake Devel with more favoring it given the reduced building regulator ord in place. Passed on 7-2 vote with new timeline of no new permits until 2010. Ok'd bill of \$4,670,358 including \$3 million of bond refunding and \$1 million jet fuel rebates. Ok'd annexation of Wolfenburger Farm 41 acres, 283 acres south and east of Lindgren and Plank Rds, and 114 acres north and west of Lindgren Rd. Ok'd Gracious Living Townhomes south of Bethany Rd.

November 7 – Fr Timar invocation. Joe Bussone reminds us of Veterans Day events with program at VFW Home the 11th at 11 am. New police dept member Mike Dominighini welcomed. Mayor noted Sycamore Youth Council formed in '91 disbanded due to services duplicated by other youth groups and funds distributed to YMCA, parks, and Kiwanis. Tom Ostreicher local history teacher and Civil War enthusiast noted President Andrew Johnson commended the 105th Company A from DeKalb County "one of the best drilled units in the army." A new plaque in Elmwood Cemetery on Soldiers Row notes the Civil War commendation. Mgr Nicklas noted new EAV at \$295 million and recommends 3% tax increase which leaves taxes still at a 40-year low.

November 21 – Fr Timar invocation. External auditors commend city for 4-year improvement with strong 34% debt to equity ratio and healthy general fund reserve. Ass't City Mgr Gregory leads the audit very well. Improved internal controls addresses the segregation of duties in part.

December 5 – Rev Best invocation. Humanitarian Awards to fire dept Lt Mark Kessler, firefighters Paul Rubeck, Pat Dulzo, Jim Ward, Kevin Mickelson, Dan Marcinkowski, and POC Geo Spartz for their Katrina Recovery work. 5 to 25-year service awards presented with big applause. New public works street laborer Frank Pluhm welcomed. Ok'd IAFF labor contract fire dept 3 years with 4% wage steps each year. Ok'd abandon well #1 at \$11,303.

December 19 – Rev Best invocation. Proc on Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention in December. Mayor noted free carriage rides downtown and he and 1st Lady Juanita wish all the best Christmas and New Year. Comm Doty noted Jimmy Johns, Capt Vic's, and Cardinal Fitness all open. Ok'd all for to place real estate transfer tax for schools' referendum on the ballot. Ok'd economic incentive grant for Driv-Lok Inc of \$200,000 as employees buy the business from Bud and Karen Duffey who are retired along with \$150,000 5-year interest free loan so the business can remain employee owned and in the city. Pres Gary Seegers noted 116 workers in city with annual wages and benefits of \$7 million. All for 9-0. Ok'd tax levy 9-0. Ok'd Unified Development Ord changes to allow limited housing starts 9-0. Ok'd annual budget and approp ord all for 9-0.

January 3, 2006

Moment of reflection. People from North Grove Rd area spoke on issues to be resolved before Pappas Development builds near them: curbs, road width, driveways, offensive headlights, traffic speeds, fences, etc. Well #9 online and mayor thanked water dept, local contractors, and engineers. Chamber noted numerous promos for city and shoppers.

January 16 – Rev Persson invocation. Boy Scout Troop 16 present to work on badges. Fire Chief Riddle noted 3 firefighters awarded Stork Pins by Kish Hospital for delivering baby in White Hen parking lot with mom and baby doing fine. Whitwell Farms annex 261 acres to city ok on 6-3 vote. Ok'd on 6-3 vote 99 acre Primm Farm by John Pappas near North Grove and Rt 23 north

with residents noting Pappas worked well with them to answer concerns and to customize his plan to accommodate them. Zoning is R-1 and C-3 highway business district. Ok'd 82 acres at Peace, Plank, and Rt 23 for Jewel Foods Complex on 9-0 vote. Ok'd Mgr Nicklas to represent city on county regional planning comm.

February 6 – Rev Persson invocation. Chamber read resol in support of real estate transfer tax for schools. Mayor noted DCEDC Stats show Sycamore had 69% of new industrial projects and DeKalb/Sycamore had 72% new commercial spaces with 307 jobs and millions of dollars in added commercial tax base. New police officers Tiffany O'Neal and Ann Carlson welcomed to bring police to 24 sworn officers. Ok'd 1st Rockford incentive plan for 82-acre Jewel site to share sales tax for 10 years or until an amount certain reached. All for.

February 20 – Rev Best invocation. Mayor noted Black History Month with Martin Luther King essay contest at court house and panel discussion on WLBK Radio. SYCEDC member Dean Copple presented Bruce Griffith Kishwaukee Education Consortium Executive Director whose program includes 5 area high schools 500 juniors and seniors learning about 20 vocational paths to pursue after school with 34 grades 7th to 12th grade including 150 at risk youth. Fire dept and KEC have 11 students in fire science classes at SFD. Capital projects outlined spending in '07 \$2,537,502 mostly on radium removal in wells, '08 \$10,796,300 with 2nd water tower and treatment plt phase I, '09 \$11,252,000 plant phase II, fire station #2. 3-year plan is \$24 million and is the most aggressive in city history. Of the plant upgrades and 2nd water tower, \$5 million of water/sewer impact fees were applied to those projects saving the taxpayers bonding and debt service. No property tax increase but recommended to borrow for a more aggressive downtown streets program. Consensus to move ahead with capital plans.

March 6 – Rev Massey invocation. Mayor welcomed Rich Perales of Rich's Tires, where they service and sell tires and auto/truck services. Ok'd on all for vote lease of Engh Farm 5 acres to Sycamore History Museum. Mayor noted Pay It Forward House 1st anniversary providing nights of rest to people away from home who have family at Vencor. Mayor enjoyed class time with elementary school students. Ok'd all for water/sewer impact fees increase.

April 3 – Rev Stovall invocation. Sweet Dreams Desserts open at Bethany Rd and DeKalb Ave offering cupcakes, cookies, soups, and full menu with catering too Deanna Watkins owner. VAC's Ellen Rogers thanks city for grants to support meals and transportation services. Friends of Wally Thurow made 3 trips to Slidell La to rebuild his and Jan's home with 14 workers over 19 trips over 45-day period. \$11,000 was raised locally to add to FEMA funds for Katrina Recovery with the whole effort engineered by Ed Kuhn and John Hulseberg. Rod and Marty Oehlert welcomed who built Twin Gable Rentals Complex in the '90's to include commercial and residential uses. Complex has 10 buildings with all full and under 1% vacancy rate annually. They thanked city, Engr Brady, and Comm Doty for cooperation as they built out the complex. Treas/Asst Mgr Gregory noted 5% improved returns over the 2.5% city got before on invested funds. New EAV up to \$309,324,156 which lowers tax rate to \$.7539 lowest in decades.

May 1 – Elder Bill Bridgewater invocation. Ass't Fire Chief Cary Niewold retired with 30 years at fire dept. New Lt Todd Turner and Ass't Fire Chief Mark Kessler sworn in by Clerk Smith. New census confirmed at 14,866 means added revenue of \$309,719 in fiscal '07. Mgr Nicklas noted 4% growth past 5 years with average household decrease from 2.43 to 2.3 people per unit. City now qualified as Tree City USA with Arbor Day plantings and budget line items for forestry. Police Rob Rosenberg retires with 25 years at police dept and Rudy Ziegler and new member Stacy Safranek in training. \$20,000 allocated to downtown façade grants. Socially based grants parameters to include child acre and seniors needs. Eagle Scouts Andrew Funkhouser, Garret Shear, and John Windelborn shared community projects: trail build at Russell Woods, book drive for free kids' books at food pantry, sand and backboards around horseshoe pits, and benches at Walcamp. Police officer Sharon Anderson promoted to Sgt. Scott Mayeda resigns to become Police Chief Mayeda at Virden Il. Many school kids visited Sycamore Center and public works had kids draw pictures to display downtown in windows about their city.

