

December 2014

The following is a compilation of notes Mayor Mundy has taken from the Sycamore City Council Meeting Minutes during the period from 1950 through 1969. 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. Not much financial data is included in the minutes, but 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.

January 9, 1950

Council met in room at Library with Mayor Jespersen convening meeting at 8 PM. Bills ok'd to pay at \$11,163. Ald Henry G Carlson, Clarion Ross, Paul Swedberg, Eugene T Juday, Harry Armington, Jr, Oscar Weaver, Arthur Montgomery, and Harold L Johnson present. City Atty Lad Moudry read letter from City to Chicago Great Western RR regarding switching and long delays at crossings. Mayor reported gift of police radio to be used in mobile unit to operate with County Sheriff's radio. Gift ok'd with "no strings attached." Complaints heard of high school students reckless driving near SHS sent to SPD for action. Ald Swedberg to do post card survey on resident ideas on rubbish and ash collection. City Clerk is Everett Penrod.

January 23 – Spec Mtg due to death of Bldg Commissioner Chas Bodeen. Mayor appts John Nachtigall to fill unexpired term. Ok'd. Mayor explained concept of Planning Commission and how City could benefit. Ald ok the Plan Comm and ok'd \$1,500 to fund it. City annual fees ok'd with no roll call vote: Theater, \$200, Pinball & gaming tables, \$100 for 5 games plus \$20 for each additional, juke and music boxes \$25., sidewalk layers, \$2, sewer and tile layers \$10, drivers \$2, liquor license A and B \$800, C license \$150.

February 13 – Bills ok'd at \$7,806. Engr final street light report to G&G Electric for \$2,325 for downtown new lighting system, Walter Deuschler Co \$600, True Republican \$5.90. Funds ok to pay from Motor Fuel Tax. JJ McFarland protests theater fee and suggested \$100. Ok'd. Mr Parker from School Dist 427 spoke on safety for flasher on E State at SHS plus signs at elementary schools for student safety sent to Police Comm for action. Some requests for rezoning from residential to commercial on Elm, Carlson, and Walnut sent to Bd of Zoning Appeals. Complaint that all day parking in front of Post Office takes all spaces sent to SPD. Mayor appts Special Police: Wm Hindenburg, Cliff Sundly, Harry Jahns, and Felix Moore. Ok'd. Ald ok'd license fees proposed earlier. Ok'd city wide sewer survey.

March 13 – Letter received from State Sanitary Water Board commending treatment plant. Ok'd Supt Hershel Daniels to attend State Water Board meeting in Springfield Mar 28th and 29th and \$25 to cover his costs. Ok'd 30 min parking at Post Office 8 to 5 pm daily except weekends and holidays. Ok'd regulating flashing traffic control lights at State and California Sts to be flashing only when traffic is less than 400 vehicles per hour.

March 27 – Spec Mtg City officer salaries ok'd. Vote on Planning Commission ok'd on 7-0 vote with \$1,500 being appropriated for engineering costs related to the Commission. Walter G Deuschler Inc contacted to study the report on sewer, plant, and extensions of same.

April 10 – Ok'd transfer of \$2,240 from parking meter fund to general fund. Ok'd bills of \$16,697. Many zoning requests to rezone from residential to business as the business district grows. Ok'd fine of \$1.00 for cars over parked after 2 am.

May 1 – Spec Mtg to appoint Planning Commissioners: Geo Harbert as Chair, 6 years, Mel Maertz 5 yrs, Cliff Danielson 4 yrs, Doris Slezak 3 yrs, Rev RT Eissfeldt 2 yrs, Vern Geithman 1 yr, Noble Henderson Park Bd, Dayton Ward Syc Township, ET Juday City Council, Mayor Jespersen and Atty Moudry both ex-officio.

May 8 – Mayor appt Lou Ferguson Hospital Bd and John Moyers, John F Carlson, and Geo Dutton Library Bd. Ok'd \$25,000 Motor Fuel Tax to resurface W State St from Fair to California Sts with bituminous concrete binder. Ok'd Northern Tank Maintenance Co of Rockford to paint water tower inside and out for \$975.

June 12 – Ok'd removal of parking meters too close to fire hydrants. Ok'd sending 2 firemen to school for \$75.

July 10 – Ok'd bills of \$14,267. Ok'd Virgil Cook Inc to install new stop and go signals at State and California Sts for \$2,392 pending IDOT approval. Ok'd Stahl Construction Co 20,000 gal MC-3 cut back asphalt at \$.1625 per gal and 750 ton gravel at \$3 per ton, applied. Ok's Appropriation Ord at \$149,950. Since dial phones installed police cannot be called via red signal as was before sent to Police Comm to study.

August 14 – Petition of Ida Katz to rezone property on W Exchange sent to Plan Comm for their recommendation to Bd of Zoning Appeals and their recommendation back to Council. Annual Tax Levy Ord ok'd \$84,955. Supt Foster ok'd to buy machine to clean sewers. Central Ill Light Co proposes rate increase of 15.8%. Ok'd spraying City for mosquitos by Lion's Club for \$80.

August 28 – Ok'd new water billing Elliott Model 150 Cardvertiser to print and address bills for \$350 and replacement of old water books.

September 11 – Ok'd City having man at county jail to run police radio and red signal light for \$100 per mo. Mason Ct ok'd as one way. Smoke and soot complaint on Turner Brass Co to be rectified.

November 13 – Property of Ida and Syd Katz rezoned on W Exchange St near RR tracks. Ok'd 2 4,000 lumen lights installed at Edward and Stevens and at Fox and Stevens Ave. Ald Carlson reported discipline problem at library so Mayor told Chief Plapp to have night patrol officer call at library from time to time. Supt Foster ok'd to buy 2 ton chloride for winter road safety.

December 1 – Ok'd bills of \$31,239. Ald Juday moved that all City employees have a health exam every 2 years by Health Officer at \$3 per exam. Emergency repairs made on water tank with more to come when weather improves. Group of PTA members addressed Council with Louise Wade speaking that traffic hazards on E State near SHS need corrected. NF Scherer suggested 2 or 3 parking spaces be taken at State and Governor Sts to allow better vision and that a flasher be installed to control traffic at peak times. Leroy Swanson of Central School PTA asked for parking restrictions near the school. Safety Comm formed by Ald Carlson, PTA, and school board member with power to act under Pol Comm.

January 8, 1951

Due to Mayor Jespersen's Mother's death, Ald Armington ok'd as Mayor pro tem.

February 12 – John Rosenberg from Security Council & Defense Bureau requests City name 10 men from each ward to man positions on Defense Council. Strong recommendation to remove parking at Central School during school hours and mark the student drop off and pick up area for safety. Ok'd st light on Sunset Ln 2/3 distance from Fair St. Recommended steel posts be installed at hospital to prevent parking on walks. Ald Juday recommends Comm be formed on Public Relations to inform public on gov't issues.

March 1 – Easement needed on Sunset Ln for st light but ML Stark refuses easement so light deferred until easement possible. Water Comm examines clerk's books and found them in good shape with small payables. Mayor reports Martin's Ditch cleaned 600 ft from DeKalb Ave to Cottage Row.

March 19 – Spec mtg police uniform bid of \$85 ok'd from Lahti Clothing Store includes extra trousers and cap. Dump truck bid from Sycamore Implement Co on Internat'l chassis for \$2,502 with dump box from 1937 Diamond T to be fitted to new chassis. Mayor appts Russ Taylor, Russ Peterson, and Doug McLean volunteer firemen upon completion of their probation period. Ok'd. Approved 200 ft rubber booster hose at \$1 per ft for SFD. Plant Supt Daniels reported 2 chain drives in bad shape.

April 9 – Ok'd bills of \$10,361 and \$2,152 for stop and go signals from MFT. Ok'd Anaconda Subdiv into City. Ok'd referendum for June Ballot on sparring, wrestling, and boxing exhibitions in the City. Resurfacing on Main, Lincoln, Exchange, and DeKalb Ave funded by MFT. Ok'd low bid of Fargo Garage for \$1,057 on new SPD car with trade of 1949 Pontiac. Mayor and Ald thanked Ald Armington and Montgomery who chose not to run again.

April 23 – Spec Mtg to canvass 4-17 election: Ald 1st Ward Henry Carlson, 2nd Paul Swedberg, 3rd Ed Boies, 4th John Malm. Mayor gave oath of office to them to serve May 1951- Apr 1955. Ok'd police officers from 4 to 5 in number. Ok'd letting bids to maintain and inspect new SPD car.

May 14 – Mayor's apt for the new year.

May 28 – Ok'd club and beer licenses for VFW Club. Salary Ord and various resolutions ok'd.

June 11 – Invitation from Chamber Comm for presentation of deed of Universalist Church Trustees to City Recreation Comm for Community Center. Offers from Lions Club to voluntarily install any street signs or poles City buys.

July 9 – Ok'd Annual Approp Ord at \$172,290.

August 13 – Ok'd bills of \$18,543. Ok'd street work bill of \$3,735 to JW Stahl Const Co. Ok'd supervision and operation of the Community Center be in the hands of the Rec Comm. Plans for East and

West School buildings sent to Plan Comm. Central II Light Co proposed a photo electric cell which is light sensitive to control street lights. Ok'd trial use of same. Ok'd Annual Tax Levy Ord of \$81,735.

September 10 – any No Parking zones near intersections, businesses, schools, and churches ok'd to ensure safety and due to narrow street widths in some cases.

October 16 – Spec Mtg to ok City hauling hospital trash for 6 mos and free water for 1 yr.

November 12 – Ald Juday suggested local industrial personnel offices as sources of jobs for locals. Methodist Church complains of poor drainage of surface water so City to consider 10 to 12 inch storm drain to serve both church and buildings on south side State St. Ok'd working with Lee Hagen to clean and repair mayor and clerk's offices in his building. SFD Chief Butzow ok'd to disinfect fire barn and police station of cockroaches.

November 26 – Mr Everett of Greyhound Bus Co asks for Fargo Hotel to become bus station and is ok'd. Ok'd county pay of night man from \$100 to \$125 per mo. Ok'd compliance of 5 year MFT Plan for City streets. Dist 427 will pay 50% up to \$600 and PTA would raise \$300 toward cost of flasher at SHS. Ok'd steps of surface water sewer systems. Ok'd drain on Elm St from Somonauk to California Sts with Methodist Church to pay installation costs.

December 10 – Several tax levy items ok'd: \$.03 public benefit tax, \$.02 recreation tax, \$.06 trash collection tax, \$.05 hospital tax and raised the general corporate tax from \$.2009 to \$.2209. Ok'd 4 in gas line to treatment plant, 1,400 ft estimated cost of \$4,074. Ok'd HF Payloader tractor at \$5,869 with trade of \$371 and down payment of \$2,498 and \$3,000 payable by 6-1-52 with no interest. Ok'd S&W Comm "bargain" for a snow bucket for new tractor not to exceed \$250. Study of vehicles on streets after heavy snowfall.

January 14, 1952

Rec'd letter from IDOT approving street improvements under House Bill 820. Men returned to repair water tank. State sewer report delayed due to more manholes for west route and same to be numbered.

March 10 – Ok'd closing Roosevelt Ct at school property line, adding a cul-de-sac, and extending Roosevelt Ct to Archie Pl at a future time. 7 of 10 residents support the plan. Dogs running loose, rats at city dump, and groundwater on Sunset Ln reported and sent to appropriate Comms.

April 14 – Ok'd bills of \$15,736. Fire Chief Butzow retired after serving 33 years. Mayor and Council thanked Chief Butzow as they accepted his retirement. Arthur G Peterson resigned as fireman to associate with Kebil-Coultrip Funeral Home. Ok'd replacing all 2,500 lumen street lights with 4,000 lumen lights for brighter streets at night. Reported that Memorial Park needs crushed stone for walks.

April 28 – Spec Mtg Mr Phil Winebrenner of High School introduced student city council officials elected during Boys & Girls Week.

May 1 – Spec Mtg Mayor appts James Foster Fire Marshall, Henry Binder 1st Ass't, Robert Brink, 2nd Ass't, and Kenneth Taylor Fireman. Ok'd Water-Sewer Revenue Bonds for \$275,000 at 2.9% interest.

May 12 – Ok'd Ord to combine water and sewer into one system for funding and operating. Ok'd referendum on W/S Rev Bonds for \$320,000. Trash collection contract with Geo Hussong ok'd at \$250/mo. Salary Ord ok'd. Several Plan Comm recommendations to rezone residential to business and/or manufacturing ok'd. Mayor appts Frank Hart, School Board rep Roy Fenstermaker, Park Board rep Noble Henderson, and Syc Township rep John D Ward to Planning Comm, Mrs John Slezak, Alice Boyle, and LA Vaughn to Library Board, Jane Dutton to Hospital Board and Dr HJ Trapp Hospital Chief of Staff. Ok'd audits of clerks and treasurer books audited by Del M Shaffer. Ok'd repairs to hose house on Park Ave. Reports of trucks losing boxes and papers on way to dump and Diamond Wire Corp asks to dump clear water into Martin's Ditch. West School needs roof water drainage. Morrie Mabel given one year contract of \$1,000 to operate city dump and bull doze it as necessary to keep it clear of brush to prevent fires and control trash. Mabel doing business as Sycamore Fuel Co to build gates and have operating hours of 7:30 to 5 pm weekdays and 10 am to 2 pm Sun and holidays.

June 9 – Ok'd State St Maint Contract. Plats of Parkmoor and Jahns-Clark Subdiv submitted to study.

June 26 – Spec Mtg Ok'd Stahl Co to widen streets at \$23,998. Many streets ok'd to patch, oil, and apply birds eye gravel with 10,000 gal oil and 375 ton gravel. Petition of Plymouth Ct residents to prohibit construction of Quonset hut as a residence sent to Finance Comm. Ok'd Plan Comm recommendation for White Horse Church to be built. Park Board asks for SPD protection sent to Police Comm. Ok'd Spec election for July 22nd.

July 14 – School Bd ok'd splitting cost of surface water drain from West School to Martin's Ditch. Quonset hut ok'd as residence on Plymouth Ct since its construction is sufficiently strong.

July 30 – Spec Mtg Ords establishing Fire and Police Pension Funds ok'd and Annual Approp Ord ok'd at \$261,205. City and Hospital Audit reports accepted. Wat/Sew Bond referendum of July 22nd narrowly defeated 485 yes and 574 no votes.

August 11 – Spec Mtg ok'd plat of Parkmoor with streets, wat/sew mains, etc. Annual Tax Levy Ord ok'd at \$104,435.

August 18 – Ok'd stop and go signals at State and Main Sts installed by Virgil Cook & Son at \$1,827.

September 8 – Mayor appts Roy Smith to Rec Comm due to Nelson Hanks resignation.

October 20 – Ord increasing Hospital Board from 3 to 5 ok'd. Parkmoor water mains ok'd with services to new Southeast School.

November 10 – Work ok'd to widen and build new curb and gutter Maple, Elm, Ottawa, Main, and High Sts. Ok'd 5 year streets plan including those above plus Fair, E Elm, Governor, Sabin, Exchange, State Sts and Park Ave. Ok'd agreements with McClaren Foundation, School Dist 427, City, and Parkmoor Assoc for water, sewer, streets, and walks near and at Southeast School with City to lay mains.

December 8 – Ok'd bills of \$21,575 and upping the "night man" at Sheriff Sullivan's Ofc from \$125 to \$137.50/mo.

December 15 – pec Mtg Extra labor and materials sent to IDOT for approval. City thanked Lions Club for street sign installations. Ord up to redistrict City from 4 to 5 wards based on 1950 census of 5,912 residents.

January 12, 1953

Ok'd flasher for top of SPD car for \$75. No parking near doctor's offices and church entrances. Rec Comm lease for 20 years to Rec Comm.

February 9 – Ok'd sending Plant Supt Daniels to ops school. Ok'd 2 new desks for 2 new Ald. Ok'd lease of Comm Ctr to Rec Comm. Ok'd polling places, clerks, and judges for election: 1st Ward Council Chambers, 2nd Comm Ctr, 3rd Sycamore Electric S Sacramento St, 4th Hose House Park Ave, and 5th Swanson Garage W Elm St.

March 9 – Ok'd flasher signals at State and Maple Sts.

April 23 – Spec Mtg to canvass election: Mayor Emil Jespersen, Clerk Everett Penrod, Treas Pearl Walrod, Police Magistrate John Jack Eddy, Ald 1st Ward Clarion Ross, 2nd Carl Larson and Edgar Niewold, 3rd Arthur Carlson, 4th Harold L Johnson, 5th ET Juday. Ok'd 6 Standing Comm: 1st Finance, 2nd Fire & Police, 3rd Streets, Walks & Lights, 4th Sewer & Water, 5th Ordinance, Publications, Licenses, Printing, & Health 6th Board Local Improvements.

May 11 – Ok'd Standing Comm Chairs: Finance Ald Juday, Fir & Pol Boies, Sts, Wks, Lts Swedberg, Sew & Wat Ross, Ord, Publ, Lic, Prt, Hlth Johnson, Bd Loc Imp Mayor Jespersen. Bills ok's at \$23,705. Ok'd Salary Ord, Depository City Funds The National Bank & Trust Co, and more water mains for Parkmoor. Ok'd Auditor DM Shaffer at \$200/yr. Annual Appts ok'd. Ok'd fire truck present at fly-in of planes 5-17-53. Mayor appts Ald Ross to Rec Comm, Ald Juday and Doris Slezak to Plann Comm, Don Sparrow to Zon Appeals, John Moyers, Ald Carlson, and Geo Dutton, and Mrs FE Christiansen to Lib Bd for Earl Wetzel who resigned. Lou Ferguson, Jean Juday, Ray Frautchy, and Doris Slezak to Hosp Bd, and Bill Moen to Bd Standards & Appeals.

May 13 – Spec Mtg School Dist, City, and Parkmoor agreed under direction of City Engr to pat Dist 427 \$2,424 to lay 15 in sewer line from Parkmoor lift station 876 ft to southerly City limits.

June 8 – Ok'd bills of \$16,534. Rats reported at dump again.

