

## January 2016

The following is a compilation of notes Mayor Mundy has taken from the Sycamore City Council Meeting Minutes during the period from 1970 through 1989. It took Mayor Mundy several months to review the minutes, make notations, and present what is seen here for your understanding, education, and enjoyment. City Clerk Candy Smith is credited with having the city council minutes available for review as she carefully and accurately records, maintains, and safeguards city records. When there is mention of the Annual Appropriation Ordinance, Annual Tax Levy Ordinance, Treasurer Report, bills approved to pay, or other financial information, it is included here. This is the sixth installment of council minutes notes which began in 1858 and continues 132 years through 1989. A note of interest is that Sycamore never was “flush” with funds to sustain and improve public services but always “made do” with careful, conservative, and controlled spending as opposed to State of Illinois and Federal budget protocols and operations. If you receive this and do not have the prior installments let Mayor Mundy know and those will be sent. Enjoy this 6th set of notes, and advance apologies for typos, poor spelling, and poor grammar.

### January 12, 1970

Mayor Harold “Red” Johnson in the Chair. Rev Donald Bourne invocation with Aldermen Sadie Swanbum, Bernie McMillan, Carl Larson, John Driscoll, Melvin Castenson, Arthur Carlson, Wm Schinske, and Chas Hagen in attendance. Police Chief Dick Mattis reported radar unit stolen from Darrell Bartz car, he being the radio service man and his insurance did not cover theft so he offered to reimburse city once city checked with their insurance agent. Questions on court house 2 hour parking nearby sent to county. City Atty Wm Edwards reported 431 Edward St residence condemned. Free parking at Christmas being abused by store workers. Ald Carlson objects to IDOT denying parking both sides of Center Cross St. Mayor objects to many cars parked on Charles St. it was moved to enforce the Ord on this with Ald Swanbum noting motion not necessary with Mayor responding “if you want the Ord enforced that is what you’ll get” and so directed Chief Mattis.

**February 9** – Nat’l Power Rodding finished sewer rodding with lots of sediment removed. Sales tax Oct \$13,146. Mayor received letter from Farmers & Merchants Bank requesting portion of city banking business so council ok’d depositing some city funds in the bank. Municipal Bldg bonds maturing cause to celebrate with Mayor noting paneling and carpeting in order to “spritz up” the bldg. Ok’s Zimmerman & Kahler bid of \$4781 for well site Maertz Dr. Rejected 3 bids on Sycamore Police Departmentt (SPD) cars with specs to be adjusted and rebid.

**March 9** – Rev Peterson invocation. Ok’d Wilson Elect Co Rockford bid of \$1,652 tape recorder and sound system council chambers. Ald Swanbum Resol to honor Dennis Dimarzio as 1<sup>st</sup> place winner of Voice of Democracy Contest in the state. Ok’d.

**March 23** – Ok’d bid of Columbian Securities of \$243,954 on \$255,000 1970 Issue Water/Sewer Bonds.

**April 6** – Ok’d \$2,500 on used county heavy duty dump truck that mayor confirmed with dealer.

**April 20** – Ok’d L Cliff Neely Co to build and test well #6 for \$62,391. Jerry Henderson, Chamber of Commerce Pres, presented letter and spoke that Chamber opines that it’s time for services of a professional planner for city. Letter from L Wolfram Baack also noted “future and present growth of Sycamore cannot be successfully fulfilled by part time nonprofessionals.” Mayor sent these concerns to the Fin Comm.

**May 4** – Ok’d Farmers & Merchants Bank depository for city Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Funds. Ok’d 3 year Fire Protection District Contract of \$12,000, \$14,000, and \$14,000 totaling \$40,000.

**June 1** – Rev Bourne invocation and mayor asked to be included a prayer for Cpl Richard A Henke and Cpl Eatterson Byrd Jr both lost in Cambodia in the Viet Nam War. Personal note that Ken, Juanita, and Rhonda Mundy returned home from San Diego upon Ken’s Honorable Discharge from the US Navy, and he returned to his job at The National Bank & Trust Company of Sycamore thanks to Mr Danielson and Ken enrolled at Kishwaukee College.

Ken graduated from Kish College in ’72 and NIU in ’74 with Business and Finance degrees respectively. Mr Danielson allowed Ken to attend both schools during banking working hours to facilitate his higher education.

**June 15** – Ok’d Hoover Const Co to clean Martin’s Ditch at \$11.75 an hour not to exceed \$4,000. Ok’d doctor’s opinion that fogging for mosquitos has more negative than positive factors so 1 year moratorium on spraying. Motion failed 2-5 to continue council meetings past 11 pm.

**June 18** – Ok’d Fire District Contract for years 4-6 at \$39,000 for a 5 year \$69,000 contract. Ok’d 5 year trash contract with DeKalb Co Disposal in a range of unit costs from \$20 to \$25 per year.

**July 11** – Personal note: Ken Mundy and Juanita blessed with daughter Pamela Renee born Sat 7-11 at DeKalb Public Hospital at 8:30 am. Ken interrupted Mr Danielson’s bank officer meeting to hand out “it’s a girl” cigars.

**July 13** – Rev Marvin Ceynar invocation. City expense resulting from NIU crowd control noted and ok'd billing NIU for same. Letter from Mrs Ellen Meinert urged opposition to Chicago Northwestern RR reduced or ending service to DeKalb. Atty to send letter to CNWRR requesting hearing in DeKalb on the matter. Ald Swanbum and Hagen to work on walks and curb replacement or repair.

**July 27** – Petitions noted to withdraw suit against Harry Jah's Farm with farm controlling smells and sounds. Ok'd. Elmer Strack Stockyards is washing stock trucks outside city limits and oil drums removed from Strack garage in city. Martin's Ditch cleaned from Cottage Row to Exchange St. Ok'd Annual Approp Ord at \$965,290. SPD Officer asked Sheriff Scott to man SPD cars during their annual picnic.

**August 10** – Ok'd Officer Don Ehrler to local drug enforcement task force. Ok'd new officer for SPD and 2 new SPD cars under the city/state buying program.

**August 24** – Dr Fowler and city clarified billing city for abandoned pets. Ok'd buying gas and oil on rotating basis from local businesses. Chamber Commerce commends those who buy locally in support of local businesses. Ok'd signs on bridges prohibiting dumping trash from them. Ok'd 4 parking meter fine boxes downtown.

**September 8** – Ok'd bills \$111,901. Sycamore Fire Department (SFD) reports '66 Howe, '55 Universal, and '47 Mack pumpers passed inspection with combined 2,750 gal per min capacity. Ok'd SFD members attend Kish College Fire Training courses.

**September 21** – Ok'd city maintain buffalo boxes in parkways. Ok'd Brown's Market to upgrade incinerator per local and state codes. Ok'd bid of Layne Western bid of \$30,850 for pump, motor, lines on well #6. Ok'd Maness Bros bid of \$14,698 for well house #6, and ok'd Maness Bros bid of \$14,488 to extend City Public Works (PW) Garages.

Ok'd contract with Wm Lawrence Assoc for Comp Plan and planning services to city. Ald Swanbum voiced need for child care at low income families. Parking issues E State St prompted Ord no parking Governor to Sabin St north side E State St. Ok'd.

**October 7** – Mrs Berni Schelkopf and Mrs John Erlenborn presented Sycamore Hospital Service League plaque to mayor for his fee free auction for the League to raise funds for hospital. Ok'd rate of \$700 per month to Brumley Ambulance Co to serve city. Punk Griffith suggested city list tire needs annually so dealer could get better factory pricing with more discounts. Ok'd burning leaves in city but not in streets.

**October 19** – Ok'd Frank Lind to raze former JV Patten Co bldg. on DeKalb Ave. 90 loads picked up in city fall cleanup. Ok'd G&G Electric to wire well #6 and well house. Ok'd heavy blue banners hung at Royal Blue Store for 90 days.

**November 2** – Ok'd SPD letters to student housing landlords regarding compliance with city housing codes. Atty John Castle for Oink, Inc seeks to allow 160 hogs confined and fed within city. New Chamber Mgr Wayne McLennan introduced Wolf Baack who honored Anaconda Plant Mgr Mel Maertz and Ideal Industries President E Tug Juday for over 20 years' service to Planning Commission. Mayor offered Resolutions for both men but the plaques to be presented were locked in city vault so they will be presented at a later time, red faces all around. Both men thanked city and said they "received more from the City of Sycamore than they had given." Council recess to visit Van Natta Funeral Home to honor Clair Coleman, husband of former City Treasurer Pearl Walrod Coleman. Council reconvened. Animal Control Officer Overton notes dogs running at night. DeKalb Co Disp ok'd pickup of 3 leaf bags with regular scheduled pickups. New state law bans all burning in city limits. Ok'd DeKalb Roofing Co for sloped roofs on City bldgs for \$14,167. Ok'd Mayor to negotiate purchase of Holcomb Yard land west of City Hall.

**November 30** – Several Black people spoke in opposition to rezoning 5 lots on N Maple from residential to light manuf since they felt being boxed in there in the Black Community around North Ave. This was sent to Planning Comm. Ok'd northeast sanitary sewer extension at \$465,604. Ald Sadie Swanbum resigned council and mayor thanked her for the city for serving Sycamore.

**December 14** – Directed workers to return meeting stipends to city for unattended meetings. Ok'd Boyle & Hart property developed with city water and sewer on DeKalb Ave with City Engr oversight. Ok'd \$600 city worker Christmas presents.

**December 28** – Rev Geo Smith invocation. State joint purchase of SPD cars \$1,000 over former bid so ok'd State St Motors bids of 2 cars at \$2,649 each with trades. Ok'd new sewer rodding fee up from \$6 to \$12 and ok'd MFT work on Grant, Greeley, and North Ave for \$195,000. Ok'd Resol to enlarge southwest Trt Plant additions.

### **January 11, 1971**

Ok'd incinerators when state issues permits and 25 new water meters. Issue of parking on parkways sent to SPD to ticket and report. Ok's all fines except parking and traffic raised to \$25 to \$500 maximum. Turner Corp plans expansion and seeks to annex 10 acres land south and west of their plant.

**January 25** – Ok'd bills at \$94,546. Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund in deficit until '70 taxes to correct it. On 4-3 vote ok'd to not enforce parkway parking Ord. Supt Babe Worden noted 200 places where storm runoff connects to sanitary sewer and court house and county jail same way all need to be disconnected. Proof of correct drainage burden on property owner. Ok'd buying Holcomb Yard property for \$50,000.

**February 22** – Noted the 55 mph limit from city to DeKalb needs lowered due to development and safety needs so letter to Illinois Department Of Transportation (IDOT). Question long time use of sand and oil on streets with Mayor noting not much blacktop could be afforded at same cost of more oil and sand. Consequently more streets in bad shape before they are resurfaced with blacktop or cement.

**March 8** – Ald Driscoll invocation. Ok'd 5 year plan for MFT to repair curb and gutter where needed. Ald Hagen noted new city brochure being planned and need for full time City Administrator. Wayne McLennan, Chamber Mgr, spoke to the "need of professional personnel to help administer and conduct the ever increasing demand on city gov't for the development that lies ahead." Much discussion ensued with motion to hire City Admin to report to the mayor but defeated on 2-5 vote.

**March 22** – Mayor said meeting minutes, agenda, and background to be available each Thursday for council and press before each Monday meeting. All new business items will not be acted upon until 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and meeting so citizens and council have time to study them. Ok'd bills at \$109,858. SFD Chief Brink recommends Clare be in Fire District since it's "no man's land" right now.