June 5 – Rev Elliott invocation. Jesus Romero, Taxco Restaurant owner, noted 9th Cinco de Mayo event with \$30,000 raised for community past 8 years and \$15,000 this year given to CASA, Bigs/Littles Program, VAC, Kish College Hispanic School, Connexion Comunidad newspaper, and DCCF. Jesus and Stephanie thank city for working with them for the event. Jesus came here in '92, married Stephanie, and is happy to be raising their family and doing business here where they will expand over time. Proc 2006 the "Year of the Museums" in city. Fire Chief noted grads of the fire dept internships: Ryan Gustafson, Adam Honiotes, and John Pink, all of them with associates degrees, firefighter II and full paramedic status. A new class of '09 includes Mike Hardesty, Sean Warren, and Ian Wheeler. Ass't Mgr/Treas Gregory noted strong finish to fiscal '06 with revenue 114% of budget and costs at 98% of budget. Ok'd grants: Tails \$4,500, \$3,500 VAC, \$2,000 DCEDC noting these grants may not be recurring every year. All for.

June 19 – Rev Elliott invocation. Midwest Museum of Natural History Pres Yvonne Johnson updated council on museum in need of public/private funds to address disrepairs and that since opening in '05 15,500 visitors from 223 communities, 40 states, and 15 foreign countries at the museum which is a proven tourist attraction and community asset. Ald Paulsen thanked many who worked at Larson Park in Maple Terrace to build trails, clear brush, and install exercise circuits, benches, and a shelter. Chief Thomas thanked both Luke Morton for 31 years and Keith Snyder for 30 years as the "friendliest cops in town" who know everybody and their business with plaques and big applause all around. Cap't Vic's Seafood here 12 years with fish that is never out of the water more than 2 days to ensure freshness. Ok'd economic incentive to Auto Meter for public safety improvements at 109/111 Somonauk St. including new corporate offices where Art Bingham will restore former furniture store for Auto Meter. This is business retention for 30-year company that will make Sycamore corporate headquarters and free up production space at their plant on Elm St to bring more corporate and production jobs to city. Auto Meter sales is \$560,000 weekly and city to share sales tax with them until the incentive amount is reached. All for 7-0.

July 3 – Deacon Ridulph invocation. Chuck Criswell owns Chuck's Auto Sales & Service opened '90 and has 12 full and part time workers as full service auto shop with 15-20 cars sold per month. Chuck is a Sycamore native who is thankful to have his family and business here and Chuck is the engine for annual Fizz Ehrler Memorial Car Show which donates profits back to the community. Mgr Nicklas noted building costs for fire station #2 at \$210/sq ft. Comm Doty noted permits down 100 over last year.

August 7 – Deacon Ridulph invocation. Mgr Nicklas welcomed Adam Orton, recent grad from U of I as new Masters of Public Administration student attending NIU as new city intern. Ass't Mgr/Treas Gregory noted real estate transfer tax began 6-1 and has 133 stamps, 27 exempt, with \$169,000 unrestricted funds to schools less collection costs. Ok'd lobbyist Daley Group to seek federal funds for city. All for.

August 21 – Deacon Ridulph invocation. Letters of commendation to firefighters who fought a 3-home total fire loss on Sandberg Dr on 8-1-06 with a night fire battling high winds. Ken and Ann Hirschbein have a trophy and gift business here 24 years with 5 engraving machines offering trophies, badges, and awards to public and private customers. They chose Sycamore due to small city size with great schools and have tripled shop size due to business success. Sycamore History Museum Exec Director Michelle Donohoe and SHM Pres Denise Weinmann presented mayor with SHM t shirt for his support of SHM where the mission is to document, educate, and preserve history of Sycamore. Ok'd façade grants to Sycamore Winery and \$38,245 for 12 new windows at 239, 245, and 249 W State in part to restore and preserve the '1874' building to its original look above 4 storefronts including Paulsen's Appliance and D& D Jewelers on 4-2-1 vote.

September 5 – Rev Landis invocation. Mike and Cheryl Stack lived in DeKalb since the '60's and they chose to retire in Sycamore and thanked city for work with developers to manage growth as it impacts the city and they invited all to their open house on Viking Dr 9-24. Mayor welcomed new SHS Principal Mark Leffler who is excited and proud to be part of the community. Chuck Criswell noted Sycamore car show top draw in Illinois with donations food pantry \$1,000, library \$250, SHM \$250, Fizz Ehrler Scholarship \$1,500, police dept \$3,800 and since 1st show in 2000, \$48,000 donated back to community. Big applause. Ok'd Foster Buick Law Group legal counsel through 8-31-08. Ok'd becoming Tree City USA. New Administration Dept Sec'y Laura Campbell welcomed to serve mayor, mgr, treas, and human resources director. John Pappas opens new retail/commercial/office spaces in Midlands Ct. Ass't Mgr/Treas Gregory noted city newsletter mailed and on website. Ok'd full time police community service officer to free up time for other officers. All for 7-0.

October 2 – Moment to reflect. Mayor and 1st Lady Juanita attended DeKalb's Sesquicentennial Ball at NIU's Altgeld Hall noting Sycamore to reach the same milestone in '08. Welcomed new firefighters Ryan Gustafson and Adam Honiotes. Ok'd Ideal/city/Krpan Devel agrmt for recreation path along Krpan's and Ideal's Peace Rd frontage. External audit praises Mgr Nicklas and Ass't Mgr/Treas Gregory for improved internal controls and addressing other minor financial items past year. Noted importance of preserving historic downtown to maintain clean retro look and working with businesses on same goals.

October 16 – Rev Weinhold invocation. Mayor welcomed Angela Nielsen, Scent Shoppe owner, offering gifts and collectibles as she noted Sycamore unique with so many owner-occupied downtown shops so different and better than other areas.

November 6 – Fr Timar invocation. Boy Scout Troop 140 present. Vets Vigil at court house Friday 6 pm to Sat 6 pm for those who visit there to remember Veteran's Day. Proc to honor county historian Phyllis Kelly who received Studs Terkel Humanitarian Award being jointly recommended by Mayors Mundy and DeKalb Mayor Frank Van Buer. County Board Chair Ruth Anne Tobias and both mayors joined in the presentation to Phyllis Kelly who thanked both mayors, county, library, and her many volunteers who work with her at the Joiner History Room housed in the public library. Big applause. New police officers Stacy Safranek and Cheryl Senne welcomed. Ass't Mgr/Treas Gregory noted intern Adam Orton compiled the 2005 special census. Mayor noted his time spent with both fire and police depts. and commended both for professional service oriented well run public safety operations.

December 4 – Moment of reflection. Service awards for 5 to 30+ service years with Cary Niewold and Duane Prather longest serving. Letter from school district planning for new elementary school to be built off Plank Rd northern part of city. Former firefighter Charles Pangburn passed with some fire dept people at his funeral in Hobart In. Ass't Mgr/Treas Gregory noted 6-months real estate tax to schools at \$420,180 less collection costs. City has 180 days with no loss of work time due to injury. Mgr Nicklas welcomed police dept member Erik Carlson and 2 new laborers Vince Orman and Andy Siebrasse. Proc honoring community friend and donor Joe Bussone on his 80th birthday 12-16 with decades of service to the community. Ski's Pizza and Muggzies Sports Bar open. Ok'd property tax levy at \$3,116,031 with \$714,074 of it for the library. All for 8-0.