June 22 – Spec Mtg Ok'd State St Mtrs low bid of \$1,295 for SPD Chevy car and ok'd State St Mtrs bid of \$1,192 on Chevy ½ ton pickup truck. Ok'd Clerk buy 2 new Sam Brown guns with cartridge belts and holsters. Ok'd fogging material for \$325 with Lions Club to spray City streets and more 4,000 lumen street lights ok'd various locations. Ok's resol to establish Fire Nd Police Pension Funds effective 5-1-53.

July 13 – Ok'd Williams Co of Joliet bid of \$8,758 water main extension for Parkmoor. Letter from Dr Muns Dist 427 with Mayor to meet with him to determine their request. Stop and Slow signs ok'd various parts of City and Ald Malm reports pavement at Ottawa and Park Ave is sinking. Ok'd Lions Club Class 7 License for \$1/day to hold benefit rodeo.

June 27 – Ok'd Annual Approp Ord at \$280,480. Ok'd sales of Pontiac SPD car to State St Mtrs. Ok'd Parkmoor streets resurfaced with Seaman mix at \$4,680 with Parkmoor paying \$1,280 with balance sent to bids. Ok'd Annual Tax Levy Ord at \$120,760.

September 14 – Ok'd Lions Club gift of "Tifa" fogger to City valued at \$1,870.

October 12 – Mayor appts Don Mutter and Mil Tull Spec Police at high school and that their police powers are limited to SHS.

November 2 – Ok'd 11 street lights for Parkmoor. Complaints of speeding on back streets sent to SPD. Ok'd Resol requesting ½ cent of the \$.02 collected from retail sales due to unfunded state mandates City must cover.

November 9 – Ok'd 1 year street program to widen High St, curb, gutter and hot seal and gravel other streets recently widened. Suggested that Council have minutes and bills prior to meetings to avoid reading them at the meetings.

November 23 – Spec Mtg Ok'd parking lot northwest corner State and California Sts and rezone property from R3 to C2 in anticipation of mercantile activity there. Objector was Mrs Stafford urging no zoning change as her property is directly north of proposed site. Chamber of Commerce and 40 business people support the project with its own off street parking lot. Plan Comm gave favorable recommendation and Ord ok'd. Ok'd setbacks in Central Business Dist to allow no front or side yards except where business dist borders residential zoning.

December 14 – Ok'd bills of \$15,907.

January 11, 1954

Bd Zoning Appeals appt and terms: Harry Joslyn 1955, Elery Flansburg 1956, Martin Rasmussen 1957, Don Sparrow 1958, Morrie Mabel 1959, Harold McFarland 1960, James Boyle 1961. Ok'd. Mayor appt 10 citizens to sewer study group: Mrs Edith Bennett, Mrs Irving Frank, Ralph Coffey, Fred Thomas, Oscar Weaver, Ric Lahti, John Verity, Fred Floto, Dom Dimarzio, Merton Baker. Ok'd. Ok'd trunk sewer line from Southeast School to Turner Add'n and south to Vance St and south to City limits and from Vance west to Somonauk St. Bd Loc Imp ok'd west sewer line changed to go south from Railroad through Fair St to Edward St.

February 8 – Ok'd county Weed Comm be given authority over noxious weeds in City.

February 22 – Spec Mtg Ord Comm denied liquor license at new National Tea Store. Gas bids submitted: Barnes & Nelson \$.30/gal, Corey & Hoffman \$.28/gal, Harry Ross \$.28/gal Niewold's Standard \$.2934, E&M Service \$.283, Hudson & Son \$.30, Sycamore Service Sta \$.278.

March 8 – Ok'd portable no parking signs for St Mary School for loading and unloading buses with school officials to regulate sign use. Ok'd amended motion that City specify location of signs and school replace any lost signs.

April 12 – Petitions from over 140 residents protesting dogs running wild. Storm sewer needed at Southeast School due to excessive surface water. Plan Comm recommends that far end of Edward St be renamed Stevens Ave as it ends at Fox Ave. Also that the street running from DeKalb Ave south between Stevens and Edward renamed and it became Meadow Ln. Also that Afton St running east from Main St to Parkmoor be renamed Lincoln as is the street from Main to Somonauk. Also that Sabin St south of State St be renamed Kishwaukee Dr.

April 26 – Spec Mtg Ok'd Hudson & Son gas bid for 4 months. Poll of people on Afton had 13 for Lincoln, 11 for Afton and 1 to leave as is. All street name changes ok'd. Ok'd surface drains for Southeast and West Schools.

May 10 – Ok'd Salary Ord and Standing Comm and City Officers. Ok'd Parking Meter hours from 6 to 9 pm Saturday to 6 to 9 pm Fridays. Renewed Morrie Mabel Dump contract again at \$1,000/yr.

May 17 – Spec Mtg Ok'd IDOT Street Maintenance contract for \$1,288 for the state highways through City. Ok'd water tap for Pony League Ball Park on North Cross St. Ok'd \$358,000 Water Sewer Rev Bonds to improve and extend wat/sew services in City and retire \$16,000 old bonds. Ok'd Geo Hussong trash collector at \$285/mo.

June 14 – 14 Parkmoor residents petition City to not install street lights until a majority of Parkmoor people want them.

July 12 – Ok'd oiling new gravel streets in Parkmoor since they are impacted. Ok'd 4,000 lumen lights near Parkmoor except Parkside Dr and Parkmoor Ct. Ok'd securing easements due to new wat/sew projects. Ok'd new SPD uniforms. Many lots resubdivided in City at request of lot owners.

July 19 – Spec Mtg Annual Approp Ord ok'd at \$319,820. Skinners Carnival ask to be on Somonauk from State to Elm but Council ok'd them to be in Park near theater on W State St. Letter from Sportsmen Club asking for rats at dump to be eradicated. After discussion Council gave \$500 to Health Comm to

work with Club on the rat problem. Ok'd diagonal parking for west side National Tea Building at State and California.

July 26 – Ok'd Sycamore Jaycee Club to sell watermelon slices corner State and Somonauk evening of 7-30-54. Ok'd Stahl Const Co for prime and seal coat of Parkmoor streets for \$2,275. Ok'd Dick Mattis as SPD patrolman. Ok'd firemen Sunday relief per their request.

August 23 – Spec Mtg Appt Erle French temporary policeman. Ok'd \$800 for dog pound at treatment plant. Harry Jahns and Carl Clark petition for 7 lots be annexed into City. Ok'd. Mr Lenz reported people dumping raw garbage with dry trash at dump so rat problem impossible to fix.

September 27 – Spec Mtg Ok'd Hudson's DX gas for City discounted from \$.30 to \$.272/gal.

October 14 –Ok'd Mel Maertz Chair Plan Comm due to Geo Harbert resignation. Ok'd upholding sign Ord that illegal signs removed by City and owner notified. Several Plan Comm recommendations for rezoning ok'd. Central II Light Co proposes that City become owner of wells.

November 8 – Chamber Comm asks for building 8ft x 10 ft for Santa House and to take 1 parking space by bank building. Ok'd to be used 2 weeks before Christmas. Ok'd building garbage ditch at dump with Payloader Tractor used to backfill. Ok'd Hoffman's Add'n into City.

December 13 – Ok'd Plan Comm recommendation the Boynton's property be rezoned from R3 to Neighborhood Business. Ok'd Holub Industries at 409 W Elm rezoned from Commercial Business to Light Industry. Mrs Emilie Halsted and Mrs Gladys Healey representing Sycamore Women's Club addressed City Park near CNW RR tracks. About 150 members prefer property used as business rather than City Building site.

December 20 – Pol Comm recommends 10 boxes mounted on posts to aid in ticket collections. SPD car lease ready to bid. Mayor should appt Comm of local insurance agents to advise City on such matters. Ok'd parking meter payments be cancelled Thursday afternoons effective 1-1-55 to allow SPD time to do books and repair meters.

December 29 – Spec Mtg to form Comm to study buying new fire truck and to receive IML proposal increase sales tax with portion of it going to local gov't. Mayor appts entire Council, Atty, and SFD Chief to study fire truck specs.

January 10, 1955

Ok'd bills of \$16,719. Ok'd annexing property of John Rosenberg, Leroy Swanson, and Chas Bodeen into westerly area of City. Ald Niewold reported sanitary sewer on Plymouth Ct plugged and basements in northeast part of City flooded. He also reported several manholes recessed in streets needing to be raised and uncovered.

January 31 – Spec Mtg on SPD car and SFD truck lease bids. Mr Katz State St Mtrs bids \$98/mo with right to buy car for \$1. Bids on SFD truck ranged from \$20,000 to \$27,782. Council chose to study both proposals.

February 14 – Ok'd petition from Anaconda to annex their property into City. Ok'd CNW RR for City to lay sanitary sewer on their property.

February 28 – Spec Mtg to reject leasing SPD car and putting purchase to bid. Ok'd minimum 1,000 gal/min quad pumper truck on a lease contract with Universal Fire Apparatus Co costing \$23,092.78. Mayor appts Agents Feil, Rasmussen, Bement, Willke, Quinn, Johnson, and Adee as Comm to recommend complete insurance program for City. Residents of Sunset Ln now want street lights.

March 14 – Ok'd contract with Central II Light Co where City owns wells and they continue to power City. Many new street lights ok'd.

March 28 – Spec Mtg Ok'd Pol Comm recommendation to buy Plymouth 6 Plaza from Elliott Mtrs for \$1,200 plus 80 amp alternator generator for \$150 to use in new and future SPD cars. Also that a new SPD car be purchased every year and member of Pol Comm and SPD Chief inspect cars every week for maintenance and repairs as necessary. Ok'd Elliott Mtrs for SPD car maintenance.

April 28 – Spec Mtg to allow year end bills paid and transfer water sewer fund surplus and City audit contract, Central School parking, City dump contract, and canvass City election. Ok'd year end bills of \$3,318 and transfer \$22,000 from W/S surplus to General Corporate Fund. Ok'd Del M Shaffer City audit for \$200/yr. Ok'd special student load/unload zone at Central School. Ok'd Mr Schofield to run dump for \$50/mo with City to do all bulldozing and with business hours at dump. Canvass City election: Ald 1st Ward Henry Carlson, 2nd Carl Larson, 3rd Ed Boies, 4th/Roger Niemeyer, 5th Paul Swedberg.

May 9 – Ok'd Mayor appt to Standing Comm and City Officers. Ok'd permit for American Legion for circus at rodeo grounds for charity for \$1/day. Letter from VFW and American Legion asking for \$150 for

decorating soldiers graves on Memorial Day. Much discussion ensued. Roll call vote had 5 yes and 5 no votes with Mayor voting no to defeat the motion 5 to 6. Ok'd letting bids to paint 200,000 gal water storage tank. Ok'd Bd Loc Imp get estimates and enter into plans for new City Building with a reputable architect.

May 23 – Spec Mtg Salary Ord ok'd.

June 13 – Ok'd amending daylight saving time from end Sept to end Oct, last Sunday. Petition from 47 business and merchants people that parking fine be left \$.10. Ok'd leaving fine at \$.10 for 1 year passed on 5 to 4 vote. Mrs Tom Roberts resigned from Library Board. Ald Johnson reported no bumps or scratches on new SPD car and it gets 19 mi/gal. Ok'd moving Clerk's Office to Comm Center.

July 19 – Spec Mtg Ok'd Greenlee Elevated Tank Service given contract to paint 200,000 gal tank for \$835. Ok'd working with Richard Shemansky Co in planning new City Bldg.

August 8 – Ald Harold Johnson moved to ok floor plan for new building by Richard Shemansky and to issue bonds for \$265,000 for a new Municipal Building. Passed unanimously.

August 29 – Spec Mtg Ok'd SFD buy 500 ft 2 ½ in and 200 ft new hose each year hence.

September 12 – Ok'd bills of \$53,128 including MFT funds of \$28,536. Ok'd referendum for City Bldg funds and \$23,000 SFD bonds for Spec Election 10-4-55. Various rezoning ok'd on recommendation of Plan Comm. Letter from Dr Muns Dist 427 that safe crossing be provided students at State and Governor and State and California Sts. Mayor directed SPD to guard crossings until a more definite plan ok'd.

October 10 –Spec Mtg Bldg Bonds narrowly passed 659 to 569 and SFD Equipment Bonds passed 950 to 273. Poll books files with Clerk. Rats at dump still problem so monthly eradication trial period ok'd. Ok'd Red Squill rat bait used in Martin's Ditch from DeKalb Ave to Treatment Plant and Warfarin as bait at dumpat cost of \$30/mo to Mr Lenz.

December 12 – Discussion of sales tax for local use of ½ of 1%. Tax passed on 8-2 vote and will become effective under the “revised cities and villages” act. Insurance Comm reported City needs for same.

December 27 – Spec Mtg Ok'd 3 insurance companies to provide insurance for City. Mayor appts himself, Ald Swedberg, Johnson, Ross, and Boies to City Bldg Comm. Group formed to study Dutch Elm Disease to meet 1-19-56. Ok'd bond Ord with taxing authority to support bond debt service for City Bldg and SFD.

January 9, 1956

Accepted certificate for SFD truck costing \$23,000. Parking Ord updated to allow pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters in meters to pay for parking and various meter locations updated. Parking meter times ranges from 12 min to 5 hrs. Fines are \$.10 when paid within 48 hrs, \$1 when paid in 5 days, and \$5 to \$200 when paid thereafter.

January 24 – Ok'd Great Lakes Plumbing and Heating Co low bid on sewer project. Ok'd City to remove Boyle House and Ray Olson to remove Boyle Barn for salvage rights on DeKalb Ave property bought for City Bldg. Richard Bickle, Chamber of Commerce Sec'y, spoke to Council on safeguarding City against Dutch Elm Disease and asked for City to become involved. Mayor appts Ald Johnson, Larson, Swedberg, Carlson, and Ross to join others on the tree disease group.

February 13 – Ok'd acceptance of Wat/Sew Bonds and agreement with Central Il Power Co to provide power in City. Also approved are new wat/sew rates in City.

February 20 – Spec Mtg to ok purchase of lot next to Boyle's owned by Holland's for \$11,000. Ald Ross reported of 3,200 Elm trees in City, 1,500 are on streets and parkways. Ok'd consulting with Mr Bickle to spray and trim Elms for \$4,000.

April 2 – Directed Fir & Pol Comm to have lists of qualified police to fill in vacations and other vacancies.

April 9 – Bills ok'd at \$56,348. Ok'd Mayor, Atty, and Ald qualified for IMRF due to minimum work hours of 600 annually. Ok'd Plan Comm recommendation including \$10,000 MFT for new bridge on W Exchange over Martin's Ditch. Ok'd new SPD car and uniforms. Mayor appt 8 men as volunteer firemen. Ok'd. Ok'd Salary Ord.

April 30 – Spec Mtg Ok'd appts by Mayor. Viewed plans by Shemansky on City Bldg with no action taken. Ok'd \$13,000 transfer from Wat/Sew Fund to Genl Fund to cover bills ok'd to pay. Ok'd \$1,860 with IDOT for City to maintain Rts 23 and 64 inside City.

May 14 – Bids in on 1956 SPD car with 10 bids ranging from \$1,984 to \$2,795. Fir and Pol Comm to study bids. Ald Boies reported on meeting with Chamber merchants recommending that heavy meter enforcement be done for 30 days with no parking fees changed at this time.

May 18 – Ok'd agreement with Sycamore Preserve Works for sewer line and silage pit to store and process vines, cobs, etc from the corn and pea packs. Ok'd black 1956 Ford Police Interceptor from Tallitsch Ford Sales for \$2,080 and that Pol & Fir Comm buy lights and radio for new car. Ok'd contract with DeKalb and Elburn to bid ornamental street lighting system and to award the best bid. Ok'd patching, oiling, and sealing various streets. Ok'd asking bids on new street sweeper.

June 4 – Ok'd MFT work by Stahl at \$8,702. Ok'd 6 in and 10 in water main extensions by Galvin Const Co of Sandwich for \$6,319.

June 11 – Ok'd 4 way stop at Elm and Somonauk Sts and "no left turn" on Somonauk onto State St Friday, Saturdays, and other necessary times. Shemansky Co told Council air conditioning could be added at new bldg. for \$12,000 plus 4% engineering costs. Ok'd.

July 6 – Ok'd Sycamore's 1st outdoor public pay phone at State and Maple Sts by DeKalb Ogle Telephone Co.

July 9 – Ok'd G&G Electric, Glenn, Alice, and Richard Gustafson, contract of \$112.50/mo or at \$1.50/mo/light to maintain and clean ornamental boulevard street lights in the business district. Various sewer laterals ok'd. Patrolman Uno Maki reported to Council on his 4 weeks training at U of I. New Wayne I-450 sweeper with heated cab recommended by Comm. At cost of \$8,650 including trade of old Austin-Western sweeper. Vote was 5-5 tie with Mayor voting aye to ok the sweeper on a 6-5 vote.

July 16 – Ok'd Public Benefit Tax of \$.05 to fund sewer system in Turner and Jahns-Clark Subdiv and ok'd Annual Approp Ord at \$444,486. Letter from U of I confirmed Uno Maki passed courses and was top half of his class of 63.

August 13 – Bids for new bldg. received: LS Rudbeck Glen Ellyn \$284,427, JM Dreissen St Charles \$297,247, and Johnson & Jacobson DeKalb \$305,809. Bids held as they exceed both estimates and funds available. Ok'd downtown light fixtures. Mayor appts 4 volunteer firemen who will serve 6 mos probation. Don Rich Lions Club asks City ok for Lions to buy and install 2 drinking fountains on State St with 2 small bronze plaques on them. Ok'd on voice vote. Various "Children Playing" Stop, and "No Parking 7am-6pm" signs ok'd for N California and North Ave, Chauncey, and Governor at E Exchange Sts. Ok'd. Ok'd Annual Tax Levy Ord at \$138,666 against Approp of \$444,486 or 31% tax vs approp. Ok'd Parking Meter Ord Zone 1 and 2 to accept penny, nickel, dime, and quarters in meters.

September 10 – Don Patton asked for street lights in Parkmoor on Parkside Dr. Cities position that City no longer using public funds on fixtures and street lights in Parkmoor. At 8pm bids opened for new City Bldg: 1 bid from LS Rudbeck Street/Sewer/Water Bldg at \$17,454 and bid on main bldg. for \$236,296 for total bids of \$253,750. Ok'd the bids. Ok'd lease of Allis Chalmers Model D gas powered grader at \$475/mo for 4 mos with option to buy with lease payments applied to price of \$6,612. Disapproved "Children Playing" sign at N California St.