**April 5** – Spring cleanup begins Apr 19<sup>th</sup> and runs that week with no alley pickups only parkways. Ok'd. Ok'd fines of \$25 to \$1,000 for climbing on city water tower. Difficulty with Chamber and city on promotional piece. Ok'd on 4-2 vote to hire Engr to work under City Engr. Ok's Walk for Development which raised \$41,387 in city in '70 with volunteers working with SPD Chief Mattis. Denied Vic Sarbon license to sell beer with Sunday meals from noon to 10 pm on 0-6 vote. Ok'd Skinners Amusements for Kids Day June 3-5 and parade down State St. Even though free gas given for library and City Garages, City Hall and Community Center heat with oil.

**April 19** – Rev Harold Kelley invocation. Cost of Clare in the Fire District with costs of \$100 1<sup>st</sup> hour and \$50 each added hour. City willing to answer fire calls there only until Nov 1<sup>st</sup> unless Clare brought into the Fire District. Ok'd lights in Somonauk Meadows and at the Park skating rink. Dead pigs and waste concerns at Oink, Inc prompt city to end water service to pig lot after June until IEPA and Health Board ok the site as clean and nonhazardous to land and water.

**May 3** – Canvass City Election: Ald 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Dave Hamilton, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tim Labon, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Arthur Buck Drake, 4<sup>th</sup>, Ron Corn. Other Ald continuing to serve 1st Ward, McMillan, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Pete Driscoll, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Arthur Carlson, and 4<sup>th</sup>, Chas Hagan. Resol ok'd thanking Carl Cully Larson 18 years, Wm Schinske 10 years, Sadie Swanbum 8 years, and Mel Castenson 4 years serving Sycamore noting "City of Sycamore extends its deepest thanks and appreciation on behalf of their respective Wards and residents of the City of Sycamore." Budget in hands of Fin Comm and Bd Local Improvements for their review. Cleanup yielded 135 loads to land fill except brush to City Dump. Mayor commended Public Works (PW) and recommended time off for them for the cleanup effort. Action on Asst Engr deferred until job description, wages, etc defined by council.

**May 17** – Resol to go to State Legislature supporting HB 1575, 1576, and 1577 where cities under 25,000 be allowed "to take care of themselves" passed on 8-0 vote.

**June 1** – Noisy cycles and cars issued warnings to no avail so mayor directs SPD to get plate numbers and ticket offenders. Ok'd grading and leveling former City Dump. Ok'd Resol for Park District to acquire land south side for small park for the neighborhood. Ok'd oil and pea gravel for streets improvement. Lights ok'd in Somonauk Meadows, Emmert Dr, and Meadow Ln. Atty Edwards described for council Planned Unit Development where developer donates land for safety, schools, and parks in exchange for permission to build 15 units per acre assuming 20 acres for each project and Planned Unit Development to assure no row type housing in project.

**June 14** – Rev Donald Ryding invocation. BPOE Elks presented flag to council to mark Flag Day. Bills ok'd \$101,285. Ald Driscoll brought new library budget to council. Former Salem Lutheran Church at Somonauk and Charles Sts to be razed 6-21-71. Petitioners on parking at low income housing N Cross St as it impacts those in Mason Ct area. Parking for project moved to N Cross St so no further impact on Mason Ct ok'd. Harold Healy, Dist Mgr for Northern Power Co directed company to add a lift station to critical power needs as it's as important as wells.

**June 28** – Ald Driscoll ok'd as Mayor Pro Tem. Dogs, noise, and speeding common issues for Council. City issues with Oink, Inc is part of business in county and part in city with weeds, manure, and rats so city to ask State's Atty for remedy. Dog tags ok'd Jan – Mar \$2, Apr \$7, and May – Dec \$15. Recess called to change tape of meeting. Uneven walks to be evened by blacktop to smooth them. Still waiting for EPA funds for NW trt plant expansion, SW plant expansion to begin pending IEPA and EPA ok. Clerk noted the tape for meeting failed but his notes fairly present meeting discussion and actions.

**July 12** – Rev Ceynar invocation. Library budget ok'd with bequest noted of \$20,000 earmarked for children's room in never used basement space. Income is \$100 per month with budget and levy and fees enough to fund wages and operations. Truck Route Ord ready for Atty to draft but objections arose with tie vote on procedures and Mayor refusing to break tie until more study to be brought back next meeting. Atty listed steps to comply with Comp Plan: 1<sup>st</sup> is traffic flow downtown, 2<sup>nd</sup> neighborhood parks and playgrounds, 3<sup>rd</sup> Comp Plan Zoning Ord. Since Comp Plan cost \$25,000 council feels it's time to use it. Park Dist working on their new park already and Bd Local Improv to begin Engr interviews soon.

**July 26** – Ok'd Sheriff's Officers to patrol for SPD during picnic Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>. Central Radio Comm System rep described county dispatch costing \$312,763 with state funding of \$224,806 plus local match of \$87,957 to provide central. Dispatch with 1 frequency and new radios for cars and computer records access for calls. Center located in DeKalb but entire county must join to make it feasible. City portion ok'd at \$7,000 1<sup>st</sup> year. Ok'd Annual Approp Ord. Ken Wenger from Allied Video Transmission Corp noted requested increase of \$.50 to \$5.50 per month less than 2 cents a day. Ok deferred until mayor and Corp meet to negotiate a change. Ok'd all new driveways made of concrete with no blacktop. Ok'd 2 retired men to paint City Garage doors at \$2.50 per hour with city to buy the paint.

**August 9** – Rev Jim Allen invocation. Acting SPD Chief Rorex asked for signs downtown forbidding riding bikes on walks sent to Sts & Walks Comm. Estimated cost of tiling Jahns Farm to drain south side at \$840,000. Option is large holding pond south of Bethany Rd at \$430,000 plus cost of land at \$190,000. A quick fix is an open ditch from Lincolnshire to Reckitt St then pipe from there to south end of Turner Add'n at \$175,000. Most of council favors this now with more study by Engr and report back.

**September 20** – 10 dead Elm trees to be removed this winter. Ok'd Sycamore/DeKalb Bus stop at Seniors High Rise on Grant St. SPD night shift notes many doors downtown bad shape and could easily be compromised for theft. Ok'd annual cab fee from \$90 to \$10 per cab as a new company begins. Joe Bussone and Sadie Swanbum, hospital board members, updated council on new wing with 21 beds to replace the Stevens Wing which is condemned. Cost is \$500,000 with \$460,000 on hand from fund drive. Joe also clarified paper article stating Sycamore and DeKalb combined for a \$1,000,000 funding of new county health facility by noting Sycamore Hospital Board never agreed to use assets in this manner and never said so. Ok'd Sheahan bid of \$6,280 new PW truck. IEPA wants all brush burning stopped at Dump to which mayor refused saying our clean city needs to stay clean so city will seek a variance on the matter.

**October 4** – Clerk Carter invocation. Ok'd bills of \$184,764. 1947 Mack SFD truck 24 years old and too costly to fix so bids taken for action Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. Park Board concerned about sewer in park but council advised that park is exempt since no sewer needed in park. 2 young students reported to be seriously injured due to hazing in rural setting after school hours. Dr Povlsen, School Board Pres, noted school district not responsible for off property and off hours activity, but the bonfire set for the high school this week is cancelled and more supervision in hallways and bathrooms at the high school is in place. A special committee set by mayor to study hazing injuries with SPD and Sheriff's Police reports taken. Students fell in barn 12 ft to sustain bruising back, neck, and shoulder injuries. Students involved asked to Sheriff's Ofc with parents to sort out what happened. SPD assured school would address problem and school officials, parents, and attorneys with school saying they had no legal right in the matter and need parental action to stop hazing which has worsened over time. "As sure as day follows night it will in time end in lifetime permanent injury or death of a student and this is the year for hazing to stop. Whatever action taken now is dependent on the leniency, tolerance, and understanding of the parents of the involved students." Ok'd \$70,000 state grant for trt plant at Electric park.

**October 18** – Ok'd outside meter reading device on all new construction. Ok'd DicKen Grain for fertilizer storage tanks on N Main north and east of Page St. They also bought Sage Investment Feed Yards and seek to have water service to the office ok'd. Ok'd Suter Foods Co to expand their 160' x 80' present bldg. with a 60' x 110' new part with a variance to allow no fire wall that would impede their production. Ok'd variance with condition city held harmless in case of fire. Ok'd \$500 donation to Chamber for downtown Christmas decorations.

**November 1** – Rev Jerry Gwillum invocation. Ok'd higher mack SFD truck from Chicago due to closeness and strong company performance to deliver the best truck for SFD. Village of Lee to buy old siren for \$100 since theirs was destroyed by lightning and city has no need of it. Council commended SPD Chief Mattis, parents, volunteers, and kids for safe and orderly Pumpkin Fest. Fall cleanup had 92 loads to landfill over 4 days. Ok'd major policy shift where petitioners go directly to Zoning Board and Plan Comm to secure a recommendation to council for action thus saving all weeks and months of processing time.

**November 15** – Ok'd new SPD car bid from Smith Motors for \$3,470. Letter from Girl Scout Troop #5 at St Mary's asking city to help build bike trail in Sycamore. Ok'd SPD Sgt on all shifts: Sgt Rorex 1<sup>st</sup>, Sgt Huber 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Sgt Bolt 3<sup>rd</sup> shift. Ok'd John Brady as City Engr effective 2-1-72 at \$15,000 per year.

**December 13** – Chamber Comm opined lack of Sunday liquor hours in restaurants is a competitive disadvantage and suggests it become a referendum question next election. Ok'd. Ok'd extending Fire Protection Dist to Clare until 2-1-72 when all or none of that area joins the district. Ok'd \$500 for city employees Christmas gifts. Mayor and Council presented appreciation plaques to former Ald "Cully" Larson, Bill Schinske, Sadie Swanbum, and Mel Castenson for 28 years combined service to city.

**January 10, 1972**

Rev Peterson invocation. Ok'd \$99,136 bills. Ok'd no burning in city except fireplaces. Bldg Report 1971 noted 142 permits costing \$1,469,087 with 69 living units added.

1-24-72 Compliments to PW for ice rink at West School and how people enjoy it and keep area clean. New City Engr John Brady begins duties 2-1-72. Ok'd Special Election 2-15-72 referendum for Sunday restaurant liquor sales.

**February 21** – Rev Bourne invocation with mayor asking prayer "in memory of City Atty Wm H Edwards and for his family in their hour of sorrow." Mayor appt Atty Chas Fierz acting City Atty. Ok'd. Bills ok'd of \$227,549. Ok'd SFD members for fire science classes at Kish College at \$26 per man. Canvassed referendum vote: 548 yes, 475 no, 37 spoiled ballots for 1,060 voting to ok. Council ok'd Sunday restaurant liquor sales from noon to midnight with 35% license increase for Sunday sales. Sunday sales applies to all liquor license holders. Joint meeting of mayor, Hospital Board, City Atty resulted in: 1, City to continue to own, operate, and control Sycamore Municipal Hospital, 2, SMH remain an acute care facility, 3, upon completion of Kishwaukee Hospital SMH begin to phase out its acute care in favor of Kish and continue as a support care facility. Ok'd Smith Motors bid of \$5,228 on 2 new SPD cars with trades.

**March 6** – PW Supt Babe Worden asks if city to continue trash pickups and what to do now that no burn law in effect. Ok'd storing trash until law is sorted out. Mayor reported City Atty in mayor's office each Wed from 10 am to 3 pm. Ald Drake suggested a street named for early founder Eli Barnes with mayor noting a developer could do that. Mr Pete Hilstrom of Driv-Lok Inc praised SFD for quick action at plant fire where minimum damage recorded. Mr and Mrs Arnold Lampkins bought Elmer Strack property to build apartments, but land must be annexed and city services agreed to before building occurs. Brown's Store asking for liquor package license.

**March 23** – Mr Dennis Schell invocation. 624 dog tags sold so far. Ord Comm notes 1 package liquor license for every 5,000 population but with only 7,800 here Brown's Store denied. Ok'd. Ok'd University Volkswagen expansion with 90 days to hook to sanitary sewer nearest them. Ok'd Allied Video rate increase of \$.25 per month to \$.50. Ok'd to apply for 80% funding to chlorinate any water city sends into any river or stream.