January 2, 2007

Moment to reflect. Mayor Mundy in the chair with Clerk Smith, Ald Adece, Bauer, Kessler, Knuth, Leach, Maness, Paulsen, Stowe, Mgr Nicklas, and Atty Foster present. IDOT noted audit of city Motor Fuel Tax Fund from '02-'05 no findings and records of both city and IDOT in agreement. Water Supt Smith noted wells pumped 616 million gal water past year. Mayor noted receiving former Mayor Red Johnson's auction cane from teacher Dorothy Oehlert and mayor donated cane to history museum for visitors to enjoy there. Mgr Nicklas outlined new genl fund budget expecting to increase spending 9.47% to \$11,588,972.

February 5 – Rev Mills invocation. Comm Doty noted permits down 48%. Ok'd Dahlco/Park District agrmt on 24 acres flood plain just north of Kishwaukee River for recreation park with trails, playground equipment for \$132,000. Ok'd on 8-1 vote class D package liquor license for Brown's Store.

February 19 – Rev Mills invocation. Mayor noted new industrial directory from SYCEDC includes 27 industries and copies to schools, Kish College, and NIU for better exposure to students of local job/career possibilities. Vote all for to make park district and city limits boundaries concurrent. Mgr Nicklas laid out proposed \$23 million 3-year capital improvement plans most of which depends heavily on continued strong economic and revenue streams in city. Ok'd all for to move ahead with proposal.

March 5 – Rev Weinhold invocation. School Supt Dr Wayne Riesen announce a \$30 million school referendum to build and repair schools. Maturing school debt results in the new 20-year bond to keep the school tax rate at \$5 as it has been. Ok'd Swedberg & Assoc to build Fire Station #2 at \$1,765,950. Ok'd all for Mgr Nicklas contract extension with mayor and council pleased he will continue serving Sycamore. Applause.

March 19 – Rev Weinhold invocation. New park at Main and Ottawa former St John Lutheran Church site named Charley Laing Park with Kathy Laing donating \$80,000 for land and a shelter along with \$130,000 public/private funds to complete the park with playground equipment, benches, and a brick memorial walkway. Joyce Mathey noted pay It Forward House gave 2250 nights of rest the past 2 years with 100% volunteer staff and private funding. Mayor noted fire with loss of life with sympathy for the family and thanks to public safety city workers. Ok'd 15-acre B&B Devel donation of land for new school north and east of Plank Rd. All for 8-0.

April 2 – Rev Stovall invocation. Ass't Mgr/Treas Gregory noted 10% growth in fire and police pension funds past year. Ok'd \$2 million genl obligation bond for Elm, California, Main, and State Sts and oldest neediest streets closer to downtown. City bond rating at A-1 with expectations becoming AA in time due to continuously improving financial strength.

April 16 – Rev Stovall invocation. Mayor thanked council for past year serving and appt for new year. Ok'd. Ald Leach thanked city as she leaves council. Big applause. City has 9,688 registered voters and only 20% voted in the recent election. Shameful. Mayor encouraged people to vote and listed facts to "balance misleading statements by "negative nabobs" and to factually document the city he is proud of." Procs: 4-27 Arbor Day, April Fair Housing Month, 5-17 Public Services Recognition Week, 5-19 Kids Day in America. Mgr Nicklas commended Ald Leach for her meetings with citizens to gain their input on issues. Ok'd annual budget and approp ord on 9-0 all for vote. New higher EAV of \$359,225,508 lowers tax rate to \$.66868 like it was in the '50's.

May 7 – Elder Bridgewater invocation. Mayor presented outgoing Ald Leach and Maness with plaques and many thanks to big applause. Clerk swore in newly elected Ald: Kessler, Stowe, Rich Neubauer, and Gregory Taylor. New fire dept Lt Jack Spartz and Tom Pritchett sworn with their wives pinning their badges on. Mayor reminded all of Memorial Day events and to attend. Groundbreaking for fire station #2 5-21 at 6:15 pm. Trees planted at public works garage with city a Tree City USA and Ebe Smith now Ass't Public Works Director. Ok'd. Ok'd all for grants of DCEDC \$10,000, DCCF \$1,000, and VAC \$17,000. Ok'd MMNH and SHM museum grants of \$10,000 each.

May 21 – Elder Bridgewater invocation. Procs: 5-20 Altrusa Week and National Public Works Week, 5-24 Buddy Poppy Weekend. Police dept now has Community Service Officer George Davis to address weeds, cars, and other nuisances.

June 4 – Rev Elliott invocation. Jesus Romero, Taxco owner noted Cinco de Mayo raised \$18,000 with \$8,500 to CASA, \$4,250 to Kish College, and \$4,250 to DCCF. He thanked Discover Sycamore Kayte Hammel and Allison Short of American Natl Bank and many volunteers for their help. Fire dept member Dustin Ruby welcomed.

June 18 – Rev Elliott invocation. Charity Bruner proposes a drive through coffee kiosk at State and Sacramento which eventually opened but survived just a year or so. Com Ed to pay city \$33,000 in rate relief focused on low income and seniors. DeKalb County population now exceeds 100,000 placing us on more favorable business perspective lists. Noted that 71% of those voting preferred slow growth but mayor said since 23% voted, true percentage of all voters is 16% when factual math is applied. Further he noted city has responded to fast growth with the limiting ord which is direct result of the referendum directing slower growth. A new impact study is at hand and the referendum called for slow, not no growth. Ok'd all for a new 1 million gal water tower on the Engh Farm. On a 8-1 required 2/3 vote package liquor license ok'd for Jewel Foods. Ok'd 8-0 \$138,000 vehicle purchases for public works and public safety possibly largest vehicle purchase at same time ever for city.

July 2 – Moment to reflect. Mayor welcomed Eagle Scout Joe Evans Troop 49 who build a footbridge over Queen's Creek in McQueen Forest Preserve. Mayor thanked Upstaging Inc for patriotic lighting on the court house 4th of July. Chief Thomas welcomed new police Joe Meeks and Mike Eide. Ok'd VAC \$21,000 grant to have bus service in the city as a scheduled route.

August 6 – Rev Weinhold invocation. People from Whipple, Moose Range, and Divine Way spoke against further development near them. Memorial bricks laid with room for more at Laing Park at Main and Ottawa. Comm Doty projects 260 residential units permitted by year end, lowest since '03, with increased commercial activity too. Ass't Mgr/Treas Gregory noted 3rd annual city newsletter out soon.

August 20 – Deacon Ridulph invocation. Wolfenberger Farm annexation failed on 3-6 vote with many questions on Plank Rd safety, drainage, and growth pace. Elgiloy Inc will locate from Elgin to Bob Boey's Sycamore Industrial Park as a metal alloy company and seek \$30,000 city grant to aid in their move to city. Ok'd all for. County seeks to use Engh Farm for at risk youth and Sycamore Historical Society desires land and buildings for museum use. City to solicit input for use of the donated Engh Farm.

September 4 – Rev Gil Larimer invocation. New fire dept member Andy Powers sworn with Grandfather Terry Morris, retired Lt with dept at Andy's side. Dawn and Don Sukach opened D&D Jewelers 8 years ago as experienced jewelry sales and service and are remodeling store inside and out. Both are active with city groups and see a long happy history for D&D in the city. Major flood emptied Evergreen Village to St John Lutheran Church as flood refugee center as Red Cross and Salvation Army to provide cots and food with their volunteers. All city depts. worked together to ensure safety and property damage minimized where possible. Ok'd city standing committees to become 5-member per state directive.