October 8 – Clerk read bill of sale from Public Service Co title for lights, fixtures, switches, and relays for downtown ornamental lights to City. Ok'd Fox Add'n/Meadow Lane Subdiv.

November 12 – Plan Comm minutes had Maurice Foy presenting rough sketch of proposed subdiv of his land bordering Brickville Rd outside city limits yet subjct to Plan Comm jurisdiction as it is within 1 ½ mi of City limits.

December 10 – Sheriff Alf Deisz reported county jailers salaries upped to \$325/mo and asked City to up its ½ to \$162.50. Ok'd. Letter from Geo Knipp, Trust Mgr for Parkmoor granting outlot "C" in Parkmoor to extend E High St eastward to Parkmoor. Sent to Streets/Walks Comm to study. Expansion of Parkmoor lift satation proposed at \$2,250. Franchising agreement with Com Ed ok'd for 35 years.

January 14, 1957

Mayor Jespersen at Mayo Clinic for surgery so Council Ok'd Ald Boies accepted nominations for Mayor pro tem with Ald Juday and Ald Swedberg nominated with Ald Swedberg voted Mayor pro tem on 7-2 vote. Bills ok'd \$24,265. Ok'd Birchwood Subdiv and plat. Ok'd D-X Sunray Gas Station at E State and Locust Sts. Ok'd buying the Allis Chalmers road grader City had been leasing per the lease/purchase agreement.

February 11 – Mayor Jespersen in the Chair. St Dept accident with chain saw rendered it unrepairable. Ok'd new Homelite saw for \$333 less \$50 trade on old saw. Ok'd new Forestry Board with Mayor appt Fred Weeks Chair, Ald Ross, Ira Wetzel, and Ron Brazeal.

February 25 – Spec Mtg to consider election clerks and judges pay for next election. Ok'd increases from \$7 to \$12 for working elections all day. Ok'd 35 year franchise with NI Gas for service to City. Many properties requested and are granted rezoning from R-1 to R-2 in various parts of City.

March 11 – Truck bids ranging from Ford 6 cylinder \$3,620 to Diamond T 6 cylinder \$4,250 sent to Sts & Wks Comm to study. Ok'd Mr Chester Hunter as Forestry consultant to work Sat at \$5/hr plus \$.10/mile to survey all Elm trees on City property. Ok'd annexation of Somonauk Gardens into City.

April 8 – Ok'd GMC Street Dept truck from Fargo Motors at \$3,914.67.

4-22 Spec Mtg to canvass election: Mayor Harold "Red" Johnson with 1,126 vs AL Butzow with 817 vs Emil Jespersen with 425 votes, 2,368 total votes for Mayor. Everett Penrod Clerk, Pearl Walrod Treasurer, A Ayers Sr Police Magistrate, Ald 1st Ward Arvel Davis, 2nd Walter Cooper, 3rd Arthur Carlson, 4th Cadet Bowman, 5th Dominic Dimarzio. Ok'd Parkmoor lift station at \$28,937 by SS Viland Const Co. Ok'd Del Schafer as City Auditor.

April 30 – Spec Mtg Ok'd 2nd and 4th Monday's monthly as City Council Meetings. Ok'd Salary Ord.

May 13 – Mayor Red Johnson's 1st Council Meeting as Mayor. Ok'd bill \$55,223. Mayor appts Stand Comm and City Officers. Ok'd. Street work ok'd. Wat/Sew rates ok'd and that each lot would have 1 water and 1 sewer tap each with no multiple taps.

May 27 – Ok'd sewers W State St. Ok'd Mayor having emergency spending authority along with consent of affected Comm and nature of the emergency listed on the record. Ok'd Bd Loc Improv with Mayor, Clerk, and Ald Swedberg authorized signers of checks and that 2 of 3 of them must sign. SPD Chief Hindenburg reported hundreds of dogs unlicensed and that parking space lines needed on State St. Mayor appt Walter Hauswald to Forestry Bd. Mayor appts Ald Sewdberg to Chair Munic Bldg Comm with Ald Davis, Carlson, and Niemeyer. Ok'd.

June 10 – Various Wat/Sew issues discussed. Mayor appt Harold B Johnson to Hosp. Bd. Due to Chas Townsend resignation and Richard Mattis Ass't Police Chief, and Don Ehrler to Police Captain and Anthony Ray Barton to SPD to cover vacations and Spec Pol Henry Binder, Mil Tull, Herman Edlund, Cliff Sundlly, Russ Johnson, and Robt Pruzik. Ok'd. New trash collection contract with Geo Hussong with \$300 increase ok'd.

June 24 – Ok'd contract with Gilbert Watson to maintain dump at \$1,020/yr and collection contract with Geo Hussong at \$4,020/yr. Acoustical ceiling tile new bldg. ok'd at \$1,812. Fir & Pol Comm to study all limited parking areas and report back. Direct SPD to pursue many parking fines that went from \$.10 to \$1 with many unpaid fines. Wat/Sew work ok'd on Birchwood Dr and Somonauk St. Mayor made appts to various Boards and Comm. Ken Westberg of VFW asks that flag rings on parking meters be repaired sent to Sts & Wks Comm. Ok'd Hosp audit and filed same.

July 8 – Ok'd Ord to prohibit reckless driving. Ok'd lone bid from Stahl for 10,000 gal MC3 and MC5 oil at \$.21/gal and 400 ton pea gravel at \$4.95/ton. MFT to oil Fair, E Sycamore, E Elm, and DeKalb Ave at \$8,200. Ok'd MFT annual audit. Walks ok'd in Parkmoor. Lions Club asks for \$1/day permit for rodeo. Mayor appts 16 people from schools, press, service clubs, and Chamber to City Safety Council Chaired by Dr Emery Fenwick. Ald Walter Cooper resigned due to employer moving to New Hampshire.

July 22 – Ok'd Annual Approp Ord at \$543,910. Ald Dimarzio of Ord Comm reported Spec Census cost \$1,300 with MFT at \$350/mo increase. Many Wat/Sew and drainage projects recommended various parts of City.

August 12 – Ok'd Annual Tax Levy Ord at \$141,315, 26% of Approp Ord. Ok'd Resol that Aug 17th is Junior Sports Day in Sycamore.

August 26 – Ok'd police liability insurance of \$60,000/policeman, \$75,000 each occurrence, and \$200,000 aggregate claims/yr all for minimum premium of \$225/yr. City audit ok'd. Street lights ok'd for newer streets. Dutch Elm Disease Group reports over 30 diseased Elms in City.

August 9 – Decided not to insure plate glass in new bldg.. Ok'd Tallitsch Ford bid of \$2,125 new SPD car. Ok'd used oil tank and heater for lift station on N Cross St. Various Wat/Sew problems ok'd to fix or improve.

September 23 – 104 residents petition City to hold Spec Election to fill term of Ald Cooper. Atty Carnahan directed to prepare Spec Election for same. Miss Nellie Murphy of N California St reports sewer drainage problems. Fargo Hotel owners directed to keep grease traps clean. If problems persist Sew/Wat Comm ok'd to install manhole at junction of Murphy property and N California St sewers. Ok'd Sew/Wat Comm to inspect all garages and gas stations grease traps. Ok'd 30 SFD fire alarm call boxes at \$1,315 from Gamewell Fire Alarm Co. Ald Boies reports some streets unsafe due to parking both sides and recommends one side parking on narrow streets. Ok'd new Fir & Pol Comm with Wm Lane Sec'y, Wm Ebaugh, and John Molander. Resol ok'd Sept 27-29 Elks Days in City.

October 14 – Ok'd 9 fire hydrants various parts to be raised for better access for firefighting.

October 28 – Spec Mtg Letter from Spec Census that City had 6,695 as of 10-21-57. Bills from Spec Census \$571.16 ok'd to pay. Ok'd rat abatement for Martin's Ditch and dump. Ok'd prohibiting burning trash and garbage in City. DeKalb Ogle Co lists City phone numbers.

November 25 – Bids prepared with specs for office furniture and venetian blinds for new bldg. Ald Dimarzio of Forestry Comm reported no cure for Dutch Elm disease and many new trees need to replace many diseased Elms. Mayor has requests from Joe Harazin of Sycamore Bowl and Mrs Geo Leonard Eddy of Bowl 299 for beer licenses and from Fannie Sims for liquor license and from Saul Levin and Floyd Sibley for package license all sent to Ord Comm. City Atty Carnahan reported some minors in City securing beer and liquor illegally.

December 9 – Bids rec'd on desks, chairs, and counters new bldg. in \$6,000 range sent to Finance Comm. MFT plans ok'd to widen N and S Main and W Exchange Sts. Engr directed to draw plans. Ord Comm recommends no increase in liquor licenses at this time. Ok'd. Mrs Harr, Librarian, thanked Ald AW Carlson for cinder box he made and set up at library corner, State and Main Sts. Mayor appts 4 Spec Police, Louis Wavelet, Sam Hindenburg, Carl Wildenradt, and Alan Olson, to serve in search for "little Miss Maria Ridulph." Civil Defense Director Dan Schaefer pointed to need to pass Civil Def Ord in order to become an accredited organization. Ald AW Carlson reported many old wells and cisterns located in search for Maria Ridulph on private property all sent to Fir & Pol Comm for study and recommendation. Ok'd sanitary sewer west of Fair St on State St.

December 23 – Ok'd Civil Defense Ord. Fir & Pol people bought into and joined Fir & Pol Pension Funds. This was the last City Council Meeting at the Library due to moving into new City Bldg.

January 27, 1958

1st Council Meeting in new City Council Chambers at Municipal Bldg at 535 DeKalb Ave. Ok'd Spec Elections canvass electing Leo Yardley 2nd Ward Ald. Ok'd contract with G&G Electric at \$2,200 to connect police and fire alarms and radios in new bldg. Ald Yardley suggest study of parking near SHS during football and basketball games and over parking in City. Mayor Johnson complimented Ald Yardley that his suggestions are a good start for him on Council. Ald Swedberd said all dept heads should have listed phone numbers at home for emergencies. Ok'd donation of \$342 from American Legion for Handie-Talkie radio phone for SPD.

February 10 – Letter from C R Luke McLagen with suggestions for new bldg. open house, 4th of July, and Centennial Programs. Letter sent to Mr Danielson who Chairs Centennial Program Comm. Ok'd Ord changing Council Meetings from Library to Munic Bldg. Letter from Max Alexander with a "considerable complaint" against SPD sent to Fir & Pol Comm with Mayor holding copy of letter in his file. Geo Knipp presented to Council that Chamber of Comm planned to have their members at Council to communicate good relations between Council and City groups.

February 24 – Fir & Pol Comm reported SPD and Sheriff's Office generally follow Mr Alexander's requests. Ald Swedberg said many young people out late causing problems and that Curfew Ord may need revisited.

March 10 – Ok'd bill of \$27,993. Signs ok'd at State and Sacramento and DeKalb Ave and Sacramento on Fire Trucks Crossing. Forestry Comm ok'd to buy small trees for \$200 and ask Service Clubs and youth to plant them. Ok'd sale of former Fir and Pol Station on S Maple St.

March 24 – Ok'd letter from Atty Thomas A Matthews on codifying the 1958 City Code. World War Veterans Memorial in park west of theater needs repair and/or replacement sent to Fin Comm. Ok'd use of loud speakers in streets preceding primary election Apr 8th. Ok'd \$250 for Clerk to attend the Clerks Institute in Toronto Canada. Ok'd zoning variance for Judge Ross E Millet for addition to his home at 904 W State St.

April 14 – Ok'd Madeline Middleton for gas station at S California and W State Sts. Numerous zoning changes ok'd from R1 to R2 and R2 to C1 various parts of City.

April 21 – Spec Mtg Ok'd Chas Linden low bid of \$547.95 for curb and walks work near new bldg.. Ok'd Everett Johnson bid if \$350 for shrubs near new bldg. and his promise to trim and maintain them as long as he lives.

April 28 – Bids to buy former Pol and Fir Station S Maple with Arison Implement Co at \$1,000 and AL Butzow at \$7,777 held over til next meeting. Ald Dimarzio asked how extensive his reports to Council be. Mayor replied that a well prepared 5 minute report would be welcomed. Ok'd moving \$36,000 from Wat/Sew Fund to Gen'l Fund. Mayor reported Svend Jensen made repairs to a street and is asking \$75 for services. Ok'd payment but made stipulation that all repairs be made with City approval and supervision.

Mayor appts Standing Comm. Ok'd street repair bid from Stahl Co for \$4,340 with Mr Stahl saying he'd begin work as soon after May 15th as weather permits. Sales tax at \$4,116 and MFT work at \$30,650 by Engr Deuschler. Letter from Peggy Westberg for VFW Auxiliary seeking a pop and ice cream stand near National Tea Store W State Friday May 15th from 6 to 9 pm with no City fee payable. Ok'd. Directed catch basins in Meadow Ln area conform to standards. Various areas have storm water dumping into sanitary sewers sent to Wat/Sew Comm to study. Ok'd no left turn Somonauk onto State St. Zoning Appeals Bd ok'd Geo Dutton expanding his garage on Chauncey St.

May 25 – Ok'd letting bids on 3 ton truck and plow. Ok'd Ted Niewold's Meadow Ln catch basins per code.

June 4 – Ok'd investing \$35,000 various funds in 91 day Treasury Bills. Engr Deuschler estimates Plant upgrade to cost \$300,000.

June 8 – Bid on City parking lot from JW Stahl Co received at \$40,298 sent to Fin Comm to study. Mr White owner of Phillips 66 Station on N Main St objected to closing CGWRR crossing as it would hurt his business. Ok'd that City buy all its gas from Mr White for a 2 week period to help his sales while crossing work goes on. Mr Ernest Harfst asked to tap onto City sewer just outside City limits. Ok'd to tap on at \$5.14 per lot front of 60 ft and cost of service per Ord in effect. Directed City Atty to order that trucks drive only on cement City streets. Ok'd City use parking only in lot next to new bldg.

June 22 – Mar sales tax \$4,008. Bids by G&G Electric to air condition Council Chambers and Clerk's Office with 3 window units at \$1,090 installed sent to Fin Comm with power to accept or reject bid. City parking lots to cost \$90,000 so Revenue Bonds ok'd at \$100,000 to fund same. Mayor appts Mrs EVK Schwab to Library Bd and Drs Eggers, Evans, and Trapp to Health Comm. And Mr Joe Sullivan as Health Officer. Ok'd. Appt Merwin Willke to arbitrate sewer issue with Jahns-Clark Subdiv. Appt Ald Davis, Cliffe, and Schiele to expedite the enamel coated map that Ridulph Family donated in memory of Daughter Maria. Ok'd.

July 13 – Ok'd bills of \$61,117. City Engr Pieart found \$2,330 savings on parking lots to be built on W State and N Maple Sts. Ok'd sealing City Bldg Lot and drive at \$600. Ok'd truck from Elliott Motors for \$3,725. Many "no parking this side" signs ok'd on narrow sts. Jaycees seek carnival permit for Lassie League Baseball benefit. Ok'd Atty Carnahan prepare Bond Ord for Plant upgrade at his cost of \$3,475. Annual Approp Ord ok'd at \$878,865.

August 10 – Ok'd 2 ½ in fire hose and no left turns at certain corners for safety. Sales tax at \$4,381. Letter from Holub Ind thanking SFD and others fighting their fire Aug 4th when Sycamore Lumber Co was destroyed.

September 28 – Mr Danielson of The National Bank & Trust Company petitioned to use alley south of bank for a drive up bank window with bank paying \$600 to repair and resurface alley after window installation. All 9 Ald present ok'd this and it became the first drive up bank window in DeKalb County. Ok'd Mayor as agent to apply for Federal Funds to enlarge sanitary sewer facilities. Ok'd Leader Oil bid of \$73.88 for 4 tires for SPD Car #74. Dr Carl E Clark of Methodist Church requested sewer be extended 400 ft west of Mt Carmel Cemetery. Ok'd buying land south side City for new well and water tower for \$5,750. Audits for hospital and City received and placed on file as approved. Ok'd Ray Barton Police Chief as of 10-1-59.

October 10 – Ok'd bills of \$23,779. Sales tax July \$5,311. Motion to raise City parking lot gate fee from \$.10 to \$.25 failed on 3-4 vote so item held over for full Council vote.

October 26 – Mrs LA Vaughn, Past Pres DeKalb County American Legion Aux asks permit to solicit funds for wheel chairs, walkers, crutches, beds, etc for the county uses ok'd. Ok'd off street parking fee at \$.25 up from \$.10. Ok'd Robert Coulter to remove dead trees at \$22/hour for men, saws, trucks, etc. City to submit tests for industrial waste in sanitary sewers before fed funds awarded.

November 23 – Rec'd payment of \$1,778 as settlement of Loptien Court Case where they built 2 houses on 1 lot on E Exchange St without City approval.

December 14 – Ok'd bills of \$56,955. SPD Chief Barton asked for extra man to work over Christmas, but Council decided 1 man in the car and 1 man on the street was enough. Also reported 3 accidents at North and N California St so Ok'd stop sign on North Ave eastward headed traffic at N California St. Ok'd selling hose house on Park Ave based on bids from the Jan meeting. Ok'd annexing property east of Rt 23 north and north of North Ave extended. Ok'd investing idle City funds in 91 day U S Treasury Certificates. Ok'd contract with Mr Lenz to bait and control rats for \$500/yr. Ok'd Clerk to close office Sat Dec 26th from 8:30 am to noon. Deferred sale of Sportsmen Pond to City at \$10,000 to another meeting.

December 28 – SPD Chief Barton rec'd complaint from Meinert Jewelry on cars blocking sidewalk near their business as cars waited to use the new drive in bank on Somonauk. Ok'd new rat contract with Mr Lenz at \$680/yr to include Martin's Ditch, City Dump, and ditch in Parkmoor, Ok'd Clarence Lindgren dog catcher at \$50/mo.

January 11, 1960

Ok'd bills of \$33,379. Letter from Chamber Comm asking for free parking Feb 16th as a county farmer meeting to be held in Sycamore sent to SPD Chief. Wayne Kingsbury ok'd to rent former SFD Station on S Maple at \$77.50/mo for 1 year.