**April 3** – Rev Ed Smith invocation. Well #5 pulled and found holes to be repaired by Layne Western estimated cost \$5,000. Ok'd. City Code codification ok'd being 8 years in the process with 1<sup>st</sup> 8 chapters at printers. Atty Fierz noted Atty Mays to finish last chapter having bought Atty Edwards practice to complete the project. Sts & Wks Comm reported some merchants have repaired curb and gutter on their own those being The Natl Bank & Trust Co, Bergie's, Natl Tea Co, Henderson's, Gullberg & Haines, and Bagwill's Floor Covering. Project to widen streets, set back light posts, curbs, gutters, and walks downtown to cost \$500,000. Ok'd repair of curbs only at this time. Mayor reported Fargo Hotel ownership from Lee Family to Herman Carls Family. Ok'd Edgebrook Mobile Home Park for 3<sup>rd</sup> addition and recreation building in park per Mr Patterson. Mayor noted Sunday 4-9 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday sales ok for those who bought a Sunday liquor sales License. Lots of trouble discussed on lack of variances to build low cost housing on N Cross St & Mason Ct. No code addresses safety fencing near rr tracks, fire hydrants, parking, etc so Atty Burns for county housing authority and City Atty to meet to resolve issues with city and neighbors.

**April 17** – City cleanup saw 3 ½ days and 77 loads to the landfill with DeKalb Co Disposal to take up to 3 yard waste containers each week per family. CNWRR to finish work soon removing old ties and tires and weeds. Ok'd annexation of old Strack Stockyards land fronting Somonauk St for buildings. Ok'd new \$7 per ft water extension fee and \$35 tapping fee. Deadline for state and fed funds for trt plant expansion is 4-30-72. Noted that Council agendas not out before meetings and timeline to remain as is with agendas out day of meetings.

**May 1** – Rev Harold Kelly invocation. Mayors appts ok'd for new year which include Ken Mundy to the Library Board as Treasurer which marks what has become 43 years of consistent public service to Sycamore as of this writing.

Ok'd federal requirements on Trt Plants north and proposed Plant. Del M Schafer ok'd as city external auditor.

**May 15** – Ald Labon commended SPD for recent call to The Natl Bank & Trust Co. Mrs Thomas and Mrs Gray presented new booklet "Know Your Community" to mayor and council and noted copies around city for sale at \$.75 per copy. Council thanked them for copies. Ok'd Kids Day by Chamber 6-8 through 6-10 downtown.

**May 30** – Ok'd Aetna Health Plan from \$30 to \$50 per day and \$600 to \$1,000 medical and other benefits. Ok'd Jetco Paint Co to paint inside and outside of water tower at well #5 for \$14,200. Mayor commended SPD Chief

Mattis for SPD neat and sharp appearance at Memorial Day Parade. Ald Hagan urges council to move along agreement with Kish Health Complex to which Mayor replied SMH Board doing a fine job with no need of council help. Ald Hagan asked if crossover from High to Elm St near DicKen Grain Elevators is a street to which mayor noted it's a private road owned by the grain company.

**June 26** – Rev Gwillum invocation. Ok'd letter from city to DeKalb Co Board Chr Paul Rasmussen, Gary Smith, Jeff Strack, Bill Schinske, and Sheriff Scott to end the court house and jail from draining storm water into the sanitary sewers within 30 days. Ok'd Stahl Co seal coating bid of \$6,600. Commended SFD, SPD, and PW for work in the recent flooding and storms. Much discussion on flooding in Parkmoor, Foy Add'n, defective sewer lines, no backup generator at Parkmoor Lift Station, and continued storm water into the sanitary sewers.

**July 10** – Rev Wm Kmet invocation. Ok'd tax anticipation warrants of \$60,000 to fund new SFD truck soon to be delivered. Ok'd PW pick up brush once a week in city. Army Corps of Engrs told city Martin's Ditch is local and state issue and to correct flow blockage locally. Ok'd a '68 Chevy wagon at \$1,380 from Sheahan Equip Co for Engr Brady which is the first city vehicle for his job.

**August 7** – Ok'd buying 22 acres from Anaconda for \$15,000 to use as water retention area to chlorinate rainwater before releasing to Kish River. Mr Bill Lindgren, Vice Pres of Turner Corp seeks a variance to forego fire wall as Turner doubles plant size and brings 200 new jobs within 2 years sent to Bd Zoning Appeals.

**August 21** – Rev Ryding invocation. Acting SPD Chief recommends 30 mph N Main to city limits, to Somonauk and Bethany Rd, and E State to Sycamore Park entrance all of which to become law per the ok of state, county, and township. Ald Hagan brought an unsigned complaint letter which mayor discarded as unsigned. Ok'd Ord on no bike riding downtown. Ok'd Annual Tax Levy Ord.

**September 5** – Fr Albert Rennell invocation. Ok'd \$500 for 2 SFD members to travel to Allentown Pa to pick up and deliver new SFD truck to its new home. Ok'd crossing guard Southeast School at Lincoln and S Locust. Ald Labon noted 14 unlocked business doors in May and 33 in Aug and asks city send a letter to merchants.

**September 18** – Ok'd salt on streets this winter. Corner at S Cross and DeKalb Ave enlarged and improved for safety. County Plan Comm working on "no man's land" between city and DeKalb to link water systems so fire insurance rating could be lower than 6 meaning less costly premiums. Mayor appts students Lenora Anderson and Guy Katz to Human Relations Comm per recommendation of SHS Principal Pete Johnson. Ok'd.

**October 2** – Ald Hagan noted crossing guard Alice Bennett at S Locust and Lincoln needs a stop sign to display in the street for hers and students safety. Noted that Alice Bennett is still on duty there in 2015 and seeks to serve for 50 years before she retires if her health allows. She also asked for instruction to enter the street and stop traffic for students. Mayor said sign is ordered and SPD will instruct Alice. Ok'd name change from Mill St to Stark Ave. State requires bikes to have rear and pedal reflectors and they go with traffic and not against it. SPD Chief Mattis said all schools to have bike "Rules of the Road" booklets for students. Ok'd transfer of liquor license for Coach Light Inn to Lewis and John Arhos and John Chesnutt. Chamber letter to city thanking them for boundary set up from city to DeKalb based on County Plan Comm. New Ord Book on hand thanks to Atty Fierz. Mayor pleased that Grant, Greely, and North Ave all in good shape.

**October 16** – Rev R Dean Johnson invocation. Ok'd bid of \$1,105 to sell 1947 Mack SFD Truck to Jim Elliott of Leland.

SFD sending 5 members and truck to Genoa for a fire drill there. SPD Chief Mattis asks for 2 new pistols for new officers and uniforms for 2 "girls" who work in the office at SPD. Ok'd 2 357 Magnum Pistols.

**October 30** – PW Supt noted 4 ½ day cleanup sent 93 loads to landfill. Mayor noted bad walks all over town. Ok'd 50/50 spilt costs on residential walks and 2/3 to 1/3 city to owner cost split for businesses with 2 bids required each job to urge repair of bad walks. Ok'd backup 85 watt generator for Parkmoor Lift Station. Ok'd condemnation of Dixie Inn after fire heavily damaged it. Ok'd repeal liquor code section 14.009 to allow sales on election days.

**November 14** – Clerk Carter invocation. Ok'd bills of \$355,267 including Tax Anticipation Warrants of \$94,660 and MFT \$69,567.

**November 27** – Rev Ceynar invocation. Ald Drake noted farmers could pick up bags of leaves for bedding since straw so costly.

**December 11** – Rev James Allen invocation. Mayor noted former Ald and current County Treas Sadie Swanbum continues her tradition to serve cake and coffee after meeting in SFD quarters. Mayor noted Fed Rev Shrg payment of \$43,432.

### **January 8, 1973**

Ok'd SFD and SPD annual reports. Asked SPD for more crime stats in their report. Ok'd opposing county airport study and access road to the tollway. Many Ord to increase fines and further define violations to do with streets, walks, and driving.

**January 22** – SPD Chief Mattis has been asked by mayor and council to step down but refuses to saying this is a Fire & Police Comm issue and he's willing to discuss problems anytime with council members in his office.

**February 5** – Parking problems noted Edward St at Inboden's (former Harry Graham store) with driveways blocked with customer parking sent to Sts & Wks Comm and PW Supt to work with residents. Clear indication how popular Inboden's was way back then.

**February 19** – Letter from IDOT answer to city request for lower speed limit DeKalb Ave: Since high incidence of noncompliance already state feels lower limit is unenforceable. City to send another request. Ald Driscoll noted Ald Hagan not to seek reelection and said although they differ on many issues, Hagan "always set his goals on good, honest, and efficient city gov't."

**March 5** – Chief Brink asked about 2 holdouts at Clare to the Fire District. Ok'd raising fire services to \$500 1<sup>st</sup> hour and \$100 each hour after. Ald Driscoll noted 3 lots could be bought for downtown parking on State and on Somonauk for \$80,000 then \$40,000 to surface and that bonds could be issued for it all. Ok'd. Ald Drake noted 25 trees to

**March 5** – plant at \$4 per tree. Atty Fierz noted new State Constitution allows only counties to condemn property and City must go to court to do so. Ok'd the process for city not to exceed \$200 per case.

3-19 Ok'd city joining County Water Conservation District and that city build ditch south of town to carry water to Jahns Farm east of city and Harry Jahns ok'd it at cost up to \$20,000.

**April 2** – Discussion on Worker Comp that city pay 1-3 weeks first then W/C pays at their benefit levels. Ok'd vendor to vacuum sewers.

**April 16** – Ok from Anaconda to reroute Martin's Ditch. Reporter from Daily Chronicle asked if council background could be available before the meeting day and that when clerk gives info it is sometimes incomplete. Noted that meeting material has been done by Thursday for the Monday meetings for 20 years, but media does not pick up the material.

**April 30** – Wet weather holding up transplanting trees for City beautification. City Election Canvass: Mayor Harold Red Johnson, Clerk Chas Carter, Treas Pearl Coleman, Ald 1<sup>st</sup> Ward McMillan, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Driscoll, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Gary Crain, 4<sup>th</sup>, Phillip B Ramsey. Atty for Roger Niemeyer asked about a recount in 4<sup>th</sup> Ward since Ramsey at 148 and Niemeyer at 146 votes. City Atty Fierz explained process to file with clerk for recount, but all vote winners to be seated tonight. Ald Carlson thanked Ward 3 folks for allowing him to serve them for 20 years to which Mayor Red said "it'll take a good man to follow in the footsteps of Ald Arthur "Hap" Carlson. Applause by all. Ald Hagan also thanked City for letting him serve 4 years. Cake and coffee served after meeting in SFD quarters.

**May 14** – Mayor appts for '73-'74 ok'd. Chief Brink to retire 7-1-73 after 25 years fire service to Sycamore. IDOT ok'd right turn on red after stop at State & Main and DeKalb Ave & Bethany Rd. Mayor Johnson read a list of his goals: widen State St, larger SPD and PW Garages, more water main extensions, storm drain work, and grass path on Johns Farm to carry water from south side city east to farmland.

**May 29** – Rec Comm prop tax rate increased to \$.035 hoping a full time Director would increase programs for youth and adults so Comm Center open more hours. Levy vote on hold until Atty verifies it's allowed. Ok'd city insurance to \$1.92 per person per month to cover several increased benefits.