September 17 – Rev Weingartner invocation. More discussion on Engh Farm with mayor noting city charge to find the highest and best use of the gifted property for the community and welcomed public input. Jeff Stollard of Inlaid Woodcraft Products Inc owned by Dale and Marge Johnson opened in 1950 in Kirkland and moved to Sycamore later as they specialize in custom inlay and marquetry in furniture, caskets, and other wood products. Wrigley Family yacht board table, United Center Board Room table, Howard Miller Clocks, and Bateville Casket Co are some of the varied clients Inlaid has created for. Dale Johnson was instrumental in pioneering the 1st laser wood cutting machine. Dale and Marge heavily involved in Chamber activities. Proc Crop Week 10-10. Mgr Nicklas noted community indebted to Viet Now and park district for display of the Viet Nam Memorial Wall at the park

lagoon off Airport Rd. Chief Riddle noted the death of Mrs Bep Van der Heyden who sewed flag patches on 150 fire and police uniforms at minimal charge, a true patriot. External audit noted strong city financial position with \$1.4 million genl fund balance with \$7.9 million reserve. City Finance and Human Resource Offices have absorbed duties that all ran through Clerk's Office and is noted as positives in audit due to separation of job and financial duties. With legal city debt limit of \$24 million, city is at \$18 million a safe and healthy distance from the limit, another sign of financial viability. Mayor appt 1 more member to each standing comm for a total 5-member on each per state/local law. Ok'd.

October 1 – Moment to reflect. Honored SHS cross country team as champs in class AA. Applause. Noted MMNH named “small museum of the year” by Il Assoc of Museums a nice honor for our newer museum housing the Schelkopf Collection. Annual Cemetery Walk Sun and free organ concert Sunday at St John Lutheran Church Brickville Rd. Ed and Alice Paulson own Genoa Business Forms Inc since '57 and moved to Sycamore 25 years ago as they produce business forms for banks, health care entities, schools, and gov't offices. They employ 40 workers and have a new product line of embroidered logos for promotional items. Ed, Alice, Phil, and David thank city for great working relationship over the years as they are a green business recycling nearly all of their waste and byproducts. New walks on North Ave from California to Main to enhance safety.

Ok'd 8-0 vote H liquor license for Sycamore Winery to make and sell wines and beers there with both on and off premises consumption. Ok'd all for annual budget and approp ord for fiscal '08. Estimated \$20 million needed to fix all streets in need.

October 15 – Rev Root invocation. Rose Treml of Chamber thanked city for comp plan upgrade leading to business growth which resulted in Chamber membership growing from 260 in '03 to over 500 in '07. Chamber membership has been at or over 500 through 2017 and likely beyond. Geo Spartz honored for 43 years paid on call firefighter, coach, Dad, scoutmaster, umpire, and trusted advisor to fire dept as he thanked fire dept and family for a great 43 years of service. Jerry Lane honored for 15 years as civil defense head for city. Big applause all around. County Historian Phyllis Kelly, Studs Terkel Humanitarian Award winner and author of “Images of America: Sycamore” thanked her 9 volunteers as Joiner History Room staff and said she could not have done the book without them and the book prompted much interest in local history which has brought awareness of the history room and the efforts there to catalog and document significant local historical photos, stories, and other material. Mayor noted public input needed on 3 issues: comp plan update, Engh Farm use, and street program funding.

November 5 – Fr Timar invocation. Veteran Joe Bussone reminded all of Vets Day Ceremony at court house the 11th at 11 am. Mayor thanked all who worked on Pumpkin Fest as a great safe and fun week in Sycamore. Schwann's Ice Cream began in Mn in the '50's and was failing when the owner's son added ice cream and sold to the farmers in a Dodge panel truck and added vegetables and entrees and is still owned by the family. Sycamore was the 1st depot in Il built in Sycamore Prairie Business Park for \$1.5 million and most Schwann products carry 100% guarantee for freshness. Boys SHS cross country state champs in Class AA honored. Applause. Youth Services Bureau, YMCA, park district, county, and history museum pitched city for Engh Farm. More discussion on funding street program leaning to 2 cent gas tax and home rule sales tax to energize funding the program. Tax rate could be \$.56598 with higher EAV and 2.5% increase in funding.

November 19 – Fr Timar invocation. John Garman SHS#1 sports fan for decdes happy city honors sports teams with Coach Ryan thanking city as they honor SHS winning football season and post season successes. Mayor thankful to serve the great City of Sycamore. Ok all for replace fire dept ambulance at \$107,000.

December 3 – Rev Trevor Holloway invocation. Mayor noted DeKalb County Community Foundation \$25 million now and may distribute \$1 million this year to local nfp's. Honored SHS volleyball, tennis, and golf teams. Thanked Chamber for hosting Santa coming to town and urged all to Shop Sycamore. Supt Busse noted 12 men plowing then 6 picking ice storm downed branches from streets and reminded not to plow snow into streets from private property. Many without power due to ice and high winds.

December 17 – Rev Best invocation. HR Director Tritle and Mgr Nicklas awarded 5 to 30+ years city service with Geo Maness and Julie Rhodes at 25 years and Eng Brady at 30+ years. Supt Busse noted 55% salt used already of total used past year. Ok'd tax levy all for.

January 7, 2008

Rev Persson invocation. Mayor notes 2008 is city sesquicentennial and invites all to join the planning group to form celebratory events in '08. Comm Doty noted 227 '07 permits for residential at \$26 million and \$23 million of commercial/industrial permits same year. Ass't Mgr/Treas Gregory noted \$1,052,000 real estate transfer tax to schools since July '06. New police dept members Andrew Neuman and Dana Allen sworn. Mayor opened hearing on Engh Farm with speakers favoring county, museum, and park district use of the farm. Hearing on street program funding with people against any tax increase and others ok with it to fund the program. Ok'd on 6-1 vote ord to comply with state directive on no smoking in public places. Several ord ok'd to deal with illegal parking, lane, and driveway violations. Ok'd on 5-2 vote Engh Farm for museum/park district uses. Mayor told county city will work with them to find a place for a youth at risk home. He thanked Engh Family for generous gift of over 5 acres with 2 homes, barn, machine shed, and corn crib all included.

January 21 – Rev Persson invocation. Mayor noted when McDonald's reopened they donated \$500 to each of schools, city, and VFW. Recent Eagle Scout Court of Honor named Mark Costello, Jordan Montgomery, and Josh Quick Eagle Scouts as local troops produce at least 6-8 Eagle Scouts per year which is exceptional for a city our size. Collins Dental Complex open on Bethany Rd. Hearing opened on Mapes Farmstead requesting annexation. Karen Johnson Lyons spoke against growth alleging a housing glut which devalue other long term properties and wants a no vote to annex and higher impact fees. She alleges city not taking care of downtown as the heart of Sycamore and people not attending meetings “but they are watching and will speak next April in the election.” Her allegations on downtown despite city, state, and federal funds combined for \$20 million rebuild of downtown from 2000 to 2003. Council and mayor allowed Lyons to speak over 30 minutes even though the allowed time for audience is 3 minutes

per person. Her allegations were impassioned, repetitive, and disrespectful to council and Mgr Nicklas. Full disclosure here that Lyons is mother-in-law to Ald Neubauer which may have fueled her fire. Her fear of losing the city to growth is shared with other long term city natives during this time as city worked to manage and control residential development.