January 25 – 2 large water meters broke so ok'd buying 2 3 inch compound meters, 1 for Anaconda and 1 for Diamond Wire. New porcelain covered City map, Maria Ridulph memorial, is ready to be mounted on City Bldg. Jaycees volunteer labor to do it. Ok'd. 1 bid opened on hose house on Park Ave from Mr Elliott Lay at \$369 so house sale ok'd. Ok'd bid of Elliott Mtrs on 1960 Plymouth Patroller SPD car at \$1,597 with 1958 Chevy trade in. Ok'd Walter Deuschler & Assoc Engrs for 1959-61. Engr Deuschler reported sewer report had waste water from several industries entering Martin's Ditch and City sewers. Ok'd report copied and shared with cited industries.

February 22 – Requests of Sycamore Bowl and Bowl 299 to sell beer. Petitions of 500 signers, Rev Ed Pruett, and Rev HL Michael all oppose the vices of beer sold in bowling alleys. Ok'd Ord Comm recommendation that no beer licenses be approved. Petition with 34 names opposing well and tower site near Ideal. Audit of Police Pension Fund from 1952 to 1958 accepted and filed with direction to Board to bring fund into good standing by preparing accurate books and records. Ald Carlson reported parking too close to stop signs and snow being piled too high at corners for safety. Ok'd 20 year Parking Rev Bond with 5% coupons from 1958-1978.

March 14 – Ok'd forming 2 lots of Benson's near Charles and Carlson Sts. Atty Carnahan reported on trailer park to be built east of City and that City had no power to create zoning outside City limits but that the Plan Comm could approve or disallow residential property within 1 mile of Corp limits. Ok'd Mayor as agent to sign permits to construct, change, or alter stream beds in connection to Plant improvements. Mr Paton, Anaconda Engr, asks for 2 sets of plans to easement for drainage ditch stream bed at plant. Ok'd. Ok'd \$83,000 MFT for streets. Sales tax is \$4,598. Petition from Robt England and Robt Caukin for liquor license. Amended motion to allow 2 package liquor stores defeated on 3-6 vote and ok'd 1 package license. Sycamore High School letter of thanks for helping with street safety issues at high school and on E Exchange St. Lions Club asks for use of N Maple from State to Exchange Sat for an auction. Ok'd. Motion failed 2-7 to buy Sportsmen Club and Bldg. Ok'd City to offer to buy Sportsmen property for \$14,000 with a 5-10 year rental agreement with Sycamore Township. Ok'd Ord against carrying open liquor in vehicles and resisting arrest with fines of from \$5 to \$200 on each offense. Ok'd petition of Earl and Muriel Wetzel to subdivide lot 1 of Birchwood Subdiv into 2 lots near Fair and Birchwood Sts.

March 28 – Vote on package liquor license defeated 3-5 by Council. Northern II Gas rep said they would check all City and residential gas connections for safety.

April 11 – Ok'd Ord no parking east side of Center Cross St from State to DeKalb Ave. IDOT wanted all parking banned on Center Cross St. Ok'd other no parking zones and meters in front of Taylor Garage and Hudson's DX Service since taxi stand and gas station no longer operating. Letter from Rev Pruett of the Sycamore Ministerial Assoc with concerns of liquor and prostitution violations in City. Report was surprise to Council and mayor ordered SPD to learn "any and all details of the report and violations." Ok'd Mayor to make final offer of \$16,000 for Sportsmen property. Resol to honor Police Magistrate Arthur Ayers Sr who died in office. Current Ald are Jim Cliffe, Al Schiele, Cadet Bowman, Carl Larson, AW Carlson, Roger Niemeyer, Geo Hardesty, Leo Yardley, and Dom Dimarzio.

April 25 – Ok'd transfer of \$7,000 parking meter funds and \$41,000 Wat/Sew funds to Gen'l fund. Supt Daniels reported water damage to Watson's basement is the same as others and that City should not pay damages. Ok'd. Wet basements due to storm water running into sanitary sewers and City to check all homes. Mayor reported meeting with Ministerial Assoc and Rev HL Michael was present to confirm their meeting. Ok'd on 8-1 vote. John Astling of the Sportsmen Club ok'd the City last offer. Wm Ebaugh resigned Fir & Pol Comm.

May 9 – Mayor makes appts for new year. Ok'd. Bids on 2 new tires for SPD car: Niewold's Standard \$50, Jack's Station \$54, Mohr's Texaco \$50.70, White's Phillips 66 \$54.90, Leader Oil \$47.40 with special police tire at \$54.10. Ok'd Leader Oil bid for 2 8x14 tires. Chief Barton reported Officer Jesse Hubbard

refused to return to his post and thereby resigned from SPD. Ok'd. Engr Deuschler reported \$22,680 cost reductions to Plant improvement. New low bid of Collins & Wilson Co on Plant is \$430,920. Ok'd.

May 23 – Feb sales tax: \$4,137. Ok'd Johns-Manville transite asbestos cement pipes for connecting home sanitary sewers to City system. Everett Kincaid Co ok'd to update zoning maps.

June 7 – Ok'd sale of \$300,000 Wat/Sew Rev Bonds 1959 Series to “construct a mechanically cleaned bar screen and grit chamber, additional primary settling tank, aeration tanks, final settling tank, sludge digester with all necessary mechanical equipment, piping, electrical work, misc, and appurtenant construction.” Plant Improvement \$430,920, Engr: \$27,400, Legal/Admin: \$4,650 totaling \$462,970 with revenues of Federal Grant: \$130,500, On hand: \$32,470, Rev Bonds: \$300,000 totaling \$462,970.

June 13 – Bills ok'd at \$32,116. Many street lights, parking, walks issues to address various parts of City. Mayor reported many dead trees sent to Sts/Wks Comm.

June 21 – Bids on W/S Bonds to John Nuveen & Co at low interest of 4.1657 net cost percent with dollar interest at \$241,612.

July 11 – Dead trees to be removed at \$11,000. SPD has 25 go carts and asked to have 3 races. Ok'd races at Ideal parking lots with no liability to City or Ideal. Annual Approp Ord at \$1,035,325. Ok'd certain Sycamore Township residents to dump in City dump for a fee. Mel Castenson of Jaycees asks for W State St parking lot for carnival July 28-30. Ok'd if Parking Meter Rev Fund is paid difference of actual collections of highest week of operation plus \$3. Mayor found used '49 Chevy ¾ ton truck at Taylor Motors for City to trade the '49 Studebaker plus \$400. Ok'd. Mayor Red probably said his usual “it's a real good deal.”

July 25 – Ok'd Zimmerman & Kahler MFT work at \$62,352. With room so warm Mayor recessed 5 min for people to get a drink of water and cool off. Ok'd new well site near Ideal Ind and to invest idle funds in 91 day U S Treasury Bills.

August 8 – Supt Stromberg reported chain saw beyond repair. Mayor directed bids on new or used saw to Fin Comm. Complaints of Turner Add'n residents of unkempt and unsafe trailers and Quonset huts used for living quarters sent to Bldg Comm and Atty.

August 22 – Supt Stromberg has 49 dead and 28 dying trees and that Public Works could remove 15-20 without outside help. Fargo Hotel and Uptown Restaurant asking for Sunday liquor license for those seated for dinner deferred to next meeting. McCullah 40 in chain saw from Harry Jahns ok'd to buy for \$350. Annual Tax Levy Ord ok'd at \$200,170. Report that Robert Watson refused to pay \$55/mo rent on house at former Sportsmen Club sent to Atty for eviction orders.

September 26 – Merchants Div of Chamber Comm and many merchants recommend no change to Liquor Ord. Atty sent letter to Quonset hut owner renting to end that, cut weeds, and clean the property. Lions Club Pres Lew Simon asks for permit for professional wrestling in City. Ok'd with fee payable.

October 10 – 25 mph speed signs ok'd various streets. Motion to change Liquor Ord made. Some spoke against and Geo Brazeal presented 900 names opposed. 2 bowling alley beer licenses defeated on 3-6 vote. IDOT denied permission for flashing traffic light at high school entrance on DeKalb Ave. Horace Fothergill resigned SPD after 28 years' service back to 10-23-32. Ok'd Resol thanking him for all his service. Atty Gen'l of Il filed suit of \$13,558 on City for toxic fish kill in Kish 9-5-59. Directed Atty to deny claim.

October 24 – Mayor vetoed liquor code amendments from 10-10. Veto sustained on 9-0 vote. Ok'd Atty and Ord Comm to redraft Liquor Ord. changes. Ok'd Donald Smith and Orville Pinne to lease old fire house at 119 S Maple for 2 yrs at \$77.50/mo and Sidney Yaffe to lease old police station for 2 yrs at \$60/mo. Mayor's veto of Liquor Ord based on his objection to beer in bowling alleys in close proximity to minors.

December 12 – Lots drawn on granting 1 new package liquor license. Ok'd selling 1959 Rambler SPD car.

January 9, 1961

Bills ok'd at \$69,637. Ok'd street signs from Deco Porcelain at \$1.75 or \$39. Oct sales tax \$4,323. Ok'd zoning at Grant and Sacramento Sts for Joe and Bernice Sterk's package liquor store.

January 23 – Atty read Ord for referendum to create \$.05 Forestry Tax for the 4-18 election.

February 13 – Ok'd Coulter Tree Service to remove 10 dead trees at \$150 total. Mayor appt Floyd “Frenchie” French as parking meter service man.

February 27 – Spec Mtg Mayor read complimentary letter from DeKalb PD on SPD apprehending person suspected of criminal activity. Rat abatement ok'd for Martin's Ditch and City Dump.

March 13 – Many more dead trees ok'd to remove. Mel Castenson, Pres of Jr Chamber Comm asked for permit for W State St lot for carnival July 26-29. Ok'd. He then asked for 9 trash containers for downtown with ads on 3 sides and the Chamber ad on the 4th side. Ok'd to invest idle funds in 91 day U S Treasury Bills.

March 27 – Several 4 way stops ok'd near downtown in high traffic areas. 2 requests for Wat/Sew services outside City denied.

April 10 – Ideal Ind seeks to annex 10.2 acres south of plant into City and rezone from R-1 to M-1 heavy manufacturing. Ok'd. Ok'd annual Salary Ord at Mayor, \$1,500, Clerk, \$5,700, Treas \$970, and Ald \$12.50/meeting. Also election clerks and judges \$17.50/day with same cost to rent polling places not City buildings.

April 24 – Mayor reported brakes on Mack Fire Truck fixed and directed letter of thanks to DeKalb Fire Dept Chief Luoma for lending SFD a truck while repairs made. Ok'd Esther, Albert, and West Sts as arterial and placed on list for MFT funds. Mayor found new tenant for house on former Sportsmen property but house needs fumigated for roaches and 2 rooms painted inside. Ok'd. Transferred \$8,000 from Parking Fund and \$32,000 from Wat/Sew Funds to Gen'l Fund. Canvass election with Mayor, Clerk, Treas, and Police Magistrate all reelected. Forestry Tax ok'd on referendum by 993 to 956 vote. Ald 1st Ward Chas Carter, 2nd Leo Yardley, 3rd AW Carlson, 4th A Schiele, 5th Wm Schinske. MFT funds for '61 \$46,100. The National Bank & Trust Co ok'd as City funds depository.

April 29 – Spec Mtg Created Forestry Standing Comm and newly elected Ald sworn into office.

May 8 – Ok'd taverns being open 1 extra hour until 1 am on Friday and Saturday nights. Ok'd Standing Comm appts. Jan sales tax \$3,688. Ok'd water main E High St to Terrace Dr in Parkmoor as 6 in line for 405 ft costing \$300-\$400 ok'd. and fixing storm water drain on Birchwood Dr. VFW invited Council, SFD, and SPD to Memorial Day Program & Parade.

May 22 – Master City map enlarged to 54 in x 68 in by photography with scale of 1 in = 300 ft. at cost ok'd of \$100 by Chas Bruning Co. Sanitary sewer job on Borden to low bidder John Niewold at \$4,767.85. Atty and Clerk to produce Ord Supplement to 1958 City Code. Complaints of parking in residential areas near downtown so Mayor asked Sts & Wks Comm to consider limited parking on those streets.

June 12 – Ok'd Stahl Const Co bid of \$4,340 for 10 m gal oil at \$.21/gal plus 400 ton pea gravel at \$5.60/ton. Street light contract with G&G Electric not to be renewed. Ok'd.

6-26 School Dist asked City to repair walks near 3 schools. Salary increase proposed to raise worker pay by \$15/mo.

July 10 – SPD Chief Barton asks to install 3 bike racks to keep walks clear downtown. Ok'd. Allow tree and stump removal on DeKalb Ave for walks for high school for \$400. Contract ok'd for Sycamore Township folks to use City Dump for \$1,000/yr for 4 yrs and trash collection contract with Geo Hussong for \$450/mo. Ok'd Atty salary from \$120/yr to \$2,400/yr on a tight 4-3 vote.

July 24 – Audits of City and Hospital ok'd and filed. Annual Approp Ord at \$504,360 ok'd. Bargain Days, Kids Day, Jr Farm Bureau Pork Chop BBQ all ok for W State St lot.

August 14 – Annual Tax Levy ord ok'd at \$208,095. ½ of 1% municipal services occupation tax ok'd. Ord to voters for referendum on \$490,000 Wat/Sew Revenue Bonds ok'd. Agreement with Ideal Ind and Hutson's for property for the well, well house, and water tower approved. Heat control for 2nd floor City Bldg moved from Council Chambers back to firemen living quarters.

September 11 – Dead trees 150 in number bid to cut and remove. Approved Deputy Clerk from 9-15 to 9-25-61. SFD Chief Binder to circulate petition for fire district to include rural fires. Ernest Taylor asks \$25/mo as crossing guard denied since City not in position to grant it just now.

September 24 – Ok'd 2 files on Civil Defense documents and chart of personnel. Salt available at \$28/ton if City takes in 10 ton lots from the rail car and hauled by City. John Peterson from Earlville ok'd to cut and remove 150 trees but not stumps for \$44/tree. Canvassed Spec Election 9-19-61 on Wat/Sew Bond issue with 459 yes and 144 no votes. Mr Lenz advised of rats in Parkmoor ditch.

October 9 – SPD Chief Barton asks for fire extinguishers in police cars to extinguish small fires. Ok'd. 3 applications for business signs including "Kaiser 5 Cents to \$1 Stores" and "Blackhawk Loans, Inc." Mayor presented Jerry Thomas with a watch from Topps Chewing Gum Corp for Outstanding Minor League Player of the Year. Limited 2 hr parking downtown ok'd Mon-Fri during business hours. Ok'd 4 pants, coats, smoke mask canisters, 300 ft 2 ½ in and 200 ft of 1 ½ in hoses all not to exceed \$1,000. Ok'd Resol objecting to WREX TV in Rockford proposal limiting channels viewed in Sycamore area.

November 13 – Ok'd 4 way stops S Main and Elm, S California and Elm, S California and High Sts. Ok'd 170 trees cut and removed.

November 27 – Ok'd renting City lot to merchants for \$25 for free parking Dec 1 – Dec 26. Ok'd ending 5% interest on water meters. Ok'd selling 1960 Plymouth SPD car and leasing 2 Nash Ramblers from Taylor Motors.

December 11 – Ald Yardley asked if Stella Leavitt was reimbursed \$19 for trimming a limb that interfered with TV antenna. Ald Yardley moved to split cost with City paying \$9.50 but motion failed with no second. Ok'd neon and painted sign at Bill's Hamburger Shop. Sept sales tax is \$3,923 and includes new Occupation Service Tax. Bars and clubs ask to be open 6 pm to 3 am Sun Dec 31st which failed on 2-8 vote and Council directing no bars and clubs open at all on Sun Dec 31st. After negotiation L Cliff Neely of Batavia ok'd to build well #5 near Ideal Ind for \$32,932 or \$41,082 if shooting and cleaning is necessary.

December 26 – Ok'd 6 ft x 12 ft lit sign at Leader Oil Co. Sheriff Arthur Anderson reported jailer salary at \$375/mo so City ok'd \$187.50 per City/County Agreement for man at jail.

January 8, 1962

Opened water tower bids: 750,000 gal tank Chicago Bridge & iron \$129,600 or 500,000 gal tank for \$100,300, Graver Tank & Manuf Co \$123,090 or \$97,110, and Pittsburg-Des Moines Steel Co \$125,300 or \$89,300. Ok'd Ald Cliffe attend Great States Bd of Econ Devel at Peoria Jan 10-12 for \$50. Ok'd buying used Hough Loader from Ed Hoffman for \$2,800 plus cab and heater for \$325.

January 22 – Ok'd used typewriter for SPD at \$80 and Supt Vern Stromberg buy set of box end wrenches St Dept not to exceed \$50. Complaints of merchants pushing snow into streets. Atty directed to prepare Snd Ord and parking regs with 3 in snowfall or more. Ok'd Ideal Ind vendoe Valley Trucking to install 6 in 8 in and 10 in water mains in and along Park Ave under City Supt oversight. Ok'd Harris Trust & Savings Bank as low bid from 17 bids of \$193,587 interest at 3.1232% on \$490,000 Gen'l Obligation bonds. Ok'd bid of \$123,090 from Graver Tank & Manuf Co on 750,000 water tower.

February 12 – SFD Chief Binder reported SFD bought used 1,000 gal tank truck for brush fires using SFD Treasury funds. SPD Chief Barton resignation sent to Fir & Pol Comm. Which recommends Dick Mattis be acting SPD Chief. Ok'd. Upon death of Daniel Schaefer, Amos Buettel ok'd as local Civil Defense Director.

February 26 – SFD reported 3 new batteries needed for trucks and ok'd at \$75. Ok'd \$490,000 Waterworks Bonds. SFD discontinued answering calls for Fox Valley Cleaners. Council wants info on Jaycees selling sapling trees in City so planting is done by City Code. Ald Cliffe reported much interest in 3 new subdivisions since meeting with econ devel group. Ok'd Ord on prevailing wages for work done in City.

March 12 – Bills ok'd at \$26,752 and 40 in x 53 in Osgood Co. sign for Strain's Store on DeKalb Ave. Ok'd American Legion Auxil Ella Peterson to sell magazines to raise funds for County Legion Auxiliary.