**June 11** – Ok'd mowing overgrown lots and charging owners \$15 per hour for each man and machine. Animal Control Officer Overton noted cats taking over vacant house on court house parking lot sent to Chief Mattis to act. Mayor noted Ald allowed into IMRF if they choose that wording in 1957 Resol should have allowed elected to become eligible to join IMRF. Ok'd. Ok'd razing houses at 410-416 W State for City Parking Lot. and house at 213 Somonauk to be sold at auction and moved for 2<sup>nd</sup> City Lot. Weeds in Martin's Ditch to be cleaned by property owners living on the ditch. Ok'd. Ok'd bid of Elliott & Wood to redirect Martin's Ditch for \$28,715.

**July 9** – Ok'd increase library levy from \$36,000 to \$42,000. Ok'd Arthur Bud Peterson as new SFD Chief. Noted letter from SMH Board to Kish Hospital Board that SMH would remain acute care facility as long as necessary.

**July 23** – City Atty got opinion from Atty Gen'l Scott that city and county both can condemn within their respective jurisdictions. Ok'd bid of \$44,525 for storm sewer extensions on Elm, California, and Sacramento Sts to take up to 160 days. Atty Fierz advised that unused sick leave is not a payable benefit when workers leave since no Ord existed on sick leave before 1971 and city neither budgeted funds nor had authority to pay same. Chief Brink said he was told he'd be paid 120 days sick leave when he retired. No action. Ok'd paying new SFD Chief \$12,500 full annual salary.

**August 6** – Ok'd \$200 per month increase to Brumley Ambulance Services. Fin Comm to meet with county about subsidy for ambulance service when some calls are in the county. Ok'd SFD Fireman Fleetwood to Lt with pay up from \$9,412 to \$9,600 per year.

**August 20** – Ok'd deadline for agenda Wed with material out to council and media Thurs. Ok'd 12-16 units occupied at Stonehenge pending remedy of storm sewer between there and Mr Hart's land. Mayor suggested

pictures of former mayors be hung in chambers. Comm of Ald Hamilton and Drake to work with Chronicle on this. Ok'd.

**September 4** – New PW Vac All being used and it works well. Chas Weeden, School Board member and rep to Plan Comm, recommends city require developers to donate land or cash when they develop farmland sent to Bd Loc Improv to study. Ok'd bid of Stahl Const of \$27,397 for parking lot at 410-416 W State. Ok'd Tax Antic Warrants for \$80,000 at 6% interest for lots. Mr Albert Wolfenberger advised city that DeKalb rezoned Louie Madison Farm for 250,000 sq ft shopping center and 200 room hotel and he wanted city to know that DeKalb would annex 250' strip land to bring property into DeKalb. Atty to check and report back. Stan Gullberg commended city on new parking lots and noted old bonds paid 10 years before maturity.

**September 17** – Fr Kramer invocation. Ok'd Resol honoring NIU's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Ok'd \$175,000 Parking System Revenue Bonds. Repealed liquor code section that allowed 19 year olds to consume beer and wine.

**October 1** – Ok'd Morton Salt bid of \$11.98 per ton salt for winter. 29 open doors downtown last month.

**October 15** – Ald Crain invocation. Plan Comm recommends to deny land/cash Ord for schools. Ok'd.

**November 12** – Rev Peterson invocation. Pomona Grange #82 and Charter Grove Grange object to CNWRR plan to abandon rail services from city to St Charles.

**November 26** – Ald Labon invocation. Due to high gas costs mayor recommends city pick up yard waste monthly instead of weekly sent to Sts & Wks Comm. New radios now in SPD cars and Chief recommends old ones installed in SPD private cars for better communication. Mayor appts Norris Palmer Jr to succeed his Dad who passed away as Supt Trt Plant. A Special Assessment to be voted on by Turner Add'n owners for \$1,000 per lot for curb, gutter, storm drain, and paving. Bd Loc Improv met to discuss Sycamore DeKalb boundaries. Consensus is that boundary follow natural watershed lines and not the middle of Bethany Rd. Dist 427 wants to be included in these talks and suggests DeKalb Dist 428 be also. Noted that once Electric Park annexed to city, lots sold more quickly. A future meeting to be in DeKalb Council Chambers 12-5-73. Wat/Sew rates proposed that business pay 50% of water as sewer rate, increase industrial sewer rates by 15% of water bill, and general increase water rates ranging 11% to 13% plus \$.25 per quarter meter rental. Water tap on fees of \$50 up to 1" pipe.

**December 10** – Rev Allen invocation. Ok'd bills at \$113,494. Ok'd SPD send 5 officers to Civil Rights Training as required by law at \$12.50 per man. Residents in Turner Addn want no part of Spec Assess so MFT will fund street improvements there as is elsewhere. Ok'd Lundin Plumbing bid of \$2,865 for chlorination line at Trt Plant. Bd Loc Improv met on boundary issue. Proposed line runs east/west 900 ft south Bethany Rd from Chicago, Milwaukee, St Paul, and Pacific RR right of way at west end to west property line of Albert Anderson Farm and east along south line of Strong Farm to Somonauk Rd. Bd in unanimous agreement but reps are uninstructed when the meeting with DeKalb is to happen for them to "negotiate the best deal possible for the City of Sycamore."

**December 26** – Rev Kelley invocation. Ald Drake commended Chiefs Peterson and Mattis for recent public relations articles in the paper. Ok'd 9 scanners for SPD cars at \$795 with cost split 50/50 with Police Assoc and city. Ok'd dedication of Longwood and Woodgate Dr in Centura PUD. Ok'd Tax Antic Warrants of \$40,000 to fund NE Trt Plant extension. Ok'd Jerde/Lenchow land agreement along Brickville Rd. Ok'd \$600 to reorganize SPD with more desk space. Bd Loc Improv on Christmas lights downtown and city giving \$500 to G&G Electric but due to national energy shortage/crisis lights never on so city to give \$100 this year. City to beef up Parking/Towing/Snow Ord for better control and safety. Noted the amended Ord Book missing some Ord changes.

#### **January 7, 1974**

Ald Driscoll invocation. Ok'd bills \$345,249 including Fed Rev Shg \$51,753 and Pkg Mtr Bd Const \$90,112. Ok'd minimum W/S quarterly bill at \$2 water, meter rent \$1, and sewer \$3 for total \$6 bill for residential users.

**January 21** – Noted that Brumley Ambul serves city but not Fire Dist so Mayor asks Atty and Chief Peterson to work with Dist on an Ambulance Contract. Ok'd Fannie Sims to raze burned part of her building at 512 N California. Mayor asked Atty to prepare Ord to condemn 3 story part of Syc Preserve Works on South Ave. MFT audit filed with clerk for '72. Ok'd expanding liquor district east and west along State St to city limits to include C-2 central business district and C-3 highway business district zoning. Mayor wants storm sewer project W Elm to be finished now.

**February 4** – Rev Mark Rutledge, NIU's United Campus Minister, invocation. SPD enlarging and redecoration complete and is very good. Liquor Assoc members object to expanded liquor district so issue sent back to Ord Comm study. Ok'd Resol supporting City of DeKalb for commemorative US Mail stamp denoting barb wire invented in DeKalb.

**February 18** – Ok'd revised liquor district Ord to areas which include current license holders operating.

**March 4** – Mayor recommends taxi rate from \$1 to \$1.50 per person in town sent to Ord Comm. Chief Mattis clarified letter in paper on SPD officer dumping trash in the street, and upon contact of the letter author she declined



to name the place or who she alleges did it. Mayor said we stand behind police and that unfounded allegations should not happen especially in the paper. Mention of run down bldgs., trash in streets, and dogs running loose. Ald Drake noted some cars parked downtown 8 hours for \$.40 and "this is killing shopping to allow this." Mayor noted new free lot not being used to relieve spots nearer stores. Chamber advised to remind members to not park near stores.

**March 18** – Ok'd 2 year contract with Brumley Ambulance Svc at \$1,250 per month with SPD providing officer for calls. Water main bids for Bethany Rd ranged from \$133,000 to \$169,000 with Engr to study bids and specs before accepting.

**April 1** – Noted that all RV's must be parked in rear areas of homes. Objections from churches and Pomona Grange to any larger liquor district. Ok'd Ord that allows only existing licensed businesses in the district and that no new licenses will be issued. Ok'd bid of Dempsey Ing on Bethany Rd at \$124,465. Ok'd revised zoning Ord of '72. People spoke against liquor district but council assured neighbors to Brown's Market they would be notified of any request for any new license. Ok'd transfer of license from Geo Richter of 23 Tap to Frank Johnson, building owner. Ok's Stonehenge assertion that common spaces, pool, tennis cts, streets and walks all to be done by 1975 and that city requires \$39,000 letter of credit covering completion of same. Ok'd that Engr Brady will approve or deny sign requests for the city. Drinking fountain State St bad shape sent to Fin Comm to have new one installed by Decoration Day. Engr noted traffic lights soon to be installed at Rich Rd and DeKalb Ave.

**May 13** – Chief Mattis noted safety material in all schools covering bikes, drugs, and strangers. Ok'd Stahl bid of \$14,474 for Somonauk St City Pkg Lot. Ok'd continued parking both sides South Ave for now. Ok'd letter to IDOT requesting 35 mph from Spartan Tr to Bethany Rd. on DeKalb Ave. SPD reported 50 school and business doors found open and Russ Kyler from Chamber to send letters to members.

**June 10** – Ald Drake asked if operating budget is about \$1,250,000 which it is. Ald Ramsey noted new water/sewer rates will raise revenue for those enterprise funds. SFD members returned from fire training at U of I and NIU. SPD said VFW had provided for years the bike reflective tape at \$.25/bike but cost has risen to \$.75 so asking city provide the tapes sent to SPD and SFD to work out. Mr Valence of Sunset Ln asks for light and pole but Mayor said residents need to petition city since they wanted no lights before. Library budget \$43,900. Ok'd new stone aggregate fountain for downtown at \$205 plus shipping. IDOT response to 35 mph request is that lower limit would cause more infractions to which Mayor said he wants a letter to IDOT that he wants more state patrol with more tickets written as it's a state highway. Atty to send the letter to IDOT. Ok'd franchise with ConTel for city phone service at \$57/month. Storm water issues for south side waiting for drainage through Jahns Farm to carry ground water to Kish River. Ok'd 12 hp tractor for PW from Sheahan Equip Co for \$1,387. House of ill repute reported on E Exchange with witness testimony so city ok'd proceeding to stop illegal business there. No mosquito spraying but catch basins to be treated.

**July 8** – Ok'd Stahl bid of \$152,654 Townsend St and Elliott & Wood bid of \$26,875 storm sewer in Townsend. Ald Ramsey noted recent Chicago Tribune article where a suburban family happily settled in Sycamore where "Life Offers More." Ok'd '74-'75 Annual Approp Ord: Gen'l Fd \$795,700, Gen'l Obligation & Interest \$58,337, Pkg Mtr Rev \$44,850, IMRF \$48,000, Wat/Sew Rev \$311,350, Fed Rev Shrg \$149,000, Total \$1,407,238. Ok'd \$14,583 to pursue Trt Plant grant. Letter from Sycamore United Methodist Church Bldg Comm Chr Dr Carl Clark on costs and codes as church plans to build west of Mt Carmel Cemetery on W State St.

**August 5** – Tree Svc contract ok'd to remove dead trees in city. Ok'd Brumley Ambul Svc at \$1,250/month for 2 years. Rev Thomas and several spoke on Fannie Sims Dixie Inn Restaurant at 512 N California that Black neighborhood did not need a tavern and that he wasn't making trouble but the problem is transients nearby. Homes have been new and rebuilt and the church invested \$250,000 in community upgrades. Mrs Dorothy Moore, 48 year resident, said folks come across the tracks for Fannie's ribs and they should stay and see what goes on. Mrs Delores Massey said Fannie ran her business for years before the fire and had no problems. Mrs Genevieve Whitlock said Black Community upgraded by church homes investment and she wants to see continued improvement and not slip back to how it was when she was growing up there. Mrs Virginia Jones said Dixie Inn was in business 40 years before the fire 2 years ago and wonders why after 42 years dissenters speak now. Ok'd condemnation Ord for remnants of Dixie Inn with Ald Labon voting present. Ok'd towing Ord for SPD and parking mtr tampering fines of \$25 to \$200. Ok'd Swedberg & Assoc to enlarge PW Garages for \$14,950.