Lyons is not a bad person but her over the top allegations and disrespect were hurtful to council and uncalled for that meeting.

This was the most negative council meeting remembered by Mayor Mundy and other council members. Jack Mapes defended his request as an infill parcel and vouched for B&B Devel as a "class operation." Ok'd ½ % home rule sales tax for streets on 8-0 all for vote. Ord to impose 2 cent/gal local gas tax for streets garnered 4-4 tie vote with mayor voting yes to pass the gas tax ord. Mgr Nicklas presented new budget with genl fund revenue estimated at \$11,588,972 and costs to reflect minor staff changes and union raises but no layoffs planned. Ald Bauer noted Mgr Nicklas "treated us to many years of no financial/staff surprises and he attributes that to good planning."

February 4 - Rev Scott Trandel invocation. During Audience to Visitors Karen Lyons again argued against townhomes and said "she didn't care whose palms were greased and by that she didn't care who benefits." Others spoke against any growth. John Pappas, investor and developer, opined that Karen Lyons "insulted the whole community, city council, city mgr, and engr depts. by saying "whose palm is greased." He said it's the most outrageous thing he has heard and had to speak out. Pappas noted he's in business in city over 6 years with 150,000 sq ft commercial space and "never asked a dime from anybody." His experience with city is professionals working for taxpayers and the city and that Lyons should apologize to everybody. Lyons interrupted Pappas and said she should not have said what she said and regretted it. Ald Kessler called point of order and mayor asked Lyons to sit down. Ok'd bills \$2,153,753 including jet fuel sales tax reimbursement. Mayor thanked public works dept for the ride along during snow plowing. Mgr Nicklas noted allegations of city doing pay for play are disturbing and best way forward is to stick to facts and the record. He recommends Mapes Farm since it complies with all plans and codes. Ald Neubauer presented his opinion sheet for higher impact fees. Mayor noted survey from '05 and '06 show 60% of building is current residents downsizing within community they love. Comm Doty noted permits in '07 are 50/50 residential to commercial. There are 67 new or expanded businesses past 2 years. Comparing city to DeKalb to support higher impact fees is wrong due to vast differences in communities and philosophies. Ok'd annex Mapes Farm on 6-3 vote with Ald Knuth, Adee, and Neubauer against. Ok'd 6-3 vote Lindgren land at Plank and Lindgren Rds.

February 18 - Rev Best invocation. Ald Taylor noted derogatory letters in paper and lack of courage by detractors to attend public meetings and be seen and heard there. Also, that Mgr Nicklas takes lots of unwarranted flack and that he merely carries out policy set by council per his job description. Mayor noted tragic week with NIU shooting causing loss of 5 student and shooter lives. Chamber and city assisting NIU where possible especially with students who need it. We are joining groups to memorialize lost lives with slogan "Forward, Together Forward." A service will be held at the Convocation Center Sunday 7 pm for the entire community. Chamber's Rose Treml noted hotel/motel tax gained from \$159,000 in '05 to \$229,000 in '09 as Chamber partners with DCEDC, DeKalb Chamber, DeKalb County, DeKalb Area Visitors Bureau and other marketing efforts to promote Sycamore shopping and businesses. Police dept sent 10 officers in response to NIU shooting Feb 14th and many agencies worked together at the tragedy. Ok'd AFSCME public works labor contract one year with 4% increases adding Martin Luther King as paid holiday. All for. Discussion on impact fees for schools, parks, and library.

March 3 - Rev Persson invocation. Joel Barczyk, Blumen Gardens owner, spoke to growth from business standpoint that market determines success or failure and encouraged no growth people to attend Chamber meetings to gauge business perspective on managed growth. Ok'd agrmt with park district to hold city harmless with regard to park district impact fees. All for. Ok'd FOP police contract one year with 4% increase. All for 8-0.

March 17 - Rev Mills invocation. Rich Para, Ben Franklin Store owner, commended public/private funding of MMNH with dues, fees, rentals, and museum store to fund the museum and that MMNH generates shoppers and dining downtown to support city revenue and urged MMNH be included in city budget. Fire pension fund at 79% funded and police pension 85% funded. Ok'd all for city/Chamber 3-year contract at \$50,000 a year.

April 7 - Rev Stovall invocation. City received congressional resolution letters with cover letter by NIU Pres Peters recognizing Sycamore for assistance with the NIU shootings Feb 14th. Sesquicentennial events posted on city website for the year.

April 21 - Moment to reflect. Mayor noted new Jewel Foods ribbon cutting. Ok'd parking, water/sewer, and ambulance fees increase. Ok'd 9-0 annual approp and budget ord. Ok'd agrmt with Municipal Engr Corp and John Brady who retires from city but city to retain MEC on project basis.

May 5 - Elder Bridgewater invocation. Mayor noted city is 150 years old this month so cake and Culver's on court house lawn Friday evening and community day in park Saturday all day with food vendors, music, and kids' games. Mayor held a press conference before council meeting to announce his intention to seek another term as mayor. MPA intern Adam Orton now full time Acctg Supv as Adam graduated NIU with MPA and 4.0 gpa and received Model Administrator Award from NIU. Adam thanked city for his internship and the job he now has. Nick Young is new fire dept member. Proc honoring Sycamore Women's Club's 100th Anniversary with Pres Mary Safford and members present and listed the many charities Women's Club supports. Proc week 5-5 Public Employee Appreciation Week. Mgr Nicklas noted tax bills out and city gets 60 cents/\$100 EAV of it to fund a range of services that are greater, wider, and deeper than 5 years ago. Chief Thomas noted paper carrier 9-year old Ethan Hall noticed papers building up at a home and found a 92-year old lady inside and raced home to call 911 with emergency responders who took the lady to Kishwaukee Hospital where she was revived and hydrated thus saving her life. Ok'd reducing standing comms to finance, public safety, and public works with council meeting as a comm of the whole when necessary. Mayor appts for new year all for.

May 19 – Elder Bridgewater invocation. Jesus Romero reported on Cinco de Mayo with a rainy event but still raised \$6,000 for local nonprofits. He thanked city for assisting. Mayor accepted US flag flown over Capitol 4-7-08 at opening sesquicentennial ceremony with flag given to history museum for safekeeping and community enjoyment. Certificate of Merit presented to Ethan Hall for action leading to saving a life on his paper route. Proc heralding Sycamore's 150 years this year. Mgr Nicklas noted fire station #2 opens June 2nd for operations.

June 2 – Rev Elliott invocation. Mayor read letter thanking Engr John Brady for decades of dedicated service to city. Sycamore schools' music program 1 of 110 nationwide to receive National Association of Music Merchants Foundation Award. Music Director Scott Mertens presented music faculty at council. Big applause. DeKalb Clinic moving dirt for new clinic in city on Eastgate Dr. Parking boot used twice and recovered \$2,500 in scofflaw fines. Ok'd grants VAC Medline \$17,000, VAC Blue Line Bus Route \$21,000, DCCF \$1,000, DCEDC \$12,000. Ok'd \$13,000 to Jay Haka for hvac uses at 321 Park Ave business. Numerous public safety and public works vehicles ok'd per budget and city needs.