March 26 – Ok'd ending diagonal parking north side W Elm St from Somonauk to S California Sts with parallel parking instead. Ok'd Sycamore Township space in City Bldg lobby for \$25/mo and phone install too. Ok'd low bid of Gluth Bros & O'Leary Const Co at \$180,005 for water main extensions and additions as part of new W/S bond Issue.

April 9 – 28 dead trees removed. Ohio Grange provided 200 Ash and Maple trees for City. SFD Chief Binder reported gifts to City of 1,000 gal Fold-A-Tank, float dock strainer, and 1949 Ford tank truck costing \$1,399 all from SFD. Ok'd revised lower bid from Gluten & O'Leary of \$177,813 on water main work. Surface water drainage through Parkmoor to be improved by dredging ditch through same and Park to Kishwaukee River.

April 23 – 139 Ash and Maple trees given by Ohio Grange distributed.

May 8 – Doug McLean of VFW asks for \$10 permit to host wrestling match May 24th and that 3% gross rule be waived to maximize benefit to community. Ok'd. Several easements ok'd to lay water mains all sides of City.

June 11 – Ok'd Geo and Jean Maness annexation Somonauk Meadows Subdivision. Sales tax = \$4,424. Ok'd First Baptist Church to build education wing east of church on Elm St.

June 25 – Ald Larson estimates 300 dead trees and marked so bids can be let to remove them. Letter from LW Baack, Sec'y Ideal Ind to name new street from Somonauk west to Park Ave as "Becker Place." Ok'd. Ok'd MFT fund improved curb, gutter, and road beds on Fair, West, Albert, and Esther Ave with property owners to pay \$2.25/ft for their street frontage.

July 9 – Bills ok'd \$84,964. Annual Approp Ord \$1,047,186.

July 23 – Bids on dead trees with Coil Tree Service given bid for 200 trees at \$39.86/tree cut and removed. Ok'd Tallitsch Ford bid of \$5,310 on F800 truck cab and chassis. April sales tax = \$4,756.

August 8 – Ok'd 25 acre tract for Fair St extension north of State St and east west road to access industrial sites with water/sewer installed for \$38,000. Annual Tax Levy Ord \$257,228.

July 13 – Spec Mtg ok'd Sycamore Heights and Somonauk Gardens Subdiv into City. Gave Ellen St owners with septic dumping into open ditch 90 days to connect to sewer.

October 8 – Ok'd extending Fair St north to Crosby Ave so industry could settle in Fall of '62 using City workers, equipment, and some rented equipment.

October 24 – Ok'd combined bid of \$31,150 for drilling, pump house, piping, and equipment on Well #5. Ditch from Parkmoor through Park dredged and deepened to carry more water. Ok'd \$5,000 to Ideal Ind for Well #5 site property.

November 12 – SFD Chief Binder asked about Fire Pension Resol passed 12-23-57 which Ill Dept Insurance declared illegal amount of \$2,230 sent to Fir & Pol Comm. Motion for street light near St Mary School failed on 3-4 vote.

December 10 – Ok'd renting 2 SPD cars from Elliott Motors at \$200/mo for 1 yr. Ok'd street light on Waterman St near St Mary School on 6-4 vote. Motion to refund \$7 IML registration fee to City delegates tied vote 5-5 with Mayor breaking tie with no vote so failed 5-6. Lodging, meals, and travel expensed by City.

December 27 – Directed Clerk and Treas to track all advances to Forestry and IMRF Accounts in order to refund Gen'l Fund later. Ok'd sale of former SFD and SPD stations S Maple St.

January 14, 1963

PW Supt Stromberg reports 173 dead trees removed in '62. Complaint of snow fence by Jim Halloran on Esther Ave with Halloran saying fence would be down after the snows.

February 11 – Bids on City property on S Maple opened: Wayne Wilson \$7,626, Maness Bros \$9,105, and The Natl Bank & Trust Co \$12,700. Ok'd bank bid. Ok'd annexing 9.2 acres Anaconda property into City and zone it M-2 heavy manuf.

March 11 – SFD Chief Binder has 40 questions to add to electricians test. Ok'd tickets and posters Police Social Club Dance Apr 20th. Tallitsch Ford asks for City water services 8/10 mile west of City limits at their new site. Schools, City, and Methodist Church met to agree on street easements through high school property to Rt 64. Ok'd speed limits on Somonauk St and DeKalb Ave increased to 30 mph.

March 25 – SFD reports Fir & Pol Comm recommends 4 new volunteer firemen to total 28, 18 fire manuals, 750 gal pumper truck, larger fire district, and revising City Bldg Code with all sent to Fir & Pol Comm and Fin Comm. Ok'd Chamber use State St lot May 22-25 for Kids Day. Mrs Frank complained of go kart racing at Southeast School and City said they have no say on school property. Letter from public works workers to increase pay sent to Fin Comm. At 8:10 pm Mayor asked to be excused to attend an auction and that Mayor pro tem conclude the balance of the meeting. On 8-1 vote Ald Carlson voted Mayor pro tem.

April 8 – Ok'd annexing 8 tracts on Bethany Rd into City. Mayor received request for City Resol favoring toll road south of DeKalb from Aurora to Clinton Ia. Engr estimates curbs, gutters, and walks Turner Addn at \$297,670 divided by \$218,000 City funded and \$79,600 resident costs.

April 22 – Mayor and Ald met and decided no wage increases new year except longevity pay. Motion on wage increase of \$15/mo and longevity pay failed 3-6 vote. Council to study pay further. Bids to extend City Bldg Garages: Maness Bros \$12,308, Frank Johnson \$12,340, Paul Swedberg \$12,805. Ok'd Maness Bros bid. Election canvass: Ald Ward #1 Sadie Swanbum, 2nd Carl Larson, 3rd Jim Cliffe, 4th Chas Jespersen, 5th Martha McCabe. Sales tax = \$4,818. Ok'd transfer of \$30,000 Wat/Sew, \$10,000 Pkg Mtr, \$88 Munic Bldg Fund, and \$1,254 earned interest to Gen'l Fund. Ok'd 30 mph limits on Somonauk and DeKalb Ave to City limits. Ok'd Universal Const Co on \$11,850 bid to paint 200,000 gal water tower inside and out. Standing Comm appts made and ok'd.

May 13 – Ok'd 2 alleys opened in Turner Addn with City to build and gravel them at small costs to City. VFW letter to invite Council to Memorial Day Services and be in the Parade.

May 27 – Complaint chickens being raised in City sent to SPD. Ok'd 1st addition to Somonauk Gardens. Ok'd plans to form Sycamore Fire Protection District. Ok'd no salary increases for FY '64 on close 5-4 vote. Forestry Bd has plan to remove 500-600 trees under one contract. Ok'd to seek bids on 200 trees.

Mayor has request for recorded music downtown June 1st with spot commercials. Motion failed 2-7 vote. Ok'd buying 50 new parking meters. Pilot alarm system from Anaconda to Fir and Pol Stations ok'd.

June 10 – Ok'd '63 Rambler 4 dr V8 SPD car from Taylor Motors at \$2,098. Ok'd \$7.50/pay period increase on close 5-4 vote with the 4 no votes being the entire Fin Comm. Ok'd excusing study of worker hospital insurance due to wage increases ok'd this meeting. Ok'd new Sycamore High School property into City.

June 24 – Ok'd Duncan Pkg Mtr Co for 50 new meters at \$57.50 less \$12.50 for net cost of \$45/meter. FCC orders new radio regs being studied by Pol and Fir Comm to be done by 11-1-63. Annual Approp Ord \$742,866. Ok'd plat of Walter Lenschow for Riverside North Subdiv along W Maplewood Dr. Ok'd Zimmerman & Kahler's bid of \$82,698 for MFT work in City. Clerk's check writer in bad repair so a used one ok'd with 2 yr warranty for \$42.50. Ok'd Motorola bid of \$6,911 for SFD radios. Ald Jespersen reported pkg mtr collectibles at \$1,400 asking actions to collect. Also why no arrest warrants issued for Friday night fight. Home of Nancy Kempton at 913 Esther Ave is condemned with notices to Sycamore Township and Il Dept of Welfare. Bids let to repair Comm Ctr who has cash on hand of \$1,665. Mayor reported hole in sidewalk near State and Maple Sts. Mayor said an offer from local contractor to buy 2 wheel Hough Loader for \$2,000 and used 4 wheel drive Hough Loader is available for \$6,000. Ok'd on 6-3 vote. Resol ok'd that City workers owing IMRF must pay up.

August 12 – Bids on '55 Plymouth in with high bid of \$78 and car to CK Densborn. Tax Levy Ord ok'd at \$234,631. Ok'd Donlin Ct and St Carmel Cemetery be annexed and water service extended to them. Ok'd 10 in water main to Tallitsch Ford Sales on DeKalb Ave.

September 23 – Ok'd Tax Anticipation Warrants on Forestry Tax of \$14,000 contracted Peterson Tree Service to remove dead trees for \$9,000. June sales tax \$5,121. Ok'd sanitary sewer for S Cross St. MFT Audit received and filed. Dist 427 ok'd half cost of 6 ft walks near West School. Clerk to send thanks letter to ET Juday for 8 chairs and table for Munic Bldg. Ok'd Ord to regulate taxi cabs.

October 14 – Water main bid of Davis Const Co ok'd at \$20,826 to extend water service to Tallitsch Ford Sales. St Dept counts 518 dead Elm trees. Downtown parking spaces to be 9 ft wide. Duncan Meter Co sells double yoke posts at \$5.69 each. Atty Carnahan read letter of \$1,000 settlement for fish kill and new fish stocked in Kishwaukee River due to years earlier kill.

October 28 – Ok'd SFD for pancake and sausage supper at SFD on 11-21. Ok'd 25 mph speed signs various locations. Ald Cliffe asked about the 1 ½ mile planning around City limits and suggested Sycamore and DeKalb Councils meet jointly. Il Sanitary Board reports cyanide in Martin's Ditch from industry. Mayor asks Atty Carnahan and Ord Comm to study Zoning Ord for future planning. Sycamore and DeKalb Councils to meet jointly in Sycamore 11-26 at 7:30 pm.

November 26 – Motion that City no longer finds it financially feasible to send SFD beyond City limits after 5-1-64 if proposed fire district not ok'd at the 12-14 election. Rescinded bids on new SPD car. Ok'd Atty negotiate settlement on 1960 fish kill. Joint meeting with DeKalb reset to 12-4 due to 11-26 Council meeting held later due to death of President Kennedy. Ok'd free parking 2 weeks prior to Christmas for \$50 from Chamber Comm.

December 9 – Ok'd bills of \$49,676. Ok'd Resol for 45 mph limit Rt 23 between Sycamore and DeKalb City limits and certified copy with IDOT. Mayor appt Atty and Engr to work with committee from DeKalb on planning the 1 ½ mile boundaries of both cities.

12-23 James Paxton, owner of Evergreen Village Mobile Home Park, asked Council about mobile home park on DeKalb Ave. and about annexing same. Council thanks St Dept and SFD for Christmas dinners from them.

January 13, 1964

Ok'd bills of \$84,246. Narrowly ok'd on 6-4 vote Dodge 330 SPD car from North Central Motors, DeKalb, at \$2,065. Ok'd transfer of trash collection from Geo Hussong after many good years of service to Engstrom & DeBreeze. Hospital Admin Richard Johnson asks to accept gift of pathological lab from Royal Wylde Family in memory of Vesta Wylde. Ok'd.

January 27 – SFD Chief Binder reported some equipment lost at Alida Young Temple fire on 1-24 asking to replace same. Ok'd this and cost of food and coffee for firemen fighting that fire. Mr Clifford Danielson, Pres The Natl Bank & Trust Co and Lewis Walton presented plans for drive-in bank on bank property at Somonauk and Maple Sts and tunnel from bank bldg. under alley to drive-in bank bldg.. Ok'd. Atty Carnahan reported Plan Comm Chairs, Engrs, and Atty's from DeKalb and Sycamore met about boundaries, Ord, and planning for land use between cities.

February 10 – Pub Wks cut 45 trees Jan and Feb. Proposal received for mobile home park on Swan Olson property north side of City. 2 page letter from Ald Schinske against mobile homes in City made part of the record.

March 9 – 145 trees down this season so far. James Skinner hired as dog catcher at \$50/mo. Ok'd limiting bids on SFD pickup truck to those businesses who pay real estate taxes in Sycamore. Nov sales tax \$5,086.

March 23 – Mayor Johnson asked Rev Hawkins from Salem Lutheran Church to deliver Invocation which is the 1st mention of Invocation preceding Council meetings in the minutes.

April 13 – Opened 3 bids for SFD truck and ok'd Tallitsch Ford bid of \$2,214. Ok'd 3 parking meter items: meters west side N Main removed from State to Exchange Sts, parking W Exchange St designated Court House Parking M-F 8 am to 5 pm, and City buy 15 meters to allow 4 hr parking for 5 cents north side W State St from Main St for ½ block. Vote was 4-4 with Mayor voting yes for passage on 5-4 vote. Ok'd SFD to answer fire calls in fire protection district. Motion to hold Council every other Monday failed on 3-2-1 vote where majority of Ald and Mayor had to approve.

April 27 – Ok'd audits of Clerk, Treas, Rec Comm, and Library by Del M Schafer, CPA. Ok'd no animal or vegetable waste disposed at Dump after 5-1-64.

May 11 – Ok'd Stahl Const Co low bid of \$4,540 on 10,000 gal MC-3 or MC-5 oil and 400 ton pea gravel for streets and ok'd new sewer rodding machine for \$3,250. Ald Yardley moved for Council meetings every other Monday instead of 2nd and 4th Monday but motion failed with no 2nd. Ok'd regular City workers \$2.25 overtime and extra workers paid \$1.75/hr. Ok'd Mayor appts.

May 25 – Ok'd painting Dodge SFD truck for \$124 and transfer it to Water Dept. Ok'd bids to seal well #2 and install new electrical controls and centrifugal turbine pump in well #3 for \$10,716. Ok'd 50 new parking meters. Ok'd Billiard Parlor Ord to allow Sunday hours from 2 pm to midnight, remove age restrictions, and ban all alcohol served, sold, or consumed in the parlors. Ok'd Mayor, Ald Schinske, Cliffe, and Plan Comm to serve on City/DeKalb/County Planning Group with county and DeKalb appointees. Letter from Il Dept Public Works that under MFT 31-CS improvements, no diagonal parking allowed on Somonauk St. City then ok'd removing \$4,000 from MFT Somonauk plan to keep the parking as is. Coultrip Funeral Home advised City they would answer ambulance calls by appt only.

June 8 – Ok'd bills of \$51,002 and low bid of \$16,601 to install pump, motor, and controls in Parkmoor lift station.

June 22 – Ok'd SPD car from Taylor Motors for \$1,555 for '64 4 dr 327 cu in Rambler and old Rambler as trade. Ok'd new Class F liquor license where 60% sales is food and seating of at least 200. Ok'd EG Hoffman bid of \$3,500 to remove old well #1 and #2 houses and build new valve vault. Ok'd fire district contract of \$6,000/yr. Sales tax \$5,377.

July 13 – Ald Chas Carter, Sadie Swanbum, Leo Yardley, Carl Larson, Arthur Carlson, Chas Jespersen, Wm Schinske, Martha McCabe, and James Cliffe memorial Resol read for Atty Kenneth Carnahan and Ok'd by all. Ok'd low bid of Hoover & Olson for \$12,966 to remodel well #1 building and garage. Ok'd SPD painted for \$100. Ok'd time and temp sign for The Natl Bank & Trust Co.

July 27 – Ok'd Annual Approp Ord at \$684,784. Ok'd insurance for all full time City workers except dependents from Everell Smith, Aetna Agent. Ok'd Kiwanis Club candy and gum machine in City Hall lobby. Ok'd Class A liquor license for Fannie Sims owner of Dixie Inn. Ok'd prevailing wage Resol.

8-24 Water Supt reports 80 hydrants, 4 in, painted yellow and 168 6 in hydrants painted silver. Ok'd \$1,095 to install new salt and cinder larger spreader on City truck. Ok'd annexing Mt Carmel Cemetery and Donlin Ct to City. Mr Danielson of The Natl Bank & Trust Co proposed a tunnel under the walks on Somonauk St from the bank bldg. to the drive – in bank facility. Mrs Ellen Meinert objected and wants legal bonds and agreements drawn to protect her property next to the alley near the bank. Mayor and Atty Edwards to meet with bank and Meinert's to create an agreement.

September 14 – New siren ok'd at \$175 for new Ford SFD truck plus trade of old siren. SPD Chief Mattis request for filing cabinet sent to Fir & Pol Comm. Ok'd contract with Bob Davies Chain Saw Shop to remove 200 dead trees at \$33,000 over a 3 year period. Ok'd Wallace Armstrong to remove old Parkmoor lift station bldg., fill in excavation, and rescind easements with \$1 to City to deed station land to Armstrong. Ok'd restricting Class A liquor licenses to 1 for every 875 people and 1 Class B beer license to every 7,000 population. Chamber Comm objected to parking lanes and motion to study same failed on 4-5 vote.

September 30 – City Engr estimate to widen Somonauk St, tile, and grade surface at \$6,000 from Elm St past bank drive – in on Somonauk St with bank to pay cost. Mr Danielson felt bank and City should split

cost since street improvement good for City too. Ok'd split cost 50/50. June sales tax \$5,856. Ok'd 25 ton salt at \$11.80/ton delivered from Int'l Salt Co of Clarks Summit, Pa.

October 12 – Ok'd SPD buy filing cabinet at \$132. Ok'd billing John Middleton \$100 for his fire outside fire district. Ok'd pay of \$64.50 to Jerrilyn Wilson for help with Annual Treas Report. Ok'd SPD Chief Mattis to trade 4 38 cal Colt pistols for 4 Smith & Wesson pistols no cost to City.

December 14 – Bills ok'd \$123,076. Ok'd 500 courtesy parking tickets for 2 days before Christmas.

December 28 – Ok'd legal proceedings against Taylor Motor Sales due to auto sales transaction dispute. Ok'd redistricting City from 5 to 4 wards with 2 Ald/ward by Ord effective 1-11-65. Ok'd Tax Antic Warrants of \$10,000 against Forestry Tax to fund tree removals.