**September 3** – Fr Rennell invocation and announced he has been called to Freeport church. Council thanked Fr Rennell for his help while serving St Mary's. Chief Mattis resigned effective 9-15-74. Ok'd a modified Ambul Contract with Brumley for Fire Prot District. Kish Hospital applies for wat/sew services as a non-annexed facility. City quoted fees of \$500/acre for 30 acres at \$15,000, Trt Plant fees of \$44,000, and \$300 permit and inspection fees for total \$59,300. Ok'd. Atty for Kish said no division line ok with them since Kish will be a county facility with

no allegiance to either Sycamore or DeKalb. All fees payable upon hookup and is agreed. Hillard Schroeder ok'd to rid downtown of pigeons by extermination.

**September 16** – Fr Kramer invocation. SFD noted all 4 new air packs in use. Acting Chief Rorex said States Atty overloaded that City Atty may need to prosecute cases based on city Ord. Atty Fierz cautioned city Ord may need updating and codification in order to base prosecution on them. PW Supt noted State St bad shape from Main to California and Engr Brady reminded state owns middle 20 ft of the road so IDOT to be contacted on this. Ok'd \$.55 sq ft city share to spur walks repair. Many areas without walks and could be funded by special assessment with owners ok. Ok'd deleting \$25 inspection fee on replacement water service. Ok'd no parking downtown 2 to 5 am except emergency vehicles. Many limited parking Ord ok'd various areas.

**September 30** – Ok'd Stahl resurface intersections Elm and California, Elm and Somonauk, and Elm and Main for \$7,420. Mayor announced Joe Salemi new SPD Chief from a field of 11 applicants.

**October 14** – Fr Gros invocation. Ok'd 6 SFD to class at Rantoul. Acting Chief Rorex noted 4 active and 4 inactive special police at SPD. PW Supt Worden noted city used 220 ton salt last year and bids in from \$14 to \$17/ton.

2 homes being condemned due to being unsafe. Letter of thanks from Holub Ind on finishing Elm St and parking there. Mrs Eleanor Roberts, a delightful community-minded lady resigned from library board where she served during Ken Mundy's terms from '72-'81. Ok'd city water services to Kish Hospital. Ok'd Chief Joe Salemi new SPD Chief. Mayor said he prefers separate SPD quarters west of City Hall and the basement space now is less than adequate on condition and space. James Paxton, Evergreen Village Mobile Home Park, asked city treat sewer from park which is outside city limits. Denied unanimously.

**October 28** – Mayor and council praised SFD, SPD, PW, Sheriff's Dept, and volunteers for safe Pumpkin Fest. Jaycees to be notified no one allowed on roofs or in windows during parades. Mayor noted horses rode on lawns and are to be on streets only "where they belong." Sgt Rorex said a meeting with Jaycees will resolve issues on Pump Fest

before the next one. PW bought salt at \$14/ton for winter. Fall cleanup yielded 51 loads to landfill. Noted 18 cases involved of NE Sanitary Sewer Special Assess with some paid and 6 to go to court. Ok'd Yvonne Johnson, longtime teacher West Elementary School, ok'd for library board membership.

**November 11** – Rev Patten invocation. New SPD Chief Salemi brought several staff and equipment requests to council and were sent to Fir & Pol Comm. DicKen Grain Co offered city their grain elevator at Elm and High for \$18,500 as city plans to extend Sacramento to High St. Ok'd. Chief Salemi to work with Atty, Max Brantner, and Pete Johnson on school written policy for violations occurring on school grounds. Ok'd.

**December 9** – Mr Meese invocation. Chief Salemi asks for new patch and uniforms with Stetson hats all sent to Fin Comm. Ok'd clerk update Ord Books and send them to Barnaby for cutting and binding. Former Ald Swanbum offers her traditional Christmas cake and coffee in SFD quarters after the meeting. Mr Wes Yeager offered Lions Club buy the next downtown drinking fountain and Mayor thanked Lions Club for same.

## **January 6, 1975**

Rev Ceynar invocation. Park Dist wants city to annex new park property and allow park a septic system until city sewer can be done. Ok'd pre-annexation Ord to be drafted. Mayor appeared on WLBK's "Party Line" and praised Sycamore except for the lack of recreational facilities for youngsters. Mayor said a party may open a bowling alley in former National Tea Co Bldg. Mayor's wants development ideas given to Ord Comm as they occur. Mayor's goals include Industrial Comm with city and industry to gain new business. Rescue squad a goal since Brumley allowed only in City. Ald Ramsey said bike path and 2<sup>nd</sup> theater his goals. Ald Crain noted some cities allow snow mobiles into city for fuel and comfort stops. Sent to Sts & Walks Comm.

**January 20** – Rev Ed Smith invocation. Both SFD and SPD Annual Reports to Council. Ice rink ready to use thanks to SFD and PW. Syc Preserve Works Bldg finally cleaned up and is no longer neither a nuisance nor safety hazard.

Mayor said bowling alley owners want been license and city should consider same for the other alley as well. Ok'd \$350 to Chamber for Christmas decorations cost. Ok'd support of NW II Criminal Justice Comm with 7 counties as they seek fed and state funds with cost of \$150 to city. Ok'd Wells Lumber Co remodel SPD at \$599. Ok'd painting SPD entrance and restrooms at \$540. Rep Tim Hall let City know to receive a fed grant of \$70,000 for disposal plant expansion. Ok'd new SPD uniforms at \$2,808. Ok'd 127 E Elm rezone from R-2 to C-2 central business district for Farmers & Merchants Bank with storm drainage to be installed per Ord. Mayor appt Atty Beckman to County Plan Comm as city rep.

**February 3** – Rev Gwillum invocation. Chief Salemi noted \$20,000 fed grant to fund a detective at SPD with city matching cost \$1,200. Ok'd more talks about connecting city and DeKalb water lines and boundaries too. Mayor

appt Industrial Comm: Mayor, Mel Maertz, Dick Gustafson, Ald Ramsey, Corn, and McMillan, Atty Fierz, Engr Brady, Engr Pieart. Ok'd. Mayor appt Bicentennial Comm: Wes Yeager, Ralph Joiner, Ann Millet, Ald Driscoll. Ok'd.

Mayor appt Rescue Squad Fin Comm: Chr Dick Gustafson, Wm Beedon, Rose Brumley, HR 'Pete' Hilstrom, ET 'Tug' Juday, Jim Quiram, Vic Sarbon, Jim VanNatta, Stan Gullberg. Ok'd. City of Harvard received strong support for their rescue squad, so Mayor said "if Harvard can do this, Sycamore could do even better." Mayor Reeser of Mendota letter thanking city and hospital for his good care after his accident on Rt 23. Ald Drake asked to resign from Fire Prot Dist. Ok'd.

**February 17** – Lions Club offers to landscape 'Johnson's Junction' once elevator gone and Sacramento St extended. Ok'd.

Ald Ramsey asked Chief Peterson about city ISO rating going from 6 to 5 and Chief noted full investigation by insurance provider would be necessary. Ald Crain reminded council that 4 years ago many costly improvements were made before the rating review so city will proceed with affordable upgrades at our own pace. Ok'd no lead gas tank and pump from Leader Oil Co at \$2,234. Officer Don Ehrler modeled new SPD uniform made for warm and cold weather with zip out liner and detachable fur collar. Chief Salemi invited council to SPD after meeting for new ID photos for all city workers and officials. Ald Labon noted results of students on skating rink vs bowling alley with skating at 648 votes vs bowling 544. Noted that Comm Ctr now has new full time Youth Director who is making good changes to encourage more youth in recreational activities. Ok'd Ald having Ord copies at 1<sup>st</sup> readings.

**March 17** – Rev Thomas invocation. Mayor in the Chair with Ald McMillan, Corn, Labon, Drake, Crain, and Ramsey with Ald Hamilton and Driscoll absent. Discussion on new SPD new Lt and 1 Detective, but 2 new men will raise taxes so that won't happen, so 3 Sergeants retained with 1 new Lt. Ok'd. Ok'd 2 new SPD cars at \$7,390 with trades.

**March 31** – Rev Fr Regnier invocation. No Parking zones made at library and West School due to problems there. Lions and Jr Women's Clubs to landscape and plant shrubs at triangle plot later named Johnson Junction.

**April 28** – Mr Meese invocation. Canvass City Election: Ald 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Chas Lindberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Genevieve Thomas, 3<sup>rd</sup> Arthur 'Buck' Drake, 4<sup>th</sup> Ron corn and new Ald sworn in by clerk. Fir & Pol Comm reported Sgt Bolt to Lt Bolt and Officer McCue to Sgt. Ok'd. Spring cleanup yielded 82 loads to landfill and fine job by PW.

**June 23** – Ok'd Ord to issue Indust Revenue Bonds to assist local industry to procure bond funding. Ok'd city pay \$.45/ft for new walks and \$.50/ft to remove and replace bad walks and owner to pay the balance. Ok'd referendum for \$1.5 million to match \$4.5 million grant to expand Trt Plant with election 7-22-75 and city to promote yes votes to pass it.

**July 7** – Ald Crain invocation. Many calls on loud cycles "tearing around town at 2 and 3 in the morning." Sent to SPD. Ok'd Curran Co bid of \$31,345 on Stonehenge Dr but if paid by 11-1-75 cost is \$28,345 with completion date of 45 days. Ald Driscoll resigned due to working outside city.

**July 21** – Rev Kmet invocation and mayor asked Pastor to include prayers in memory of Carl Sandstrom, Health Ofc who died 7-20-75. Mayor appts Tim Labon to finish Ald Driscoll's term. Ok'd. Mr Hamilton and Mr Juday spoke to council from Chamber Industrial Division that they are ready to work with city for planned and sensible growth to benefit all. Ok'd Annual Approp Ord.

**August 4** – Rev Murvel Huffstutler invocation. Canvass Referendum with 496 yes, 67 no, and 7 spoiled ballots. Passed Trt Plant Referendum.

**August 18** – OK'D Resol to accept AW Jackson bequest to Sycamore Municipal Hospital for an acute care wing in Jackson's memory.

**September 2** – Ok'd Sgt Rorex to Detective in SPD for 1 year via the grant. Ok'd Annual Tax Levy Ord.

**September 15** – Ok'd going ahead with rescue squad vehicle, equipment, and staffing. Kiwanis ok'd to fund and install playground equipment at low cost housing project on N Cross St.

**October 13** – Rev F Gates Vrooman invocation. Lt Bolt noted Chief Salemi health improving and he's anxious to return. Mayor directed "Frenchie" the meter man to be downtown every day to stop kids from riding cycles on walks. Mayor commended for donating his auction fee to the sale of East School for School Dist 427.

**October 27** – Mayor asked of the 66 loads taken during cleanup how much could have been regular pickup by contract and PW said half, so a card will be sent to residents advising to place items out for regular pickup to one day eliminate the city cleanups. Ok'd house at 220 Edward St formerly belonging to Cyril and Virginia Bauer and currently owned by Jim and Sharon McLean to be sold to hospital to make room for parking to fix the shortage issue. SMH to build 30 space lot with \$30,000 building funds.