June 16 – Rev Elliott invocation. Mayor noted ceremony Sunday at SHS for Illinois National Guard A Battery 2/122 Field Artillery Unit from Sycamore Armory deployed to Ft Bragg and on to Afghanistan. All invited. Mayor sadly noted that the June 26th issue of local paper "Sycamore Journal" is the final copy leaving city without its own paper first time in 150 years. Ok'd updated city purchasing guidelines. All for.

July 7 – Rev Reardon invocation. Ed Kuhn recognized Lions Club 60 years in Sycamore as they seek to build a community bulletin board. Mayor noted the July 15th DeKalb Band Concert in Hopkins Park will honor Sycamore's 150th birthday. SHS rugby team and coaches Rick Turner and Mark Lancaster donated a grill to fire dept for the paramedics being at rugby matches for first aid as necessary. Marc Doty sworn as fire dept Lt. Ok'd 3-year Waste Mgmt contract with no increase 1st year at \$16/mo then 3% or cpi index increase next 2 years with free 35 and 64 gal totes in place of 96 gal totes if preferred and trash, recycling, and yard waste all to continue. Ok'd 6-0 all for. Ok'd on 5-1 vote to expand 535 DeKalb Ave former city hall as dedicated public safety bldg.

July 21 – Moment to reflect. Public hearing on '08 comp plan with Rose Treml for Chamber with a position paper thanking city to ensure Sycamore a premier place to live, work, open and run a business, and play. Ok'd city/schools agrmt for a school resource officer in the schools daily. All for. Ok'd '08 revised comp plan on 7-1 vote. Ok'd Primm Farm land annexed at Peace and Rt 23 north. Ok'd city lease to history museum/parks for best use of the Engh Farm as Sycamore History Museum. All for.

August 18 - Deacon Ridulph invocation. Andrew Neuman and Bridget Vandervinne welcomed as new police dept members. New fire dept Lt Kurt Mathey sworn. Supt Ebe Smith noted over 100 loads of debris hauled from recent summer storm. Ok'd St Mary to expand school facility. Ok'd larger street program of \$533,000 due to sales and gas tax funding. All for.

September 2 – Rev Landis invocation. Chamber's Rose Treml noted Chamber members opposing more parks being concerned park resources unable to maintain such large new parks and that going from 12 to 25 acres park land was arbitrary and unnecessary for the size of the community. Chamber asks city to require park district provide budget, facilities, staffing, and program details on new money and how it's to be spent before approving new fees. Some spoke for and against new park fees. Plaque to honor fire Lt Duane Prather on 32 years at fire dept. Applause. Mayor noted sadly the untimely passing of DeKalb Mayor Frank Van Buer and city expresses sympathy to family and the City of DeKalb. Mgr Nicklas noted Tate & Lyle to do a \$10 million expansion in Sycamore Prairie Business Park. Comm Doty noted Subway and Eggsclusive restaurants open on Peace Rd. Acting police Chief Singer noted mobile data computers in cars with full dispatch, history, mug shots, and warrants data all available to officers upon reaching a call for service. He thanked car show for proceeds and donations for partially funding the mobile laptops and software upgrades. Developer John Pappas proposed 108 single family units on ½ acre lots, a special needs residence for seniors, and multifamily housing units. Heated and contentious and antigrowth opinions led to failed motion of 4-5 vote. Motion to annex 95 acres at Peace and Brickville Rds failed on 2-6 vote.

September 15 – Rev Harden invocation. Mayor noted Red Cross flood refugees at St John Lutheran Church with 56 overnight guests as Evergreen Village flooded again. Mayor congratulated Mgr Nicklas who received the Clifford Danielson Outstanding Citizen Award for '08. Bill said the award was a tremendously meaningful honor. Fire dept MABAS hazmat truck on hand at St Johns Lutheran Church to provide showers for flood refugees. Supt Busse noted plant pumping 15 million gal/day in recent flood up from normal 2 million gal/day. Elected salaries discussed with mayor urging his salary of \$20,000 and \$5,000 as liquor commissioner remain unchanged. Consensus was to leave mayor and council as is at \$4,800 a year but to allow clerk cost of living increases if legal. Ok'd all for.

October 6 – Rev Judy Bergeson invocation. Mayor noted 24 students from all Sycamore schools to ride on horse drawn covered wagon in the Pumpkin Fest Parade as part of the sesquicentennial celebration with the slogan on the wagon "Our Future is Covered" referring to the students and our future on the wagon. A Sesquicentennial Ball will occur Nov 22nd at St Mary's Hall to wrap up a year of celebration for Sycamore's 150th birthday. Many people and groups worked together to provide community with multiple events to mark our special birthday. Sycamore did us proud! Chad Jewett and Kent Clapsaddle open new computer business to sell, install, configure, maintain, and train for computer systems for homes and businesses. Denied on 2-5 vote a 235 ft communications tower in the city proper.

October 20 – Rev Bergeson invocation. Mayor noted Discover Sycamore downtown trick or treating 4:30 to 6 pm same Wed as pump fest kicked off. Plaque and honor to Lt Tom Scott for 27 years with police dept. Applause. New fire dept member Ian Wheeler welcomed. Ok'd '06 BOCA building codes in the city. Ok'd new park impact fees on 4-3 vote.

November 3 – Fr Timar invocation. Ok'd bills \$5,349,555 including jet fuel sales tax reimburse and road contracts. Aster Dr in Sycamore Prairie Business Park open to access 9 more lots for sale. Ok'd 10 am package liquor store sales per Jewel Foods request to remain competitive.

November 17 – Joe Bussone read prayer from Fr Timar as the invocation. Mayor noted Sesqui time capsule and Sesqui Ball Nov 22nd at St Mary's Hall.

December 1 – Moment to reflect. Elburn Coop's John Husk open since 1921 with their administration office in city now. Welcomed paid on call firefighter interns Trevor Chilton, Tim Getzelman, and Erik Selig. Applause. Fire Chief noted ISO city rating improved from 5 to 4 and rural from 10 to 8. Ok'd 6-1 vote tax levy with 3 ½% increase but rate stable due to higher EAV.

December 15 – Rev Best invocation. Welcomed Kish College women's volleyball team as NJCAA National Champs for the 3rd year going. Big applause. HR Director Tritle and Mgr Nicklas presented 5 year to 25-year service awards. Applause. Ok'd rezoned land at Page and N Main Sts.

January 5, 2009

Rev Persson invocation. Ok'd resol to state all for 8-0 to oppose any reduced state shared revenue due city.

Ryan Hopper, State St Theater, to open 20 video game arcade for kids next to theater. Mayor noted historic day in America as 1st Black President Barack Hussein Obama to be inaugurated in Washington, DC. Mayor noted many challenges at home and abroad as city contemplates a dire revenue outlook. Comm Doty noted 108 total permits for all uses. Ok'd DeKalb County Youth Home at 203 E State St as special use. Mgr Nicklas noted less revenue for new budget and possible \$437,000 deficit in genl fund. Due to dire economy, no new taxes or fees proposed but every budget line item to be scrutinized as never before. No pay increases and no discretionary spending are parts of new budget proposal.

February 2 – Rev Mills invocation. Rick "Spider" and Gloria Kramer own a tattoo business and have been in the business 22 years and are new here and are fully compliant with state and local health and operating codes and they seek to bring their business along with Native American Collection to city. Proc that Feb is Career and Technology Education Month in city with KEC Executive Director Bruce Griffith and 7 KEC students present to thank council for support.