January 11, 1965

Ok'd redistrict City to 4 wards based on 1960 census of 6,961 people.

January 25 – Mayor appts Ald Cliffe to work with Chamber Comm on store front improvements downtown.

February 8 – Ok'd 20 yr franchise with Allied Video Transmission Co to transmit video and FM radio signals along lines on poles furnished or rented for said purpose. Ok'd Salary Ord to allow 2 not 3 missed meetings by Ald. Ok'd plans for stop and go lights at State and Somonauk Sts.

March 8 – Rev Donald Ryding gave Invocation at Council Meeting. Ok'd buying John Marshall property at Elm and Somonauk for City Parking Lot for \$10,835 to park 24, 28, and 32 cars with funding from parking fund revenue and not from property taxes.

March 22 – School crossing guards at Center Cross and DeKalb Ave discussed with Mayor to appt guard rest of school year for \$1/hr. Ok'd removing trash containers from State St and Atty to write Ord prohibiting dumping garbage in containers. Mayor read statement relative to unusual annexing procedure by DeKalb along Rt 23, DeKalb Road, with Resol directing Atty commence legal action in Circuit Ct for the purpose of setting aside purported annexation of more than a mile of Rt 23. Council ok'd unanimously. Letter from Chamber Comm commending City for new parking lot for shoppers. Ok'd civic groups for planters of trees and flowers along State St to be maintained by volunteers.

April 25 – Mayor appts Russ Utter to SFD. Ok'd. Approved contract with Walter E Deuschler & Assoc to design and build treatment plant with connecting sewers. Ok'd easement to lay water main at Rt 23 and Bethany Rd and to withdraw suit against City of DeKalb. Asst SFD Chief Foster retires after over 20 years' service and Resol of thanks to him and his family. Pete Hillstrom asks zoning change on Park Ave from residential to manufacturing to prepare for Driv-Lok Inc sent to Plan Comm. Canvassed April Election: Mayor Red Johnson, Clerk Chas Carter, Treas Pearl Coleman, Ald 1st Ward Bernard McMillan, 2nd Leo Yardley, 3rd AW Carlson, 4th no election with Ald McCabe being held over from the 5th Ward. Mrs Wm Edwards Jr from Junior Women's Club asks for safety warning flasher at northeast corner of W State St City Lot sent to Streets, Walks, and Lights Comm. Ok'd fire district contract of \$8,000/yr for 5 yrs on a 4-4 tie vote passing 5-4 on Mayor's aye vote. Ok'd directive to Plan Comm to require 50 ft setbacks on lots along Rt 23 on new bldgs and with plans for future access road. Jan sales tax \$5,781. Ok'd 2 sets of II Revised Statutes for Council Chambers and SPD and Chpt 24 IRS for Clerk's Ofc. Ok'd Resol thanking Clerk Penrod, Ald Carter, and Ald Schinske for serving Sycamore.

May 10 – WWKS Supt reports Well #5 down and hoped to have it up in a few days. Turner Corp asks to move hydrants to east side of Park Ave at their cost. Ok'd. Ok'd Clerk Carter IMRF and Soc Sec Agent for City. Ok'd The Natl Bank & Trust Co as City depository. Residents request from Donlin Ct for sanitary sewer sent to Engr. VFW invites Council to memorial Day, Sunday May 30th, with program at Comm Ctr followed by parade. Ok'd sanitary sewer 90 ft to new Sycamore Container Plant on Crosby Ave. Ok'd taxi permit for Wm Perkins and Atty to delete felony claims in Taxi Ord.

May 24 – Supt Stromberg reported traffic count at State and Somonauk for 16 hrs, 6 am to 10 pm, 14,346 vehicles and 4,034 pedestrians and sent report to IDOT in support of new traffic signals. Garbage being dumped in downtown trash cans so DeKalb County Disposal will empty cans every Friday. Ok'd Jr Women's Club request for traffic safety sign at W State St Lot by Pepsi Cola Co provided Drawing submitted for sign no larger than 6 ft x 12 ft and be supervised by Sts and Wks Comm and SPD Chief. Ok'd new fee of \$7.50/ft for newly installed water mains and to maintain fees of 1 ½ times City water rates for those outside City limits. Ok'd Resol on SPD Chief duties. Ok'd sign for Dog n' Suds Drive In on Rt 23. Ald McMillan suggests ticketing over parked cars on each pass of the ticket officer instead of twice a day to discourage store workers and merchants from parking in shopping district.

June 7 – Letter from Wm S Lawrence & Assoc relative to Comp Plan #701. Mayor asks Resol to clean City in conjunction with Pres Lyndon Johnson appeal for national cleanup. Letter from SFD from Warp's Pioneer Village at Minden Neb relative to buying '23 Stutz SFD Truck sent to SFD Chief Binder to reply. Ok'd City contract with Syc Township for City Dump use at \$1,000/yr for 5 yrs. Ok'd contract with Chamber for \$1,000/yr for W State St Lot.

June 21 – Ok'd Gage Tree Service to remove 100 or more dead trees at \$64/tree. Ok'd Electric Park Trt Plant of 50,000 gal/day with CT Enterprises to serve 360 homes south and west of City. Harold Jerde with plat of 1st Addn to Sycamore Heights Subdiv asking water main easement which Mayor rejected and directed Jerde to resolve road issues with Foy Addn. Ok'd plans for Jerde's Addn subject to Engr ok. Ok'd adding \$5,000 to Approp Ord for Comp Plan. Ok'd changing Plan Comm duties relative to subdiv and the 1 ½ mile planning parameter of City. Ok'd Annual Approp Ord of \$743,703.

June 29 – Spec Mtg Discussion to resolve differences in the CT Enterprises Trt Plant in order to move ahead.

Concessions by CT Ent moved this along. Comp Plan #701 ok'd at \$7,500 on 5-2 vote with Mayor as 5th aye to pass the motion with Wm S Lawrence Co to do the Plan. Ok'd buying 35 new Duncan Parking Meters for \$49 each.

July 6 – Electric Park Trt Plant ok'd with CT Enterprises with CT only into 1st expansion from 50,000 to 100,000 gal/day and that parcel D of 171 lots exempt from Wat/Sew fees. Mayor and Ald Cliffe said “this was the finest and fairest contract City ever made.” The Natl Bank & Trust Co, Lee's and Holt's petition to annex 9 acres of Lanegran Estate in Ord form is ok'd. Well #5 back in service. Report of cables cut and unlawful dumping at dump. Fir & Pol Comm to investigate dead sheep at the yards. Ord to annex Nielsen's Restaurant on Rt 23 rejected on 2-4 vote.

July 19 – Engr estimates to upgrade downtown traffic signals to cost \$25,000 which is much more than City can afford so Mayor to see to cost reductions.

9-13 Mayor reports homes on Bethany Rd want City water. Reported that Electric Park in DeKalb School Dist and developer would try to bring it to Sycamore School Dist. Mayor pleased with SPD Chief Mattis and wished to extend his appt another year. Ok'd. Letter from Ill Dept Revenue that recently ok'd ½ of 1 % leasing tax to be effective 10-1-65. June sales tax \$7,964.

September 27 – Dead tree count 422 with City to cut 138, contractor to cut 160, for a balance of 124. Layne Western has depth of Well #5 at 1,227 ft. Ok'd annexation of 38 acres for James and Clare Paxton for mobile home park on Rt 23. Parking Rev Bond Ord for \$50,000 ok'd to improve parking after Mr Danielson spoke favoring ½ % sales tax and need for more shopper parking. Stan Gullberg cited need for more parking since IDOT ordered no parking within 30 ft of crosswalks. Ok'd stop and yield signs various parts of City.

October 11 – Bldg Comm reported study of downtown bldgs. And found dangerous conditions due to loose bricks, cornices and copings outside, and old mattresses and debris inside bldgs. SFD to be sure debris removed.

Bldgs owned by Louis Dunn and Sol Levin, Matt Kus, Rivian's owner, and True Republican Bldg are the ones in worst shape. Atty to send notices that repairs must begin within 60 days. School Dist 427 wants to contribute \$1,000 instead of \$2,000 to Comp Plan that City requested. Atty to talk to them. Studying extending California St north of North Ave for new housing spaces. Ald asks press to remind that it's illegal to rake or burn leaves in streets.

November 8 – Supt Daniels received State Water Report that all wells tested safe for drinking with lower mineral counts. Ald praised SPD for fewer pranks Halloween and Lions Club for Sycamore notoriety due to Pumpkin Fest with a letter sent to Lions Club. Ok'd G&G Electric install signals State and Somonauk for \$9,767.

November 22 – Sycamore Park District gave \$2,000 toward Comp Plan cost and letter of thanks directed to SPD. NI Gas ok'd for space in St Dept for emergency ops in case of disaster. Vctor Sarbon asks for Class A license to open dining and cocktail lounge in Staskey Bldg at State and California Sts to which Council decided no more Class A licenses available.

December 20 – Mayor asked that beginning in 1966 Council have printed meeting agendas prior to meeting. Ok'd for Clerk to provide same. Supt Stromberg said dead trees are cut 40 in each ward. Mayor appt Ann Millet to library board. Ok'd. Well #5 down again and Engr Deuschler recommends replacing cast parts with bronze and stainless steel to prevent corrosion issue at cost of \$2,400. Ok'd. Sept sales tax \$6,797.

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Atty Edwards read annexation petition for Sycamore Park of 6 parcels at 112.85 acres. Ok'd. Ok'd Forestry Tax Anticipation Warrants for \$10,000 to fund tree removal. Fir & Pol Comm recommends SPD have sergeant for each shift and was ok'd as an experiment with no change in pay. Ok'd Howe Fire Apparatus Co as low bid of \$52,355 for new apparatus.

January 17 – Bldg Supt Niemeyer reported 114 bldg permits issued in 1965 for \$1,841,575 value. City to give store owners 90 days to fix unsafe bldgs.. City to study allowing paper, cans, and glass be picked up with trash removal. Il Dept Public Health compliments City on clean water, well houses, and the improved equipment and distribution system.

January 31 – 1st City Council Meeting Agendas to Council before meeting. City tried '59 Chevy dump truck on snow removal but it used too much oil so City not buying it. Ok'd school crossing guards at Center Cross and DeKalb Ave and at N Main and Exchange Sts. 2nd addn to Somonauk Gardens ok'd. Ok'd Hoover & Olson to remodel Mayor's Ofc for \$649. Engr Deuschler has costs on incinerator ranging from \$295,000 to \$540,000 for 50 or 100 ton/day.

February 14 – Ok'd bill of \$62,829. Supt Daniels reported City pumped 579 million gal in '65 and 34 million gal more than '64. Ok'd MFT funds for Esther Ave improvements at \$41,000 for 31 ft wide street with curbs and gutters and no parking south side of street. Ok'd annexation of Clark-Jahns Cloverlane Subdiv with 11.72 acres.

March 14 – Reports of abandoned cars, broken glass, loose dogs, and run down bldgs. Downtown with each issue sent to appropriate Comm to address and report back. Ok'd \$100 ad in Rockford paper to promote City. Ok'd tree removal contract with Earl Gage at \$67/tree not to exceed \$11,000.

March 28 – Ok'd buying 4 357 magnum SPD guns at \$61.88 each from Chevron Co. Ok'd Salary Ord with increases of \$25/mo for public safety and public works workers with additional for SPD of \$10 to \$20/mo depending on 1st, 2nd, or 3rd shift. Janitor increase of \$15/mo. Office help pay increases of \$15/mo and Clerk \$20/mo. Special Police paid at \$2.25/hr, part time help at \$2/hr. Vacations 1 to 9 yrs 2 weeks/yr, and 10 yrs and over 3 weeks/yr. Engr estimates Turner Addn costs for curb, gutter, sewer and walks at \$248,470 and will break it down by lot frontage.

April 11 – Tom Thornton and Chas Bechle from Chamber's Reforestation Comm urged City to promote and urge the most tree planting possible. Ok'd.

April 25 – Ald McCabe commented on improved library interior after redecoration. Kishwaukee Family YMCA working with Rec Comm on programs. Ald suggest that people black listed in taverns be given to taverns. Ok'd pictures of black listed people given to taverns. Sanitary sewer issues at Electric Park Gardens caused permits suspended until sewer and manholes resolved. Ok'd Council Meetings to be adjourned no later than 11 pm. This one ended at 11:50 pm. Health Officer Sullivan reported 21 yards cleaned up, 2 cited burning garbage, and 2 junk cars gone. Ok'd contract with Pat McDermott to tow and store cars for \$15 tow and \$1.50/day storage. Various properties rezoned from R1 to R2 or R3.

May 9 – City asking IDOT for lower speed limit from Sycamore to DeKalb on DeKalb Ave repeatedly. Il Sanitary Water Board letter commending City with excellent condition of Treatment Disposal Plant.

May 23 – Ok'd no parking east side of Mason Ct and got permission from Mrs Hodge at 120 Mason Ct for a no parking sign on her property. St Dept says they repaired all dangerous walks they knew of. Ok'd 1,000 watt lamps to improve street lighting. Mayor opined that with City going to large expense to upgrade lighting, stores on north side of State St should repair or replace awnings. Ok'd DeKalb Co Disposal at \$925/mo for trash collection. Ald Cliffe suggest City examine SPD for leadership, work conditions, morale, salary, and other issues related to frequent personnel changes. Besides cost it reflects poorly on City when so many come and go in a dept. City chooses not to join Army Corps of Engr in project to replace 9 bridges and drain martin's Ditch due to high cost of \$165,000 to the City. However City requests them to clean and deepen the Kish River from Rt 23 to Motel Rd.

June 6 – Open burning at dump to stop as many complaints of soot and fly ash. Ok'd drinking fountain near Ritchie's Store north side of State St. IDOT said reduced speed soon in effect on DeKalb Ave to DeKalb City. Mayor wrote to Il Municipal League to increase age of eligible police from 35 to 50 yrs due to scarcity of officers and to bring the issue to the legislature this session.

June 20 – Ok'd 39 4 way, 2 way stop, yield, and speed limit signs. Mayor said 10 dangerous dead trees removed past week. Council recessed at 8:10 pm for 15 min so Council could visit Van Natta Funeral Home to pay respects to Edwin Swanson Family for his service as volunteer fireman for 35 years. Meeting called back to order at 8:30 pm. Junk car on private property unable to remove so Atty to change Tow Ord to include private property. Army Corps Engr denied cleaning and deepening Kish River as economically

unjustifiable. Clerk directed to send letters to Cong Douglas, Dirksen, and Reid on the Kish River issue. Ok'd Resol opposing merger of Rock Island and Union Pacific RR. Ok'd Annual Approp Ord of \$762,478. Hardship case on Esther Ave led to agreeing the party pay City for new walks "as their means permit." March sales tax \$6,113. Ok'd Earl Schoonmaker's El Fran Subdiv plat into City.

July 5 – Wayman & Catlin Inc presents senior housing plan with slides and glossies. Ok'd more lots at Electric Park. Results of rubbish collection survey: 2,100 cards sent, 1,214 returned, 975 for and 239 against. Method of payment surveyed: pay in advance 450, adding to water bill 503. Hospital audit showed improvement over prior yrs. Frank and Edna Carter, Joe and Frances Salemi, and Dick and Viola Strain seek commercial zoning for new businesses.

July 18 – Ok'd minutes and bills of \$36,605. SFD Chief Binder reported new tank truck due here Sept 1st and upholstery not red but he let it go in favor of having truck in service. Ord ok'd for stop signs at 47 intersections. Ok'd voluntary collection of trash in City for \$7/yr with Clerk to set up program. Ok'd preliminary agreement with DeKalb Co Housing Authority for low rent senior housing. City to pick up limbs in front yards. Odor complaints from sheep yards and motorcycle noise complaints heard.

August 15 – Clerk asked Ald Swanbum to give Invocation. Ald Carlson ok'd Mayor pro tem in absence of Mayor. Ok'd bills of \$53,823. Ald reported discrepancy on bid awarded of new truck from Tallitsch Ford Sales. Ok'd next lower bid of \$2,142 from Fargo Motors and Ald Cliffe said City should not have to compromise on bids when specs are sent on items. Ok'd updating Zoning Ord under supv of Ord and Fin Comms. Ok'd SPD Officers to be trained under Il Police Training Act where State and City pay \$306 each for training. Recommended those receiving training share same with older officers to maximize the training benefit. May sales tax \$6,292. Turner Addn residents like new stop signs.

August 29 – Supt Stromberg reported only a few fuel burning flare pots with many missing or stolen and asks for battery powered flashers. Supt Raymond said the old reel mower sold for \$50. Ald Cliffe reported many favorable comments "on the quickness of City Police arriving at accident scenes and their efficient and workmanlike conduct in handling same." Mr Gage is to resume removing dead trees. Mayor reported on recent Com Ed opinion of residential street lighting with Mayor referring to it as "horse and buggy lighting." Ok'd new 10,500 lumen mercury vapor lamps at \$565.54/mo. Troy Holt reported plant at Electric park working 6 hrs/day and is handling waste there. Ok'd City Supt visit there and report back. Ok'd Burroughs Billing & Acctg machine at \$7,427. Ok'd Annual Tax Levy Ord at \$269,286. Ok'd investing \$120,000 in 91 day US Treasury Bills. Ok'd business sign for Dominic Dimarzio at 366 W State St. Ald asked that the brass name plate be removed from the '23 Stutz Fire Truck before selling it. Ald McMillan suggests sand not cinders on icy streets this winter and is ok'd. Mayor commented his displeasure on lack of Dept Heads at meetings and that he'll take disciplinary steps if not improved. Robert "Bert" Frederick of SHS is new Director of Comm Ctr. Mr Maness directed to cut weeds on Perry Ct. Ok'd disposition of '23 Stutz at auction conducted by Fir & Pol Comm. Ok'd requiring street widths of 66 ft on new streets.

September 12 – Ok'd seating in Council Chambers with Ald facing the long way with audience left of the Ald and with seating resolved, Mayor will have new blackboard installed. Ok'd payment of SFD Howe-GMC vehicle at \$22,494. Ok'd buying 21 volume set of Municipal Law books.