**November 10** – Rev Elwin Colson invocation. Ok'd bills of \$208,783 included \$54,811 Fed Rev Shg. Kickoff today for funding \$40,000 new rescue vehicle with mayor giving 1<sup>st</sup> \$100 and Spec Police John Woodstrup \$25 to

start it off. Hopes are to complete fund raising by Christmas Day. Ok'd Resol where newly extended Sacramento St to High contains an area to be named for Mayor Harold "Red" Johnson to mark all his years of great leadership for Sycamore. Jr HS students to submit their choices for the naming. Mayor graciously accepted Resol to big applause. Ald Crain to contact school to follow up on the naming choices submitted. Ok'd water rate increase only to cover unfunded mandate to chlorinate city water system. Raised manholes are problems to snow plowing.

**November 24** – Ok'd ads for rescue unit bids at 12-28-75 meeting. Welcomed Chief Salemi back from illness leave as he returns to full time duty. Ok'd Special Fund to donate to rescue unit at banks and clerk's ofc. Ok'd house at 215 S Main removed to Burlington Il. Ok'd Ron Meshew Ideal Ind to the rescue unit campaign comm. Ald Crain noted excellent student input for the naming of the area for Mayor Red with "Red's Auction Block" "Auction Alley" and "Red Johnson Junction" a few of the favorite entries with "Red Johnson Junction" chosen by students with 5 girls and boys. Mayor drew the winner from a hat with Donnie Kendall the winner so he will be honored at the next council meeting. Big applause. Mayor noted a Class A liquor lic open and Mr Red Royalty spoke about a new "Sports Unlimited" facility to open with 24 bowling lanes, 4 indoor tennis courts, 8 pool tables, sauna, and dining room to be open by Aug '76. Ok'd Bldg permit and liquor license to Mr Royalty. Letter from Gov'r Walker thanking city for allowing him to walk in the Pump Fest Parade and that it was one of the best he'd ever been in. SMH letter thanking Mayor for donating his auction services for house at 220 Edward St to be moved for parking.

**December 8** – Rev Persson invocation. Luke Morton ok'd as new patrolman. Lt Bolt noted more traffic accidents Rt 23 with mostly rear enders past 6 months. Noted request to IDOT for 40 mph on DeKalb Ave and Sycamore Rd and now that McDonald's on DeKalb Ave speed concerns are taken more seriously. Ok'd used dump truck for \$800 for PW at Trt Plant. Opened bids for rescue unit ranging from \$38,500 to \$43,770. Bid to be awarded next meeting after study by SFD and Fin Comm. Ald Crain presented Donnie Kendall whose "Johnson Junction" entry won the naming contest and Donnie received \$10 and big applause from everyone. Ok'd mayor appt of Geo Beasley and Bob Keicher to Insurance Comm and for the Comm to report annually on cost, coverage, new bids to council. Rescue Fund growing with Lions Club donating \$4,000 to it.

**December 22** – Ok'd mutual aid of SFD with area communities in reciprocal agreement. Ok'd funds to each volunteer group helping with Pump Fest. Insurance subsidy for cab company discussed with Mrs Marjorie Danielson noting the importance of city having cab services for herself and other longtime residents who are non-drivers. SFD reports Modular Ambulance Co of Grand Prairie Texas only one to fulfill all the rescue unit specs at \$41,560 with delivery in 90 to 120 days. Survey of DeKalb, Sycamore, and NIU public transportation being conducted. Debate ensued on parking lot proposal at ConTel. Dick Gustafson, Sadie Swanbum, Don Redmond, and Atty Cordes spoke favoring special use permit for lot, but Vic Sarbon, Chas Larson, and Atty Racine spoke against. Motion to deny failed on 2-6 vote. Motion to approve passed 6-2 vote with Ald Ramsey and Thomas opposed. Mayor noted seniors in DeKalb can go to a school for a noon meal and wants this for Sycamore seniors too and for Fin Comm to study this and bring back a recommendation. Ok'd.

### **January 5, 1976**

Rev Ray "Dutch" Scott invocation. Ald Drake asks city to fight railroad abandonment. Nuclear plant at Byron may keep rails open due to supply line there. Atty to send letter opposing ending city to St Charles rail services. Ok'd city not to be part of \$31,000 transit study by DeKalb and NIU. Group of local young men to be honored for their ice sculpture of the Statue of Liberty to mark America's Bicentennial. Ok'd Mr and Mrs Edwin Pierce for Courtesy Cab Co and deliveries.

**January 19** – Ok'd 8 SFD members to Kish Hosp for EMT training for new rescue unit. Resol to honor Marilyn Burkart and Majorettes and marching groups "for the acclamation and honor they have brought to Sycamore." Ok'd. Ok'd 30 day notice to cancel planning contract with Wm S Lawrence & Assoc. Ok'd Toups & Olson as Planning Consultants. Ok'd Resol for Lyndon Bute and Sycamore good Tymes Comm for the ice sculpture of Lady Liberty at DeKalb Ave and S Cross St. Ok'd special permit to ConTel for parking lot at 215 S Main St. Ok'd Mayor, Fin Comm, and St Supt power to negotiate purchase of used county 2 ton dump truck.

**February 2** – Ald Labon invocation. Don Schoo from the Illinois Policeman's Assoc presented "Top Cop of the Year" plaque to Chief Joe Salemi. Big applause for Joe as he was completely surprised by the honor. Ok'd annexation of State St Motors at E State St and Airport Rd into city. Much discussion on city extending services to Kmart Development and on CNWRR and Com Ed if they allow city to annex strip of land to make the Kmart site congruous to city. Kmart needs to build begin 3-1-76 to be open for holiday fall and winter sales seasons. Atty O'Malley for the developer said no deal was ever done with DeKalb. City Atty Fierz said only wat/sew lines can be used by Kmart unless or until the entire 160 acres annexed to city within 1 year. Mayor said city wants no fight with DeKalb over "some previously uncommitted agreement between developer and City of DeKalb and will not spend

one dime for legal fees which might arise from this.” City cannot be forced to provide services for anyone and anyone seeking services needs to apply to the city for same. Atty Mays for Atty Klein and 25 objectors including Mr Wolfenberger and Mr Dimarzio who said there should be no services until annexation and that strip land claims is a burden to taxpayers and benefits only the developer. Ald Drake moved and Ald Ramsey 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept agreement with American Nat’l Bank as Trustees to parties of the 1<sup>st</sup> part and City of Sycamore. Noted that agreement is well spelled out to protect city. All voted aye except Ald McMillan voted nae. Carried and ok’d. Atty said Jackson Estate heirs suing city, DeKalb, SMH, Kish Hosp, DeKalb Public Hosp, over meaning of “acute care” stipulated in the Jackson bequest. George and Rosemarie Brumley are ending their ambulance business 3-31-76 and city can negotiate buying the business, vehicles, and equipment if they choose to do so. Ok’d meeting with them to discuss it.

**March 1** – Ok’d 3 new SFD members anticipating rescue unit grant of \$14,000. Mayor noted DeKalb City Mgr John Cartwright suggested both cities discuss sharing the same ambulance services. Mayor said perhaps at a later time. Noted that Atty O’Malley working with CNWRR and Com Ed on land agreements which could lead to Kmart access and annexation. Mayor appts 2 Ald to negotiate franchise agreement with Warner Cable. Ok’d. Meeting with railroad ended with agreeing that they fix all crossings in city before they abandon city to St Charles rail service. Ok’d Resol that IDOT modernize all traffic lights in city at State and California, State and Somonauk, and State and Main. Mayor credits Engr Brady for this good news for Sycamore. Ok’d ’71 truck to be used by PW and SFD for \$2,000.

**March 15** – Ok’d 2 new SPD cars to bring the fleet to 3 marked and 2 unmarked for patrol, chief, and detective. Ald Drake said library to raze DeKalb Ag Building given to them and city to salvage anything good from what was an armory before the Ag had it. Ok’d agreement with CNWRR that they repair crossings and city to drop its protest of them ending city to St Charles rail service. Ok’d referendum of tax levy for ambulance and rescue services not to exceed .25% on 4-6-76. Ok’d DicKen Grain for grain drying bin at 410 N Main St. Ok’d Resol to observe 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Sam and Esther Sparrow who both served many years as election judges.

Ok’d Deuchler to study road work on State St from Main to California as Fed Funds may be available for this. Mayor wants more info on senior lunches and that “Sycamore senior citizens deserve this.” Mayor asked council to stand for a moment of silence in memory of former Ald James Cliffe who died recently. Mayor read letter from American Red Cross with a \$2,000 bequest of a local persons estate for the rescue unit. Applause. Mayor asks that all monies for the unit be deposited in both local banks, The Nat’l Bank & Trust Co and Farmers & Merchants Bank.

**March 29** – Ald McMillan said the county hearing on Kmart annexation is 4-5-76 and Ald Ramsey will attend for the city. Ok’d 2 Pontiac SPD cars from Jay Pontiac at \$8,542.

**April 8** – Mr Meese invocation. Chief Peterson said a loaner ambulance could be used from Springfield until new unit is in service and that 3 new SFD members on the job with 4 more set to be hired once the new unit is here. All SFD members to attend Fire Academy School per a 50/50 grant from state. Mayor said the larger SFD is “going to cost a lot of money and he and council promised residents of Sycamore that the .25% levy asked for and passed by referendum would not be used immediately and that Sycamore has always been in the black since he became mayor and that it will continue to be this way as long as he remains mayor.” Clerk reported dog tag sales at 650 and lag other years sales. Canvass Rescue Unit Levy: yes 564, no 199, spoiled 4 for 767 votes. Ok’d. Ok’d Recreation Comm levy at \$15,500. Letter from St Mary’s School’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary inviting all to their open house.

**April 26** – Ok’d paving 1/3 or \$5,000 to repave tennis courts at West School as a one-time only and that it’s up to parks and schools to maintain the courts in the future. Ok’d officers and salary Ord with 7% increase for most except a few department heads given “a little more.” Mayor appt Engr Brady to oversee the 15 lights in Woodgate and traffic lights at DeKalb Ave and Rich Rd. Rescue Unit has \$34,000 in the fund with more to come. Ald Thomas said Recreation Comm close to senior meals program. Duane Munter of Farmers & Merchants Bank said Resol is welcomed by Chamber that Kmart or any other business must be annexed prior to City services extended. Mayor stated again that Kmart to install all water and sewer lines at their cost and that upon annexation all would be turned over to city again at no cost to city.

**May 10** – Rev Colson invocation. Ok’d bills: Gen’l \$68,633, W/S \$289,300, Pkg Mtr \$4,107, For \$1,040, IMRF \$4,105 total \$107,186. Ald Ramsey noted 2 local young people: Gail Olson SHS sophomore who set the nat’l record in high jump and Miss Labon daughter of Ald Tim and Estelle Labon, who is runner up in beauty/talent contest. Engr Brady to study other electrician licensed to see if ours is reasonable at \$10. Noted that cabs used to deliver meds as well as people so annual fee cut from \$10 to \$1 per cab to help assure service is ongoing. Ord pertaining to Fox Add’n with mayor noting they wanted no walks when built so it’s up to them to pay for walks now. 5-24 many stray dogs noted and picked up with no tags. Cable tv complaints and weed season here so people need to report offenders to weed/health comm. Mosquito larva spraying in catch basins to begin 6-3.

**June 7** – Fr Wm Gros invocation. Warner Cable wants rate increase but mayor told them rates held until 1-1-77 and then raised if the service is ok or improved. Mayor, Atty and Warner rep to meet on service, rates, etc. Ok'd \$16,000 Fed Rev Shg funds to help buy a new ambulance. SPD dong door to door dog tag sales. Mayor noted almost all former mayor pictures found and ngoing work to have them all framed and hung in City Hall. Ok'd Carl's Fargo Hotel expanding for banquet facilities.

**July 6** – Ok'd all trains in city at 10 mph. Ok'd former armory and DeKalb Ag Bldg to be razed and land gifted to the library from DeKalb Ag and the Roberts Family. State ambul grant rec'd so bids let for 7-19-76. Brumley to service city until new rescue unit here and SFD members trained to staff it.