February 16 – Rev Mills invocation. Fire Lt Dan Marcinkowski and Lt Kurt Mathey thanked Mgr Nicklas for working through arbitration to arrive at a IAFF labor contract as they pledged to work with city and be part of genl fund deficit solution in new budget year. New police Sgt Jeff Wig sworn. Mayor attended NIU Memorial Service at Convo Center to remember 5 dead students and the shooter for 6 deaths Valentine Day the 14th. Proc Rotary Day in city with Pres Jeff Jacobson noting they met at Fargo since 1944 and recently donated \$25,000 to park dist, \$4,000 food pantry and local scholarships. Much discussion on IAFF 3.75% increases with respect to other employees and how it all affects new budget. Some recommend 0 or 2% raises with IAFF contract ord held on 1st reading. Mgr Nicklas presented a 3-year capital improvement plan with fiscal '10 at \$12,485,525 including streets, water tower #2, and treatment plt phase II, fiscal '11 at \$7,617,900 same components, and '12 at \$3,935,350 with same components adding vehicles. All of the 3-year proposal is with 0 tax increases.

March 2 - Rev Massey invocation. Ass't Mgr/Treas Gregory noted DOW Stock average down 1,200 since last meeting and urged people to shop locally. City now has 105 water bill customers on the electronic billing program. Ok'd Pappas Devel project at Peace and Brickville and the assisted living center on 8-0 vote. Mayor thanked John Pappas for his honest and reasonable dealings with city and Pappas pledged to use local labor for his projects. Council rejected arbitrator's decision on the IAFF fire dept labor contract. Ok'd Chicago Bridge & Iron Inc bid on 2nd water tower at \$2,990,000 to hold 1.5 million gal. The water tower has been on Engr Brady's capital list since '87 so city did not rush into it by any means.

March 16 – Rev Massey invocation. Mayor welcomed Eagle Scout Max Dargatz who managed a team that washed and painted the "Mourning House" or rotunda at Elmwood Cemetery for his community project Eagle Scouts must do. 4th ward aldermanic candidate alleged inflated budget with greater fire and police needs. Joyce Mathey from Pay It Forward House noted 4,600 nights of rest provided at 719 Somonauk St since opening in '05. Supt Busse noted Harvester Square soil remediation nearly complete with public works to backfill the area to finish a long and costly demolition and soil removal city project.

April 6 – Rev Stovall invocation. Mike Fogelsanger spoke to council about charges against him by the county sheriff resulting from domestic dispute and gun charges standoff with law enforcement with Fogelsanger alleging that accusers lied and weapons returned to him and charges dropped. Mayor noted concern for council safety as Fogelsanger frequent vociferous speaker at meetings. Fogelsanger claims being innocent until proven guilty.

April 20 – Rev Stovall invocation. Mayor welcomed new Eagle Scout Dan Stanberry whose project was children ID's with prints and DNA to be held by parents if needed for a missing child. Mary Beth Van Buer, DeKalb's former 1st Lady and friends presented the Egyptian Theater Restoration Project. Mayor thanked Grace Adee and Darren Knuth who served as ald from '05-'09 with certificates. Applause. Mayor noted VAC appreciation award to city and also Sycamore History Museum to open end of May. Mgr Nicklas noted sales tax revenue off 15% this year. Ok'd all for annual budget and approp ord. Mgr Nicklas noted 12 of 14 mgmt positions compensated well below comparable wages in other cities now with 2% increases but resolution needs to happen. Ok'd 6-1 vote Spider and Gloria Kramer for special use for tattoo business and Spider aided city in writing local code to comply with health issues outlined by state. Ok'd all for 3 year IAFF/city fire dept labor contract with 4% increase 1st year and 2% 2nd and 3rd years with \$3,000 to those who become full paramedic status.

May 4 – Elder Bridgewater invocation. Mayor Mundy, Clerk Smith, Ald Bauer, Paulsen, Steve Braser, and Janice Tripp took oath of office. Joe Bussone invited all to Memorial Day events at VFW, parade to Elmwood Cemetery, and ceremony there May 25th at 10 am. SHS to have concert May 14th to honor veterans and community musicians. Rob Wilkenson of the YMCA spoke to the Strong Kids Campaign by the Y. Mike Fogelsanger spoke to his and mayor's comments at a prior meeting. Fogelsanger was an unsuccessful ald candidate in the 4th ward and he alleged mayor used his office at council to endorse another candidate. Mayor took exception that he did not endorse anyone on the council floor but also that "being an elected official does not preclude one from an endorsement as a citizen voter." Fogelsanger called for council to sanction and reprimand mayor "for his actions using his

office as a political venue.” Mayor noted all council comments are matter of record and Fogelsanger could have avoided all by not commenting in the first place. Mayor appt for new year. All for. Mayor welcomed newly elected officials, Cinco de Mayo success, Ben Franklin Store to present a new business name, and thanked West School students for creating posters for Vets and service men and women serving at home and abroad. Ok’d AFSCME public works labor 2 year contract with 2% increase each year with no layoff guarantee for the 2 years. All for 8-0 vote. No layoff pledge is proper given that public works gave up \$250,000 in wage increases for new contract. Ok’d \$22,000 to Smart Motion Robotics incentive for building their plant in city. Ok’d \$10,000 for 2 addresses as Stomp Shoes remodels their store fronts. All for.

May 18 – Elder Bridgewater invocation. Chief Thomas noted police dept 30 sworn and 15 auxiliary officers and 10 crossing guards. Chief Riddle noted Sycamore detachment II Nat’l Guard returning from Afghanistan ending 3rd deployment since 2001. Grants ok’d to VAC, DCEDC, DCCF, and Transvac totaling \$50,000. All for.

June 1 – Rev Persson invocation. Mayor Mundy in the chair with Clerk Smith, Atty Foster, City Mgr Nicklas, and Ald Bauer, Braser, Kessler, Neubauer, Paulsen, Stowe, Taylor, and Tripp present. Mayor spoke at the Armory before returning troops with Captain and Chaplain of the unit before their dismissal to be with family as a very patriotic and emotional time. Earlier 5,000 locals lined State St from west city limits to the Armory and the high school band played on the court house lawn as the unit marched by on State St to the Armory and the unit had to break ranks with so many people hugging them and shaking their hands to thank them for serving and so glad they returned home safely although one soldier was lost in the deployment. Honored Gary Carlson 28 years paid on call fire fighter and dept will miss Gary’s input and loyalty. Applause. Ok’d BYOB liquor licenses for those who qualify. Ok’d buying 4 public works trucks for \$86,000.

June 15 – Rev Persson invocation. Michelle Donohoe noted successful move to new museum after renovation using 3,000 volunteer hours and \$125,000 in kind donations for the project to make a new home for the museum on the donated Engh Farm. All were invited to open house with an opening ceremony. Mayor noted thank you notes from the nfp’s receiving grants. Mayor visited some businesses with DCEDC Exec Dir Paul Borek and found some are reducing hours, staff, and production to deal with the recession. New business directory ready soon with 41 businesses included. Chief Thomas noted 3 pigs fell from a truck at Peace Rd and DeKalb Ave with no casualties. Ok’d Pappas Vellagio Estates Development with assisted living complex near Peace and Brickville Rds.

July 6 – Moment to reflect. Many worried for safety at Lindgren and Plank Rds as North Grove Elementary School to open there as city, county, and school district work on the issues. Mayor noted this is the 6th anniversary of council at Sycamore Center and noted building sat empty 2 years before being sold to city for offices and creating foot traffic downtown all good for businesses. Mayor noted city is “Business People Doing the People’s Business.” Mgr Nicklas noted of 380 students at new school 371 are bussed to school and the other 9 live East of the school crossing neither Plank nor Lindgren Rds. Ass’t Mgr/Treas Gregory noted even in deep recession \$45,000 real estate transfer tax sent to schools over 3-month period. Ok’d 3-year FOP police labor contract with 2% increase each year. All for. Ok’d Curran Const bid of \$920,713 street program with \$200,000 more from motor fuel tax as most aggressive street program to date.