September 26 – Ald asked about delay of SPD revolvers ordered some time ago. Reason for delay is VietNam War gun orders taking precedence. Water tests of Martin's Ditch show cyanide present. Ordered 2 north bldgs. Of McClaren Ctr boarded up for safety. Ok'd new SPD car from Tallitsch Ford at \$1,834. Water use at hospital from June to Sept is 61,080 cu ft costing \$83.35 plus \$11.50 meter rent for total of \$94.85 and felt that hospital should pay the bill and sent to Wat/Sew Comm. Atty Edwards read letter to Council from Chamber thanking City for cooperation and assistance on many Chamber and community events the past year. Ok'd walks work at Fargo Hotel corner with City laborers and hotel paying materials cost as was done at Bergie's corner at State and Maple. Motion to disallow roofing materials at Dump failed on 2-6 vote. Robt Caukin, Chamber President, suggested a bldg. next to theater bldg. as museum to house the '23 Stutz SFD Truck and other SFD old equipment. Bd Local Improv and SFD Chief to work on this.

October 10 – Rev Donald Ryding gave Invocation. Ok'd billing hospital for water beginning 11-15-66.

October 24 – Ok'd rezoning 806 DeKalb Ave for Strain's Store from R-1 to C-1 Neighborhood Business. Ok'd promotions of Harold Rorex and Milyanovich to Sergeants. Supt Stromberg and Ald McCabe resigned and coffee was served in SFD after meeting to thank them for serving Sycamore. Atty Edwards to offer words of thanks for new street lights at Pumpkin Fest kickoff event.

November 7 – Ald Wm Schinske appt replacing Ald McCabe and was sworn in. Ok'd removing gates and island at W State St Lot to improve ingress and egress. Ok'd Resol on Spartans Football Teams, Lions Club, Pumpkin Fest, ld Martha McCabe, Supt Vern Stromberg, and the strike at the Anaconda Plant. All ok'd with all Resol to become part of the minutes and copies be mailed to all interested parties.

November 21 – Rev Harold Kelley gave Invocation. Ok'd buying '49 Chevy pickup truck, a trade on a new truck, for \$187. Ok'd a standby sludge pump as a backup. Ok'd Tax Antic Warrants against Forestry Tax for \$11,000 to fund tree removal.

December 5 – Chamber member Jerry Henderson offers City \$200 for free parking Dec 19-24 except new Elm St Lot. New street off Brickville RD named Parker St. Old fish kill suit from '54 against City dismissed. Com Ed says rate decrease on new street lights will save City \$9,000 over next 3 yrs. Allied Video Transmission Corp to begin paying minimum franchise fee of \$200/mo.

December 19 – Ok'd bills \$52,051. Supt Raymond reports Turner Corp asks to discharge into sanitary sewer instead of Martin's Ditch. Ok'd audits from State on SFD and SPD. Ok'd annexing land on DeKalb Ave for Salem Lutheran Church. Ok'd City to borrow \$40,000 from The Natl Bank & Trust Co for new SFD trucks. Street Dept Christmas Party Tues, 12-20, 1-4:30 pm and all invited to stop by from Supt Babe Worden.

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Rev John Crown gave the Invocation. SFD Chief Binder reported decrease in fire loss of \$60,000 from '65 to '66. Ald McMillan recommends more side boards on snow trucks to carry more snow. Working on new pool hall Ord. Ok'd codifying Ord Books. Atty Edwards commended PW on snow removal. Mayor said Chambers and SFD Quarters to be painted soon.

January 16 – Bldg Comm Niemeyer reported '66 Bldg Permits: 33 new dwellings, \$657,045, 29 garages \$39,375, 45 repairs and additions \$65,580, 10 business and industry \$406,300 for \$1,168,300 total. Ok'd contract with Sheriff's Ofc at \$6,000/yr for services. Ok'd outside reading attachments on all meters at \$15/meter. Condemned bldg. northwest corner Reckitt and Townsend Sts.

January 30 – Good job City crews removing 1 ft recent snowfall. Complaints of private snow removers pushing snow onto public ways sent to Ord Comm. Ok'd bid to plant 1st and 2nd floors City Bldg for \$1,586.

February 13 – Rev Donald Bourne gave Invocation. Ok'd School Dist hiring SPD officers for special school events. Ok'd Tax Antic Warrants for \$40,000 to fund SFD truck bought in '66. Safe water report received from State. Letter from US Marshall Chas E Cole praising SPD for courteous acts and assistance when he was snowbound here. State ok'd traffic control signals at DeKalb Ave and Center Cross St. Jim Ritchie resigned Library Bd so Mayor appt Ald Swanbum Library Bd and Ald Schinske to Rec Comm. Ok'd.

February 27 – No clergy present for Invocation. Smith & Wesson pistols not here but Westlake's Service Station could provide "Colt Trooper" guns for \$11 more per gun. Ald to check this out and report back. Various rezoning ok'd from R2 to R3 and residential to commercial and manufacturing. Word from HUD that funds for Comp Plan #701 to be here soon.

March 13 – ishop W M Jones gave Invocation. Ok'd SFD for sports raffle. New communication wiring from City to County ok'd. Corp tax rate up from \$.885 to \$.888 due to line items changing. Reports of raw sewerage in Martin's Ditch near S Cross St sent to Engr and PW Supt. All dwellings to be connected to City sewer system. Annual Policeman's Ball to be Sat, Apr 29 at Elks Club with no ticket sales allowed by any SPD in uniform or on duty.

March 27 – Supt Worden reported 4 homes on Victor St not in sewer system but they would be within 90 days. Dec sales tax \$9,184. Ok'd letter to DeKalb and Wash DC officials suggesting DeKalb move airport closer to Sycamore. Rockel Williamson, Tim Labon, and Mose Hicks objected to Pat McDermott's Body Shop expansion at North Ave and N Main St as a neighborhood eyesore. McDermott promised to erect a board fence to screen his business from neighbors. Council denied expansion request by 0-8 vote and Mr Labon and Hicks thanked Council for their action. McDermott said his lot is full and Mayor said City seek other places to store cars.

April 10 – Fr Dean Johnson gave Invocation. Discussion of abandoned cars with 14 stored at McDermott's lot. Dog complaints heard from Turner Addn. SPD holding bikes and suggests an auction of them. Ok'd 4 ft front yard fences within 1 ft of walks or property line. More rezoning ok'd.

May 22 – Ok'd Virgil Cook bid of \$5,904 for traffic signals at DeKalb Ave and Center Cross St. Ok'd transistor radio tuned to State Police Network for storm and emergency info to be in SFD for constant

monitoring for \$125. Ok'd annexation of 15 acres of Walter Lenschow land, Riverside North Subdiv and 11 lots on W State St. Salary Ord ok'd with \$30/mo increase for all employees. Mayor said a man in SFD and SPD to be hired to address overtime and hours worked per week. Ok'd Wes and Bernice Johnson to move house from N Maple and Page St to 334 Grant St. Ok'd endorsement that MFT be apportioned to cities on a monthly basis instead of by project.

June 5 – SFD Chief Binder to retire 6-30-67. Ok'd 2 hr parking on High, California, and Main close to downtown but not in it. Ok'd Stahl bid of \$4,670 for 10,000 gal MC3 or MC5 oil and 400 ton pea gravel for '67 street program. Dr Harold J Trapp commended new street lighting. McDermott petition up again with Mose Hicks, Weaver Johnson, Tim Labon, and Bishop Jones opposed. Felix Moore, Willie Madison ok with salvage yard if fenced and gated. Much discussion with failed motions to defeat or table indefinitely. Mr Moore said McDermott already improved property since owning it. Mayor finally had Clerk read original motion which passed 6-2. Katz and Johnson promised to have rubble from the McClaren property removed in 30 days and to seek permits for 2 story apartment bldgs. Mayor reported Elmwood Cemetery used for ball field and other sports games and felt they denigrated and defamed hallowed ground and directs SPD patrols to stop the games. Ok'd on 7-1 vote with Ald Schinske opposed. Noisy motorcycles reported 10 pm to 4 am. SPD directed to crack down on all noisy vehicles. Atty Edwards presented updated and revised Ord Books and map. Ok'd by all. Mayor expressed some Dept Heads not doing their best work and that if no improvement seen he'd consider punitive action. Mayor appt Vern Stromberg and Carl Swanson to Public Wks. Supt.

June 19 – Rev Wm E Kmet gave Invocation. Chief Mattis making every effort to have weeds cut. Mayor says this is a must and urged Mattis to keep on it. Ok'd annual trash contract with DeKalb Co Disposal at \$1,125/mo. Parking limited to 1 side of various streets where safety was an issue. Ok'd Lincolnshire Trust Addn of 9 acres with 22 lots. Ok'd transfer of \$30,000 retroactively to 4-30-67 from Wat/Sew Fund to Genl Fund. Genevieve Whitlock addressed Council with concerns the Negro community is being surrounded by business and industry some of which in her opinion is undesirable. She requests meeting with City officials and Negro leaders to resolve problems and formulate plans for the future. Ald Larson to arrange a meeting and Walter Lenschow asked to attend it too. Mayor appts Marilyn Montgomery, Ernest Herrman, and Kit Glen to the Keep Sycamore Clean Comm with Glen to handle publicity and that a meeting of the Comm is needed soon. Open burning at Dump causing heavy black smoke so DeKalb Co Disposal not to use dump ever and all burning to cease at once. Weeds and junk cars issues sent to Health Officer and SPD.

July 3 – Owners of 313 S Locust and 141 and 143 North Ave have 30 days to comply with Health Ofc recommendations. Ok'd raising sales tax from $\frac{1}{2}$ % to $\frac{3}{4}$ %. Bus parking on Sacramento St led to giving wide berth to buses that serve Sycamore regarding their stopping and parking. City got cost on new street roller at \$4,000 but chose to buy a used one from Stahl for \$1,850.

July 17 – Ok'd new snow plow for \$1,105. City finding and requiring new homes be on City wat/sew system with no ground water run into sanitary sewers with limited success on some properties. Ok'd Service Occupation Tax of $\frac{3}{4}$ % on certain services. Parking issues north of Court House prompts City to designate the 100 block of W Exchange St Court House Parking during business hours Mon – Fri and to erect signage for same. Atty said City has $\frac{1}{2}$ mile jurisdiction beyond City limits for planning and land use.

July 31 – Rev Ron Olson gave Invocation. Ok'd bldg. permit to Syd Katz of Sycamore Community Development Assoc. for apartment complex at St Alban's Green formerly the McLaren property. Ok'd extending City Health regs $\frac{1}{2}$ mile beyond City limits. Ald Swanbum asked if City is prepared to respond to a riot. Chief Mattis said we can't prepare staff wise for a riot but the Natl Guard would be here to assist keeping order if necessary. Some property owners south and east of City seek to join the Sycamore Fire Protection District and are welcome to join.

August 14 – Rev Melvin Pollard gave Invocation. Ald Swanbum reported phonograph records could be checked out at the library. Ok'd bills of \$65,618 and may sales tax at \$6,309. Library to have trim painted and new lighting inside. Fir & Pol Comm Ald Larson noted SPD cars outside City limits and Mayor said "there is no sense to this and I won't tolerate it." Mayor reported good cleanup job finally at McLaren premises.

August 28 – Ok'd Annual Tax Levy Ord at \$299,441. The "neighborhood feud" on Mason Ct briefly discussed. Ok'd John Polichnowski moving from fireman to voluntary fireman. Ok'd calling 5 \$1,000 Wat/Sew Bonds due to \$60,000 surplus in W/S Fund.

September 11 – Rev LA Kreider gave Invocation. Police Social Club bought 3 shotguns at \$178.29 and fingerprint ID kit at \$98 for use in SPD at no cost to City. Chief asked City to buy mounting clamps for

shotguns in squad cars. 4 premises to connect to sanitary sewer and 32 premises to disconnect downspouts from same. Manhole covers to be plugged to not allow debris into sanitary sewer. Sump pump and flood issues sent to Wat/Sew Comm. Ok'd alternating Westlake's and McDermott's every 2 months for towing abandoned cars. Ok'd replacing Wm Phillips at Dump in 30 days with Hillard M Williams. Glenn Karl of Keep Sycamore Clean Comm reported progress and received praise from Council. Mayor just back from 2,000 mile trip where he saw no town as clean as Sycamore.

September 27 – Sales tax at \$7,289.

October 9 – Rev Donald Ryding gave Invocation. House at Reckitt and Townsend nearly gone and one on North Ave razed. Gay Carley, Glenn Sallberg, and Jay Wade all seek permits to build apartment bldgs.. Ok'd more street lights on May, Somonauk, Mason Ct, Donlin Ct, Orchard Ln, and Garden Ct. Issue of liquor license for restaurant near Electric Park with Mayor seeking council ok at next meeting. Elks Club asking Council for suitable community project to do and Mayor asks Council to think on it. Clerk to send thank you note to NIU for hosting City officials for dinner and a football game Oct 7th. Commended DeKalb-Ogle Telephone Co for acquiring off street parking lots.

October 23 – '59 GMC dump truck failed safety inspection so Mayor suggests a good used or new truck. State ordered Dump closed. Ok'd contract with Aetna Life Ins Co for increased benefits for City employees. Discussion of bar closing hours ok'd extending closing to 3 am on New Years' Eve for bars and clubs. Ok'd \$32,000 Tax Antic Warrants for SFD trucks.

November 6 – Rev Harold E Kelley gave Invocation. Ok'd \$10,000 Tax Antic Warrants from Forestry Tax to fund tree removal. State Dept Sanitation directed City to level, compact, and cover City Dump with 2 ft soil in order to open it again. Mayor said City had no dirt and could not afford same but Engr said surplus dirt from Somonauk St project is a source. Ok'd \$2,000 at Dump to comply with State. Ok'd Resol honoring Sycamore High School Principal, teacher, and coach Jess Shroust and Chas Butzow. A dinner in honor of Jess Shroust was held. Former SFD Chief Butzow served over 30 years and died 11-3-67.

December 4 – Meters to be working at Elm and Somonauk Lot during Christmas. Ok'd free parking for Santa from 2-4 and 5-7 near his house. Elliott & Wood ok'd for storm sewer on Locust St at \$12,171. Ok'd sending letter to owner of old preserve works that 2 silos are unsafe and need to come down and other parts of property boarded up to keep kids out.

December 18 – Ok'd Burroughs J 700 adding machine for City ofc at \$224. Bills ok at \$98,514. Ok'd Special Census. Ok'd State directive II Rev Statutes Chpt 24 to pay fire and police minimum \$500/mo effective 1-1-68. Ald Schinske asked that Ord be prepared before meetings for review. Sales tax Sept \$9,146. Received letter from The Natl Bank & Trust Co on their 100th Anniversary and Pearl Coleman for flowers.

State closed dumps so landfills to be used for trash disposal by letter from Dept Public Health.

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SFD Chief Brink recommends 24 hrs on and 48 hrs off to comply with 56 hr work week. Included would be 2nd Ass't Chief. Ok'd. Atty cited code where City could cause repairs to dangerous walks, cornices, and copings and if owner fails, City has work done and bills the owner. Ok'd Fowler Animal Hospital charges for housing and disposal of dogs to board \$1.50/day with euthanasia and disposal \$5. City clarified unwanted pets not covered by City/Fowler Contract. New rules making it easier for City to dispose of abandoned cars soon in effect. Ok'd 2-29-68 Chamber of Commerce Day.

January 15 – Rev Donald Bourne gave Invocation. Ok'd bills of \$70,096. Mayor introduced David Ross, new Editor of Sycamore Newspapers.

January 29 – Costs of full Special Census is \$1,900 but counting just newly annexed properties is less so City ok'd just that since the '60 census. Oct sales tax \$9,419. Reviewed plans for new Salem Lutheran Church with Bob Wildenrad, Church Bldg. Comm chair. New bldg. regs in pamphlet form for all future bldgs..

February 12 – Rats in Martin's Ditch, Dump, Preserve Works, and elsewhere. Ok'd new Plymouth Fury III SPD car at \$1,755. Ok'd 2 yr contract with DeKalb Co Disposal for trash removal. IDOT suggests City take ownership of old Rt 23 near Electric Park but City wants no part of it. Ok'd Special Census of entire City for \$1,071 by Dept Commerce. Ok'd Vic Sarbon's request to sell pizzas Sundays at Trader Vic's Pizza Wheel at 441 W High St. Keep Sycamore Clean sent letter commending City Council which included a quote from Mayor Red: "Not only the brightest City in the state, but also the cleanest."

February 26 – Fr Dean Johnson gave Invocation. Ok'd Zimmerman & Kahler, Huntley, bid of \$104,360 concrete Somonauk St improvement. Ok'd legal motion against Maurice Foy to prevent further sales of less than 5 acre lots by "metes and bounds" and that prior sales made that way be set aside until bonds given subdivision plat complied with the law.

March 11 – Rev Douglas Rose gave Invocation. Foy Addn ok'd on 69-8 vote for sanitary sewer spec assessment to build sewer system for Sparkhayes Subdiv.

March 25 – Ok'd Policeman's Ball and SPD to sell tickets while in uniform. 1957 Chevy truck motor is inoperable. Mayor asked if a short block engine could be installed by City crew. Supt Worden said short block is \$197 and crew could install it. Ok'd. Mayor sets City Clean Up for April and that it's a \$100 fine to bring trash from outside City limits into City. Ok'd \$200 to have all ages recorded in the special census. Ok'd \$4,224 on phase II of Comp Plan #701 as State funded. Ok'd adding fluoride to City water system per State directive.

April 8 – Ok'd prepay of rubbish removal bill at \$12/yr and have it on the water bills after June 15th.

April 22 – Mayor said City would remove bad slabs of walks and lay gravel base where necessary before repaving.

May 6 – Rev Robert Cotter gave Invocation. Supt Worden reported Cleanup lasted 7 days and was larger than ever. Ok'd 4 way stop Kishwaukee Dr and E High St. Clerk gave unofficial census count of 7,400.

May 20 – Chamber Pres Tom Thornton asks City to assume Sycamore signs upkeep at City entrances. City ok'd \$500 to Chamber for them to continue to maintain the signs.