**July 19** – Rev Persson invocation. Mayor recognized Kiwanis 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and their gift of \$5,000 to the rescue unit fund. Bids out on 5,000 gal oil and 200 ton pea gravel which half the oil and gravel bought prior years. Bids opened on new rescue unit ranged from \$26, 765 to \$28,121 with Ambul Comm power to review bids and specs and then to act. Ok'd Annual Approp Ord up 4% with mayor noting that's pretty good since cots in all depts up.

**August 2** – Chief Peterson reported that Terry Morris, Randy Rhodes, Jack Spartz Jr, and Dwayne Prather comprise the SFD Ambul Crew for new unit. Mayor noted bike paths at park important to keep kids off Rt 64 when they go to the new part of the park sent to Park Board. Jim Huntley speaking for residents of S Main and High Sts thanked SPD for dealing with social problems in the area.

**August 16** – Rev Vrooman invocation. Chief Salemi noted a safety check will be conducted at court house 9-14, 15, 16 for lights, brakes, tires, mirrors, horns, and mufflers with minimal overtime since checks occur on normal shift time. Ald Thomas reported senior food program up and running by Oct and she meets with Park Dist on new bike path through old to new park property. Liquor license from Past Tyme Bar issued to Dick and June Wagley to open Scalawag's Bar and Restaurant. Ok'd license from Dixie Inn to Louis Arhos to open Coach Light Inn.

**August 30** – Rev Patten invocation. Chief Peterson noted new ambulance here tomorrow and SFD Picnic 9-9 with all welcome. City and Kish College dealing on old pumps where they split cost of repair then Kish uses them for instruction with city cost not to exceed \$100. Ok'd. Ok'd bid of \$1,775 to Hopkins Road Equip Co for snow plow and ok'd sale of '59 pickup truck to Frank Lind for \$79. Ok'd Class F License for a Pizza Hut near Electric Park with 75% income from food.

**September 27** – Chief Peterson noted ambulance in full service with 26 calls in 33 days and Fire Rescue Unit 8 calls in 45 days so all units being used well. Sycamore Preserve Works building soon to be razed. Resol ok'd "commending George and Rosemarie Brumley for excellent provision of ambulance service to city and Sycamore Fire District for past several years."

**October 11** – Bishop Thomas invocation. PW Supt Worden noted rusty street signs being replaced. Ok'd contract with Sycamore Ambulance District.

**October 25** – Bishop Thomas invocation. Ok'd salt to buy at \$14.16/ton. 67 loads to landfill from fall cleanup. Directed Brown's Market and lot at 550 DeKalb Ave both to be seal coated by 4-1-77 to control dust. Senior Food Program to begin 11-1-76 with 35 meals served at Southeast School. Ok'd asking IDOT for Jaycees to paint orange stripe from Turner Pl on Somonauk to State to Locust to Southeast School as the Pump Fest Parade Route. Mrs Danielson, Mrs Cannon, and Mrs Wagner suggested Historical District in city on Main St both sides to Lincoln and Somonauk both sides from State to Chauncey. Ok'd Resol to apply to Washington DC for same. Mayor visited Voluntary Action Center on Sycamore Road and is impressed with transportation for seniors on 24 hour notice and directed city to donate \$500 to the 4 day per week Transvac service.

**November 8** – Stop lights on State being synched to aid in traffic flow and safety. Mrs Danielson submitted names for Historical District: Jack Arends, Wm Boies Sr, herself, Fr Wm Gross, Stan Gullberg, Jane Ovitz, and Ald Thomas. Ok'd. Ok'd zoning former Methodist Church Elm and Somonauk to C-2 Central Business District for a parking lot.

Ok'd Ald Drake and Ramsey to FORGE Group for long range planning for orderly and desirable growth. Ok'd Ord # 76.45 to annex Kmart property into city upon receipt of letter of credit. Mayor thanked Atty O'Malley and Geo Stratton for work on annexation. Atty O'Malley thanked city for help and courtesy "that it had been a pleasure to work with City of Sycamore on this."

**December 6** – Ok'd game room for kids with coin operated games. Sycamore Township Carl Larson letter that since city not charging residents for ambulance services township will donate \$3,000 to the ambulance fund and is met with resounding applause by council. Ok'd Special Census at \$1,800 to \$2,000 with population at 7,843 since city is growing. WLBK's radio compliments city on downtown Christmas decorations.

**December 20** – Rev Smith invocation and mayor asks for special prayers in memory of Chicago Mayor Richard J Daley who passed away today. Ok'd working with RW Brown Co on radios and radar for fire and police. Ok'd expansion of Woodgate Phase #2. Letter from Dr Chas A Koehler of Fontana Ca that he attended St Alban's Boys

School 40 years ago in 1936 and he wanted to tell Sycamore people how wonderful Sycamore was to a lonely boy far from home and to wish residents a joyous season.

### **January 3, 1977**

Rev Loren Krout invocation. Supt Daniels reported 2 water main breaks and several frozen meters with severe cold affecting Wat/Sew System. Article in Chronicle by Alan Mundt noting city accomplishments and all agreed '76 was a good year for Sycamore.

**January 17** – Ok'd \$300 for winter foul weather gear for PW who work outside repairing water main breaks in sub zero weather. Supt Daniels suggest people let a faucet trickle in homes to avoid frozen and blocked pipes. Ok'd Northern Trust bid of 5.17788% on \$1.5 million sewer bonds. Bond rep said same bond 1 ½ year ago had 7% rate so city saving \$357,000 debt service now compared to then. Ok'd variance for Kish Hosp to waive walks along access road which is 31 ft wide not 35 ft.

**January 31** – Domtar Salt Co said frozen Miss River means no salt deliveries. Supt Worden said 80 ton on hand which is good for 3 weeks given current winter conditions. It is suggested only salt and sand at corners until more salt delivered. Cable service better so ok'd \$.85/month rate increase.

**February 14** – Rev Jerry Gwillum invocation. Letter of thanks from Sheriff Scott for help from SPD during rough winter.

**February 28** – Special census cost is \$3,980 based on estimate of 8,200 people. \$2,550 sent to census bureau and balance used to pay census workers.

**April 11** – Fr Regnier invocation. Ok'd bills \$92,730. Ok'd requesting 75% grant to cover Trt Plant expansion interceptor sewerage project of \$4.8 million on a \$6.4 million total project cost.

**April 25** – Successful bike registration at local schools by SPD. Canvass City Election: Mayor Johnson 1,950 votes, Vic Sarbon 163, Miller 157, Clerk Yeager 1,161 votes Bernie McMillan 919, Treasurer Pearl Walrod Coleman, Ald 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> Labon, 3<sup>rd</sup> Crain, 4<sup>th</sup> Ramsey. Mayor said swearing in to occur once press returns from fire call that just came in. Ok'd annexing 105 acres land west of Brickville Rd by Harold Jerde. Mayor presented plaque and a gift to former Clerk Chuck Carter for his 12 years serving Sycamore. Carter said it "had been a most interesting sometimes frustrating time but always enjoyable and a rewarding job and working with the different aldermen enjoyable also." Ald Corn presented Mayor Red with plaque and gift for his 20 years' service as mayor and 8 years' as alderman. Mayor opened gift which was a beautiful summer Stetson hat which became Mayor Red's signature look with the auction cane raised above his head. Strong applause for Mayor Red and Clerk Carter was heart-warming. Chief Salemi presented Clerk Carter with plaque from residents for serving as alderman and clerk. Mayor invited all to cake and coffee to honor Clerk Chuck Carter. Ok'd Shafer and Morrasy auditors.

**May 9** – IDOT surveying speeds on DeKalb Ave and N Main, Rt 23. Chief Salemi and SPD to build new pistol range on N Cross St in old drying beds at Trt Plant. DeKalb range closed and they are willing to provide equipment if DeKalb PD can use the range when it's open. 90 loads to landfill during recent cleanup. Ok'd wood barrel planters downtown with Jr Women's' Club to plant and maintain them. Letter of resignation from Mr Danielson form the Plan Comm where he served from 1951 to present as Chair. Ok'd Resol thanking him and noting his service.

Voluntary Action Center reported without funding the Sycamore runs must end so council ok'd \$1,000 to continue VAC services in city. Ok'd Deuchler and Assoc hired for plans for new SPD station, 2 more PW garages, and new well.

**May 23** – Ok'd Recreation Comm budget at \$41,000. Ok'd Wage and Salary Ord and Appt of Officers with increase from \$50 to \$100 per day on hospital insurance. Pat Burkart appt to replace John Boies as Park Dist rep on Plan Comm.

**June 6** – Rev Kmet invocation. Mr Danielson was honored with a plaque noting him as 1<sup>st</sup> Chair of the Plan Comm in 951 serving 26 years through 4-30-77 and "Mr D" thanked council for the honor of serving Sycamore.

**June 23** – Ok'd \$30,000 Fed Funds with DeKalb and DeK County to resurface Rich Rd. Ok'd closing Somonauk St Sun from High to Elm for St Peter's Episcopal 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Ok'd increases in funding to SPD and SFD Pension Funds from \$39,500 to \$46,000 SFD and from \$13,000 to \$23,000 SPD both covered by the '77-'78 Annual Approp.

**July 5** – Ald Thomas invocation. Numerous parking rules and limitations ok'd for safety, resident, and business concerns and issues. FORGE seeks NIU Business Education for specs to promote local economic devel and asks \$500 for study. Ok'd. The end of local bus services means hard times for some seniors and others with VAC noting lack of funds hinders services. Ok'd Annual Approp Ord.

**July 19** – Acting Mayor Arthur "Buck" Drake in the Chair. Rev Smith invocation. Ok'd sewer lines across several properties to improve Trt Plant services and also due to community growth.

**August 1** – Rev Al Patten invocation. Ok'd Ass't Supt Swanberg 2 courses at Kish College. Swanberg now a Class II Operator. Ok'd water bill drop box be emptied daily. Rev Al Patten reflected on passing of Clerk Chuck Carter and how he served city so well as clerk and Ald for that city should carry on as "Chuck" would have it do. Clarke Spraying fogged once and recommended waiting for rains to end before other sprays. Ok'd Stahl Const Co to resurface Edward from Somonauk to west Hospital Drive, DeKalb Ave from Sacramento to Elm and Elm to Somonauk for \$55,242.

**August 29** – Rev Gates Vrooman invocation. Report given on game room W State St where city provided bike rack and Mayor noting "Sabino Bros running a no nonsense game room." Ok'd all new construction pass inspection before hooking to sewer system with fine of \$100 for noncompliance. Chief Salemi confirmed SPD to direct traffic at DeKalb Ave and Spartan Trail when school reconvenes.

**September 12** – Ald Ramsey invocation. Clerk explained that new computer system payroll and vendor costs set up separately with no monthly carry over month to month for improved cost control and accuracy. Auditors asked for this for years and council now will have monthly payroll and vendor costs per dept. Ok'd Annual Tax Levy Ord. Sewer expansion has 4 points to begin: 1 lift station from N Cross to Park on Rt 64, 2 line through Park to Jahn's and Clark's lands to Somonauk, 3 line crossing Park to Parkmoor, and 4 is Walnut St. 4 more easements to go and all is ready per Engr Brady.

**September 26** – Rev Ryden invocation. Ald Ramsey asked about Park Dist and Rec Comm discussions which are complex and may take 2 years to resolve. Ald Crain said county has plans for new jail and city should meet with feasibility study group which mayor sent to Finance Comm. Commended Jaycees for new trash cans downtown. Comments seen in Rockford Register Star on Mayor Red as actioneer and Chicago Tribune on Fannie Sims ribs. Mayor appt Jack Henne, planner John Kinley, Engrs Pieart and Brady and mayor as comm to negotiate boundaries with DeKalb. Ok'd. Ok'd Fin Comm that no Rev Shrg Funds available for VAC or Bigs & Littles Programs this year. Also due to fund shortage no joint city/county police facility to be built now. Ok'd Pumpkin Fest Parade route Sunday 10-30-77 2-6 pm from Greely to State and on State. Ok'd final Phase III Woodgate Planned Unit Development. Ok'd Annual Approp Ord.