July 20 – Moment to reflect. Proc July as Elder Abuse Awareness month. Library Exec Dir Sarah Tobias noted increased computer use and new hire for young adult area. Also, the new east entrance cost \$145,000 for 300 sq ft which is \$483 per sq ft. a very costly addition. Mgr Nicklas laid out case to expand and modernize police dept. Council agreed and mayor said, “bond it, bid it, and build it.”

August 3 – Deacon Ridulph invocation. Fire dept honoring Ross Bubolz Family with police and fire as young Thad was pulled from their pool by sister Kennedy and friend Sarah Blazer performed CPR on Thad until fire dept arrived. County dispatcher Diane Russell thanked and commended as she dispatched emergency responders to the Bubolz home to save Thad. IAFF President Dan Marcinkowski presented awards to Kennedy Bubolz and Sarah Blazer. Big applause for all. Mayor noted the warmth and support for the Nicklas Family at the passing of Bill’s wife Joyce Nicklas, and Bill thanked the mayor and city for remembering the family. Ok’d bonds sold at 4.5% to fund the police dept project. Ok’d façade grant to Sweet Earth for \$1,742.

August 17 – Deacon Ridulph invocation. Proc August 9-11 Lions Club Candy Days. Mayor noted Band Conductor Dee Palmer statue dedicated at Hopkins Park near the band shell where Dee conducted the DeKalb Municipal Band for decades. Sycamore’s Kirk Lundbeck, previous band leader and expert trumpet and trombonist, was chosen to continue conducting the band. City donated \$1,000 toward the statue to honor and thank Dee for decades of band concerts with great music for our souls.

September 18 – Rev Landis invocation. Chuck Criswell noted car show proceeds of \$66,000 past 10 years back to community with this year \$1,500 food pantry, \$2,000 Fizz Ehrler Memorial Scholarship, \$4,000 to police dept, \$500 music boosters, and Guy Stone presented \$3,200 raffle proceeds to Kishwaukee Cancer Center. Footings poured for new water tower and city bond rating up to AA per Standard & Poors. Stomp Shoes, Hair Cuttery, and Pro Nails all new businesses opening. Ok’d ord for homecoming and pumpkin fest parades closing Rt 64 for the parades.

October 5 – Moment to reflect. Mike Fogelsanger thanked Mgr Nicklas for fiscal responsibility and reminded council to make frugal budget decisions. Mayor congratulates Mgr Nicklas for his 11 years with city. External audit has no findings in audit with changes of policy enough to remove separation of duties flag from past audits. Library separation of duties still a concern yet not an audit finding. The 40% ratio of fund balance to operating costs healthy and helped raise city bond rating to AA even in a deep recession and good sound accounting practices in place show city financial responsibility, strength, and resiliency.

October 19 – Rev Persson invocation. City/fire dept memorandum of understanding on 90-day trial of platoon system of callbacks to save money. Ok’d all for. Flat Stanley at council and is with mayor for a month as part of middle school project. Great work by public safety and public works and many volunteers at pumpkin fest this year. Kudos to all. 7th graders from middle school touring city hall soon. 57 new trees planted this fall. Brad Dewey new classification III certified operator and Ryan Cardinali certified classification IV operator at trt plant. Ok’d all for revisions to unified development ord.

November 2 – Fr Timar invocation. Mgr Nicklas noted material cost savings by employees at \$71,000 but also with new labor contract city saved \$150,000. Ald Kessler noted good hires of skilled workers save city money big time. Applause. Mayor commended SHS athletes on successful seasons with post season competitions. Fire dept Lt Penn to be deployed to Afghanistan.

November 16 – Fr Timar invocation. Engr Brady noted Peace Rd recreation path finished. Comm Doty noted 4 single family detached permits issued. Fire Chief Riddle noted death of 42 year POC firefighter Les Johnson and to keep the Johnson Family in our thoughts and prayers. Ass't Mgr/Treas Gregory noted fire and police pensions lost 13% value past year. Chief Thomas noted a neighbor's call to police stopped a burglary in progress so watchful neighbors deter crime. Chambers report on tourism not as bleak as could be. Tucker Antiques awarded \$5,000 façade grant at 320 W State St.

December 7 – Rev Best invocation. Ok'd bills \$2,745,731. Proc that Dec Drunk, Drugged, and Driving Prevention month. City service awards by Mgr Nicklas and HR Dir Tritle for from 5 to 30+ years with Alice Bennett at 40 years as crossing guard, Gene Listy 45 year POC fire fighter, Lt Jack Spartz 35 years with fire dept. Ass't Mgr/Treas Gregory noted 2010 census done by mail with temporary jobs available on the census website.

December 21 – Rev Best invocation. Ald Taylor kudos to Julie Rhodes and others who decorated the Sycamore Center windows for Christmas. Public works commended for good job with heavy snow as they always do. Mayor noted thanks from SHS athletes for recognition by council. Mayor reminded people to shop locally all year long not just now to support local business who provide jobs, goods and services, tax revenue, and a vibrant and welcoming downtown. Fire dept noted red wreaths at stations 1 and 2 with hopes of no white bulbs this season. Police dept welcomes Jonathan Miller new member. Ok'd all for 6-0 levy at \$2,624,621 for city and \$839,521 library along with various abatements for bond debt service per past practice. Mgr Nicklas warned of budget challenges with less revenue forecast for next year.

End of Seventh Installment

Interesting to note through these 20 years from 1990 to 2009 the city voters chose to focus on community identity realizing city needed a professional in city hall full time to administer and manage city business and affairs as they relate to Sycamore determining her own borders and not having them dictated or forced by outside entities. Another common thread was the importance of jobs and the downtown to the continued success of the city with “vibrant sustainability” and “mutually beneficial growth” both key to managed growth to build a stronger and more resilient Sycamore. The voters approved in referenda home rule status and city manager/council form of government. As explosive growth occurred some worried of becoming too big but council regulated housing starts and the market slowed the pace of development after 2007. A third common interest and goal was to maintain and expand the green spaces around the community with neighborhood parks and extensive recreation paths. So, Sycamore Park District land was doubled thanks in part to developers who donated land and/or cash as their parks impact fees. Schools, the city, parks and the library passed impact fees to ensure developers shared the burden of amenities as they built. Noted that all 7 installments of mayor's notes from city council minutes appear on the homepage at www.cityofsycamore.com for those who would use them for education, relaxation, and enjoyment of where we were and how Sycamore got from 1858 to 2009. Looking ahead the mayor has interest in tracking 2010 through the present and how that manifests itself is to be determined. In April 2017 a new mayor will be elected as this one leaves the office with a grateful heart and with so many to thank. Team Sycamore has never been more capable to continue and improve the services of which Sycamore people have become accustomed. Included in Team Sycamore are the school and park districts and the library and all the people of the city who will meet and exceed both challenges and opportunities as they come before us. Leaving this writing with some memorable tag lines such as “Thanks for the memories,” “That's the way it is,” “Good night Mrs Callabash wherever you are,” “Now you know the rest of the story,” and “I'll be seeing you in all the old familiar places.” Thanks Sycamore, it's been great to serve you!

Respectfully submitted,

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