June 3 – Rev Gertsung gave Invocation. Atty Wilson read Human Relations Comm Ord and gave Council copy to study. Fran Welch and Warren Lowe asked that each group be equally represented to which Mayor said he'd do his best to appt same. Mayor called recess so Council could visit mortuary to pay respects to long time Supt Hershel Daniels. Meeting back in session at 8:55 pm. Directed SPD to warn large trucks parked in residential areas. Complaints of gravel lots at Diamond Wire and Anaconda very dusty bothering neighbors in dry times. Ok'd Class B liquor license for wine not over 20% content for \$350/yr. Ald Yardley asked about synchronized signals on State St to aid traffic flow. SPD Chief Mattis to check timing on each light. Mayor admonished press for coverage of Martin's Ditch problems saying derogatory reporting not in the best interests of City and that Martin's Ditch is an inland waterway controlled by State and City goes beyond legal obligation to rid same of weeds, trash, rodents, etc and the City does what is reasonably possible there. Turner Corp agrees to cooperate so no waste goes into ditch from them. Ok'd bid of Sparrow Sheet Metal for 11,000 btu 110 volt air conditioner for Mayor's Ofc for \$218.98 installed. Ok'd annexing 5 lots of Glen McPherson into City once Plan Comm hears the request. Mayor appts Citizen Advisory Comm with Sam Mabel Chair, Irving Hindenburg, Everell Smith, Fred Weeks, Nick Scherer, Al Wildenradt, and Gordon Wetzel.

June 18 – Spec Mtg to address plans of SPD Officers to resign en masse over equipment and other issues. Subsequent to this 4 of 6 officers asked to withdraw their resignations and that they understood matters were being addressed. Council accepted 2 of 6 resignations.

July 1 – Rev Donald Ryding gave Invocation. Fired Mr Gage who had been awol from cutting trees and sent job to bid. Ok'd 2 bike stands downtown for safety. Mayor appts 1st persons to new Humans Relations Comm. Ok'd final plat of 3rd addn to Electric Park Gardens.

July 15 – Ok'd bills of \$43,692. Ald Swanbum and Schinske expressed disapproval of State Gov't to borrow \$60 million from MFT Funds for the State Genl Fund. Ok'd Engr estimate of water and sewer costs to newly proposed YMCA on Bethany Rd.

July 29 – Court case against Sycamore Feeds ended with fines of \$500 but with question of who owned the manure at the feed lots. Ok'd SPD head armor with face shields. Ok'd Annual Approp Ord of \$767,619. Ok'd Weed Comm paid at \$250/yr. Mayor suggested planting trees downtown in removed walk sections with benches set near trees for resting and visiting shoppers. Mayor said City should promote Annual Steam Power Show at Taylor Marshall Farm in Aug.

August 12 – AFD Chief Brink reminded of the Annual Firemen's Picnic Sat Aug 17th at 6 pm. Bd of Fir & Pol met to retain crossing guards, test for sergeants, ok 2 2 light brackets for SPD cars, determine not necessary for officers to wear hats in cars, and to appt Weed Comm as Special Police. All ok'd. Notice of local paper article that SPD buys their own guns that is not true and that City buys and owns all guns and ammo. Ok'd sewer connection at \$55/person and \$54,000 MFT funds for Somonauk St work.

August 26 – Rev Fr Shanahan gave Invocation. Unanimously denied Rec Comm request for higher tax line item. Ok'd Ord establishing Bldg Officials of America, BOCA as the "basic bldg. code" in the City. Ok'd thank you letter to SFD for recent picnic. May sales tax \$8,976.

September 9 – Rev Lorrin Kreider gave Invocation. Bills ok'd at \$59,258. Ok'd rate of \$1.50/hr for crossing guards. Ok'd Annual Tax Levy Ord \$305,418. Mayor noted higher EAV and said "Where is this extra tax money going? Surely the City keeps taxes down but not seeing any of it." Atty Edwards will have an explanation of taxes at next meeting. Traffic at home football games a problem sent to SPD. Locations of needed street lights noted. Mayor noted service clubs interested in old Dump as a City Park.

September 23 – City ok'd replacing 75-100 old parking meters per yr. Ok'd lobby of City Bldg 2 days /mo to help seniors. Ok'd railroads to move switching ops west of N Main St to prevent crossing blockages. Letter from Van Natta Funeral Home they intend to discontinue ambulance service effective 11-1-68 sent to Fin Comm.

October 7 – SFD Chief Brink reported 5 of 6 regular and 20 of 28 volunteer firemen experienced at giving first aid. Ok'd contract with Geo Brumley for ambulance service at \$555/mo.

October 21 – Supt Worden said 65 truckloads rubbish collected during recent Fall Cleanup Days lasting 4 days. Newly codified Ord Book on file at library. Ok'd plumbing, electrical, and bldg. BOCA codes for 1966. Wally Thurow ok'd to replace Sam Mabel as Civil Defense Director.

November 4 – Rev Wm Kmet gave Invocation. Dept Heads excused at 9:15 pm. Engr estimate for sewer service in Foy Addn \$405,850.

December 2 – Rev E O Martindale gave Invocation. Driv-Lok Inc ok'd to begin digging for new plant at 1100 Park Ave. Tallitsch Ford objects to car bidders from outside City. Council voted in a tie on issue with Mayor breaking tie with aye vote that only City dealers could bid on City bought cars.

December 30 – Rev Robert C Taylor gave Invocation. Edgebrook Mobile Home Park ok'd for unit sales. Atty Wilson spoke against Ideal and Turner rezoning ag land to manufacturing. County already ok'd the rezoning. Council adjourned to Coultrip Funeral Home to pay respects to Mrs Arthur Peterson.

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Spec Mtg with Turner and Ideal on rezoning ag to manufacturing. County Board ok'd unanimously the rezoning. Atty Edwards presented both requests of 36 acres for Ideal and 10 acres for Turner. Atty Wilson objects to it as citizen and urges City to reject County Board ruling. Mr Engh spoke for Turner and Ideal that neither intended harm to City and if denied rezoning Turner forced to look outside City for property. Atty Moudry spoke of the unanimous vote in favor from the Board of Zoning Appeals and that the Preliminary City Comp Plan showed the land in question to be best suited for manufacturing. Atty Racine and Mr Murphy spoke that both businesses would seek annexation to City. Also County Zoning Officer Jack Henne was notified of requests. Mr Murphy spoke that he was surprised of any objection to the Ideal plans given that their track record had been of plant expansion every 5 years and that plans are for Ideal to become 4 times their current size in 15 years. Murphy noted the amiable relations City and Ideal have enjoyed. Mr Henne spoke that soils in the area in question are sub-standard for ag purposes and better suited for industrial and manufacturing purposes. Council voted 7-1 not to object to county rezoning approval.

January 13 – Fr R Dean Johnson gave Invocation. Bills ok'd at \$89,522. SFD Chief Brink reported fire losses in '68 at \$22,425. Ok'd Axelson Bros 3 more weeks to clean manure from Sycamore Feed Lots. '68 Bldg permits issued: 58 new and 84 repair total \$2,626,190. Oct sales tax \$11,028.

January 27 – Ok'd Plan Comm issue notices of issues to all neighbors and their comments sent to Council with Plan Comm recommendations so all parties have a say in proposals. 2-10 Mayor read statement that he withdraws his name from upcoming City election as Mayor. Ok'd bills \$62,543.

February 24 – Mayor asked Ald Sadie Swanbum to give Invocation. Several RR crossings in bad shape with no response from RR companies. Amended Liquor Code to 1 Class B bar license for every 3,500 population. Ok'd Class B license for Barnaby's Restaurant and ok'd several business signs in City.

March 10 – Max Brantner, Asst Supt Schools, reported new school being planned on Brickville Rd and how sanitary sewer could accommodate it. Bd Local Improv to meet to hear those interested in sewer service extended north on Brickville Rd area. Ok'd Elks Club drive in restaurant just east of Park on Rt 64.

March 24 – Rev Robert Peterson gave Invocation. Ok'd SPD Officer Bob Huber to NIU Police Training and ok'd annexation of YMCA land on Bethany Rd.

April 7 – Rev Robert Cotter gave Invocation. Much discussion with 37 merchants opposing Tallitsch Ford property on DeKalb Ave being rezoned Central Business District, C-2. Gerald McLain, Atty Wayne Wilson, Stan Gullberg, and Dom Dimarzio spoke against the C-2 zoning. Jerry Henderson, Chamber

President, presented strong case favoring the zoning and that it would not detract from downtown. No action taken.

April 21 – Sand to be pumped from Well #1. Ok'd '69 Mercury Monterey from Tallitsch Ford at \$2,030 as new SPD car. Canvass City Election: Mayor Johnson, Clerk Carter, Treas Coleman, Ald 1st Ward McMillan, 2nd John Driscoll, 3rd Buck Drake, 4th Chas Hagen. Ok'd \$35,000 Tax Antic Warrants to fund equipment and storm sewer extension.

May 5 – Mayor appts Ald Swanbum Fin Comm. Recommend \$250,000 Revenue Bonds to expand Electric Park Plant and a new well. Carl D Johnson, owner of Edgebrook Mobile Home Park plans 53 homes and a community bldg.. Ok'd Class A license to Christine Swanson, buyer of Past Tyme Tavern. Resol passed thanking Hap Carlson, Leo Yardley, and Ron Corn for service to Sycamore as Ald. Mayor's appt ok'd on **6-2** vote with Ald Hagen and Castenson nay votes. Ald Hagen asked if these were temporary and it was pointed out that Mayor has authority to appt and reappt and remove as he sees fit. Mayor said he will not attend all Comm meetings as he had in the past, but he wants standardized reporting from all Comms when they meet. Atty Edwards showed Council the Wm S Lawrence Comp Plan for a serpentine shopping mall in the downtown so Council sees plan before more Plan Comm discussion. Supt Worden reports '48 Chevy truck no longer passes inspection and that a new big truck needed to plow snow before winter. Ald Swanbum said perhaps if 2 trucks were bid, a better price could be had. Issue was held over 2 weeks. Trt Plant received an award from Engr of the Il Sanitation Dept. Suit against Axelson Bros for manure in the feed lots dropped as the lots are finally clean.

June 2 – Rev Donald Ryding gave Invocation. Mayor read State Fire Marshall letter that all compliance items at Comm Ctr are satisfied. Ok'd St John Lutheran Church to hold parade June 21st. Supt Taylor said soap and phosphates found in Martin's Ditch are harmless and that 2 classes from SHS visited the plant. Plant preparing for chlorination of effluent at proper percent. Ok'd Ord Comm to bring Bldg Code into compliance with BOCA Code.

June 30 – Ok'd Ald Sadie Swanbum as Mayor pro tem in absence of Mayor Red. Ald Swanbum chairs the Fin Comm. Comm Sandstrom said weeds on 30 lots cut. Curb, gutter, and walks discussed on S Main from Lincoln St into Katz's St Alban Green Development. Engr Pieart suggests future development be required to escrow funds to address access, roads, walks, egress, etc. Ald Hagen called attention to omissions in Munic Code and that loose leaf binders with pages added or taken would result in more complete and updated Code. Atty said 90 – 100 hours needed to codify Code. Mayor appts Ed Boies to Hosp Bd and accepted Plant Supt Taylor's resignation so appt Norris Palmer Plant Supt. Ok'd.

July 14 – Rev Marvin E Ceynar gave Invocation. Ok'd bills \$54,864. Parking on narrow streets, City warning system, City Dump, Plant, and flooding and sewer issues all discussed resulting in 3 men ok'd as emergency crew at Plant during floods.

August 11 – Fr Reier gave Invocation. Ok'd 2 '70 ½ ton pickups from State St Motors at \$4,545 for both. Passed on 5-3 vote with Ald Hagen, Schinske, and Castenson voting nay. Ok'd Atty Edwards to codify City Code at cost not to exceed \$2,000. Ok'd State Sales Tax increase from ¾ % to 1 %. Motion to hide SPD cars running radar lost on 3-4 vote. Sales tax from May \$11,838. Hearing on low rent housing and high rise housing for elderly set for 8-14-69.

August 25 – Ok'd Annual Tax Levy Ord at \$383,700. Ok'd 7 votes with Ald Hagen voting present. Ord establishing Ord "to assure equal opportunity to all persons regardless of race, color, religion, ancestry, or natural origin." Ok'd Rev Bond Issue for \$250,000 and ok'd tax levy adding \$.05 of assessed value of all taxable property for police protection and ok'd similar rate for fire protection. DeKalb Co Planning & Zoning Officer Jack Henne asked for City to appt members to join the county Citizens' Advisory Comm to assist county planning. Mayor appt Jerry Henderson, Mel Maertz, and Ald Driscoll to same. Ok'd. City invested \$155,000 in 91 day U S Treasury Bills.

September 10 – Ok'd 3 Sunburst Locust Trees at \$80 each for parkway in front on City Bldg and ok'd snow plow for \$1,449 from CT&M Elgin II. Excessive noise and speed in Park Ave and Charles St areas. Ok'd 4 way stop at Park and Charles St on 6-2 vote. Sts & Wks Comm to address places with no walks and kids walking in streets. Ok'd high rise housing for seniors on Grant St part of DeKalb Co Housing Authority. Ok'd Class F license for Coach Light Inn Restaurant.

September 22 – Rev L A Kreider gave Invocation. Ok'd footings poured for Country School Restaurant on E State and Locust Sts and ok'd low cost housing project on N Cross St. Ok'd Bethany Rd extension west toward N 1st St DeKalb for \$14,257. Payable 8-1-70, next fiscal year all due to new YMCA. Ald Larson said 20-30 trees need to come down.

SPD awarded 1st place 4 man pistol shooting: Chief Mattis, Bob Huber, Louie bolt, and Ray Garrett. Ok'd maintaining \$6/front ft fees for water main extension. Ok'd Resol for City to extend sewer services to Sparkhayes, Northtown, and Sycamore Heights Subdiv and Dist 427 property near same area. Also Ok'd Geo and Rose Brumley to park and house up to 6 ambulances near 615 Emmert Dr.

October 20 – SPD Chief said SPD and SFD would apply reflector tape to registered bikes on Sat 10-25. Ok'd Blocker Bros of Westmont to rod sewers for \$812. Ok'd flying US flags downtown as often as possible. Field Utter, Boone Lewis, and Fred Sibley and all local Vets thanked Council.

November 3 – Prior bid to rod sewers withdrawn and rebid at \$1,625 but low bidder had knowledge of prior bid so Council gave job to Nat'l Power Rodding Co Chicago at \$1,875 to be fair.

November 17 – Ok'd Atty Chas Fierz City Atty during absence of Atty Edwards. Ok'd new rank of SFD Capt at \$7,200/yr. Ok'd Ord that as of 2-1-70 City water no longer provided to any area not connected to and serviced by City sewers.

December 1 – Rev Edward W Smith gave Invocation. Discussion on dogs at large and SPD directed to enforce Ord Ald Carlson reported those on Parkside Dr and Lincolnshire Dr want no street lights. Harold B Johnson due to religious and personal convictions resigned as Civil Defense Director 12-1-69. Ok'd plat of new street, Maertz Dr, through Anaconda property north of Rt 64 near Seymour Sudiv. Ok'd \$255,000 Revenue Bond for Water/Sewer System expansion in City. Ok'd joint lease with Rec Comm and West School for tennis courts and ice skating rink. Mores sign requests for businesses ok'd.

December 15 – Clerk Carter gave Invocation. Ok'd bills \$51,071. Ok'd Dog Ord that rabies tag must be shown to buy dog tag. Ok'd Esther Mae Nesbitt as City Humane Officer. Ok'd 2 lots Donlin Ct as Neighborhood Business C-1. Ok'd courtesy parking tickets 12-17 to 12-24 downtown. Ok'd \$450 for employee Christmas gifts. Ok'd Geo Sailor Hosp Bd due to Jean Juday resigning.

December 29 – SFD Chief Brink said recent fire at St Alban's could have been fought more effectively using north access and west of the complex. City to pursue requiring paving that access and open it for use. SPD Chief Mattis said no more space in lot for towed abandoned cars sent to Fir & Pol Comm. Supt Worden said warm weather makes smooth ice impossible at rinks. Mayor appts Wolf Baack to replace E T "Tug" Juday Plan Comm due to resignation. Letter from Geo Knipp commending City crews for fine snow removal job. Ok'd letters of appreciation to local press for coverage. Sept sales tax \$10,956.

This ends some notes of interest from Sycamore City Council Minutes dated from 1950 through 1969.

This document is intended for use by those interested in the history of Sycamore City Council Meeting Minutes. All of the notes were taken by Mayor Mundy directly from City of Sycamore City Clerk Candy Smith's Records and are edited neither for English grammar rules, spelling, punctuation, nor for political correctness. Please forgive the typos contained here as there was proof reading but not every key error was caught. It has been a pleasure to gather notes of interest from Sycamore's history, and the Mayor plans to record, compile, and make available notes from other City Council Meeting Minutes over time. The notes present a snapshot in time of how Sycamore grew from a frontier settlement of rustic cabins to the beautiful vibrant and economically sustainable community she is today. Even though some notes deal with minutia of everyday complaints and issues from the citizens and businesses, they reflect the care and concern which each Mayor and Council took to remedy each care and concern of the people of Sycamore. There were many good and faithful public servants who guided Sycamore through her infancy, Industrial Revolution, laying of streets, sidewalks, water, sewer, and gas mains, erection of a standpipe, street lights, telephone poles, homes, businesses, churches, schools, library, a jail, World War II, post War prosperity. The era of the '50's and '60's experienced rapid growth of the City in residential, commercial, and industrial as the country and Sycamore settled into post war prosperity driven by the "know how" and "can do" energy and ambition that many veterans brought home. Sycamore still reaps the benefits, even today, of those who served both aboard and at home and who dedicated themselves to sacrifice for the war effort.

It is documented here the many times the City deferred spending money on new programs or equipment in favor of maintaining City services to the best of their ability.

This is the 5th installment of notes from City Council Minutes. It is planned to have 2 more installments each of the next 2 years. The 6th and 2015 installment will include the '70's and '80's and the 7th and 2016 installment will include the '90's and '00's. If you would like the other installments sent, just email me and

that can be done. So by the time my final term ends on April 30, 2017, notes of interest will have been compiled and shared for 151 years from 1858 to 2009.

Enjoy the notes and share them as you will as they belong to you and those who came before us here.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Ken Mundy