**October 24** – County reported they are moving on with public safety bldg. but they and city could still talk on a joint facility. Traffic safety issues noted at Kmart which opened 10-20-77. Talks ongoing with DeKalb Mayor Judy King on transportation issues. Resol to accept low bid from Il Hydraulic Const Co at \$3,661,010 on North Trt Plant expansion subject to IEPA and EPA ok. Ok'd Quiram's Funeral Home with 1<sup>st</sup> floor residence.

**November 7** – Fin Comm Chair Drake noted Oct '77 salary total at \$57,243 on all employees. SPD noted over 40 speeding tickets on DeKalb Ave and mayor directing stats to IDOT as city still seeks 40 mph there. Cliff McConnell presented petitions with 1,500 names for bus service DeKalb to Sycamore. Ok'd \$5,000 Fed Rev Shrg Funds for same if DeKalb goes along with their part. Ok'd Tallitsch Ford bid of \$7,810 for 2 pickups with trades. Ok'd Atty Fierz having health insurance as other qualified workers.

**November 21** – Rev Steve Persson invocation. Mayor welcomed Ald Labon back from broken leg. Cab service began in DeKalb with hopes of Sycamore services soon. Atty Fierz and Atty Racine draft documents on Rec Comm and Park Dist merging. Frank Johnson bought Sycamore Preserve Works and will bring it to code and asks that lawsuits be dropped. Ok'd. Ok'd 1 Class F liquor license for every 15,000 people.

**November 22** – See minutes of DeKalb County Capital Improv Comm.

**December 5** – Treas Coleman fell and is in hospital but nothing broken and Animal Control Ofc Dale Overton also in hospital. City to send letter to county that City could not afford joint police facility. Ok'd Dr Frank and Crow Family for clinic at 954 W State to become Kish Medical Assoc. Ok'd compliance with all new handicapped accessible walks. Letter from CNWRR that depot to be removed. Chief Salemi noted a retirement dinner 12-15-77 in honor of SPD Officer Don Ehrler. Mayor appt Don Ehrler Spec Police 1-1-78. Ok'd. Clerk Yeager said spec census going well.

**December 19** – Bishop Thomas invocation. Bills ok'd at \$121,278. Ok'd bids of \$313 for 2 end loader tires with mayor directing old tires to be recapped as spares. Ald Crain and DeKalb's Bessie Chronopoulos both to study bus issue. Morrie Mabel resigned after many years on Zoning Board of Appeals and he was thanked. Mayor recommends city sewers to 6 homes on Bethany Rd once they annex in. Ok'd Resol for Dempsey Ing Co for \$1,302,243 east interceptor sewer sections 1, 3, and 4. Several easements ok'd north side. Ok'd land annexed for Trt Plant expansion. Spec Census as of 12-16 at 8,886 or 1,043 over '70 count of 7,843.

### **January 3, 1978**

Rev Elwin Colson invocation PW Supt asked about Christmas tree disposal since they are no longer allowed at the dump. Ok'd DeKalb Co Disposal \$250 to pick up Christmas trees for 2 week period. Received only 15 ton salt so far with more expected soon. Ald Drake said railroad west of City to remain intact until Byron Nuclear Plant



competed. Retired SPD Officer Ehrler sent letter of thanks for his service revolver and dinner in his honor. Ok'd Jeff Gorman to replace Morrie Mabel who served 23 years on Board Zoning Appeals. Ok'd bid of Wehling Well Works of \$45,300 to repair well #5.

**January 16** – SFD comparison report of '74 to '77 notes 11 inhalator calls increased to 308 in '77 with no charge policy for ambulance. Mayor said city follows "good Samaritan" policy partially for insurance purposes. Also that city appropriates for necessary ambulance equipment and supplies. Ok'd Engr Agreement with Walter Deuchler & Assoc for well #7. Ok'd variance to allow Suter Foods to expand without a fire wall but to hold city harmless in case of fire. City and Park Dist agreement for '76 sewer project through park where if park loses revenue due to sewer line work city will reimburse up to \$15,000 but if line is laid in fall/winter nothing due from city.

**February 13** – Ok'd new deal for middle school north of city on annexed land west of rt 23 and south of Maplewood. Dick Gustafson of School Board thanked city for annexation and waiving fees. Mayor said it had been very good working combination of the 2 parties.

**February 27** – Ok'd retirement disability for Sgt Harold Rorex and noted how well he worked with youth and entire community. Ald Drake withdraws from IMRF due to gov't ruling but other ald remain in IMRF. Letter from Sheriff Scott commending Chief Salemi. Mayor said all depts do good job. Ald Miller said letter should be remembered when new Salary ord prepared to which mayor said "since I've been mayor each fiscal year has seen raises to all city workers plus excellent health insurance plan to all full time at no cost to them." Due to communications between EPA and IEPA resulting in 40 or 60 manholes city may need \$350,000 in new bonds to fund project totally. Chapman & Cutler noted Sycamore's excellent bond rating. Ok'd Sycamore/DeKalb Mutual Aid Agreement for fires.

**March 13** – Ald Drake noted all workers get 7% raise with dept heads 7.5% and certain ones with status changes. Mayor read new census document from state with official population at 8,864 up from '70 census of 7,843 so special census was worthwhile due to increase in per capita state shared revenue. Ok'd special use permit for county jail and Main and Exchange as mayor noted city and county worked together and we should be proud to have jail remain here.

**April 10** – Mayor asked council to stand for moment of prayer upon passing of Walter Deuchler Sr 4-9-78. Ok'd Resols commending WWKS Supt Dale Daniels great 22 years' service, Sgt Harold Rorex 13 years, and Animal Control Officer Dale Overton 15 years. Ok'd Columbian Securities bid of \$285,510 @ 5.999% on '78 \$350,000 Water/Sewer Bonds.

**April 24** – Supt Worden noted 84 loads to landfill recent cleanup but lots of loose trash and yard waste not picked up to which mayor said "people will wreck the cleanups if they are not neater." Ok'd that anything not boxed or canned will be left on curb in future cleanups. Well #5 pumping 866 gal/min up from under 700 so it's producing well again. DeKalb and Sycamore no longer meeting on common bus line so \$5,000 returned to Rev Shrg Funds since nothing will be done. NIU to do transportation study which may be helpful in the future. New method of stray dogs control working with calls to SPD who call Fowler's to pick up strays. Ald Thomas saw SFD Rescue Unit in action and said it's one of the best moves city made to which mayor said "SFD, SPD, and PW all do great work with city fortunate to have good men working for it." Ald Miller noted complaint of late night noisy car work and mayor told him it goes to SPD and not to council floor. Ald Miller noted group meeting interested in old high school to which mayor said it's moving too fast and city has no rep in the group but Ald Miller good to report but Dist 427 must start the process and there's a question of \$200,000 at hand and where that would come from. Ok'd 2 new SPD cars from Tallitsch Ford at \$9,506 with trades. Ok'd Human Relations Comm at 25 members including 4 high school students and SPD Chief a permanent member. Ok'd Industrial Revenue Bonds for ITT Holub Industries to build new facility in city. Ok'd Atty Fierz at \$27/hr and Deuchler at \$36/hr for work on '76 Sewer Project. Ok'd Fire Contract at \$20,000 per year with ambulance contract to follow. Ok'd IDOT to resurface E State from Main to east of Kingsway Dr if parking is parallel there. Water/Sewer rates to increase due to '76 Sewer Project. Stan Gullberg noted all '78 water/sewer bonds already sold to which mayor noted people know a good town to invest in. Ok'd SPD to enforce all city traffic laws within Edgebrook Mobile Home Park.

**May 8** – Bill Brady for Voluntary Action Ctr noted VAC began with \$12,500 fed grant and 1 van, but now 2 vans in DeKalb and 1 van in Sycamore running 3 days/week resulted in \$5,225 deficit showing the need for assistance.

**May 22** – Mary Jo Wildenradt senior at SHS has school project and produced a booklet on Sycamore. Ok'd her \$200 to have copies printed. Ok'd Fed Rev Shrg \$2,000 to VAC, \$600 Opportunity House, \$2,400 to this year support Farrell's Taxi service in Sycamore. Pink Ladies hospital auxiliary had very successful auction at Armory to gain funds for hospital. Ok'd Chamber's Jim Knodle for Kids Day June. Ok'd new pickup at \$11,044, Chevy '78 chassis and cab from State St Motors. Ok'd Layne-Western bid of \$130,351 to drill well #7. Ok'd Francis "Fuzzy" Mathey and John Buffington to build mark's machine Shop at 416 N Main. Ok'd Dick Lindgren and Ken Shearon

at DicKen Grain to add more bins and an office at 410 N Main. Barely ok'd on 5-3 vote \$100 parking passes for off street lots.

**June 5** – Rev Ray “Dutch” Scott invocation. Well #5 still pumping sand but could soon be blown out to improve it. Ok'd on 4-3 vote Jay Wade 4 unit apts at 423 W High. Noted that Fannie Sims, well known and loved Black Lady who made the best spare ribs and who served the Plan Comm and Library Board passed away. Mayor asked all to stand for a moment of prayer in memory and honor of Fannie Sims. Bids ok'd to paint the SFD doors and Chief Peterson asked if SFD members could paint the doors but he said with over 600 ambulance calls per year they could not. Ok'd land purchase west of Brickville Rd leading to Trt Plant. Bob and Gladys Brush letter urging more participate in Memorial Day Program and Parade to “commemorate fallen comrades who so bravely gave to keep our country free as our forefathers planned it.” Mayor sent letter to Bd Local Improv with Ald Ramsey Chair.

**June 19** – PW Supt Worden noted brush, brush, and more brush after the severe storm and mayor commended all depts. on great job for city with extra kudos for PW as they cleared streets of debris. Stan Gullberg shared letter designating parts of city on the National Historic Register of Homes. He noted any home can submit 8 pictures and a history of it to apply to become part of the registry which if approved allows tax incentives and grants to maintain the home as a historic place. DeKalb Co Forest Preserve District said the bike trail from city to St Charles nearly finished on former railroad property. Ok'd 3 ft stripe painted either side State St from Brown's Market through the park to Old State Rd where trail begins and also signs to direct people past Kingsway Restaurant along the route. Ok'd Resol to honor Fannie Sims. Ok'd new rules for Fire & Police Comm. Ok'd having 5 members on FORGE econ devel group. Ok'd taxi control with DeKalb with each paying \$2,304 for 6 months service. Denied Wade Apts on W High St. Mrs Jane Ovitz commended PW for the work they do.

**July 6** – Ok'd Mike Larson's 34 lots at 80' x 120' on land to begin Maple Terrace north side city. Ok'd Annual Approp Ord. Ok'd severing ties with Toups & Olson Planners. Ok'd Engr Don Pieart and Walter Deuchler & Assoc as planner consultants.

**August 14** – Resol ok'd commending Don Resler “for his many contributions to the City of Sycamore as teacher, coach, and Athletic Director at Sycamore High School.” Ok'd Annual Tax Levy Ord at \$944,251. Mayor appt Ald Ramsey, Diane Brush, Bill Petty, and Harold McFarland to FORGE Econ Devel Comm. Ok'd.

**August 28** – Water fight trophy from DeKalb Corn Boil won by SFD and members brought it to show council. Applause. Supt Albrecht said well #5 up soon and Layne-Western recovered their lost drill so work will continue on well #7. Ok'd Stahl Const Co blacktop streets at \$46,467. Mayor adjourned meeting for folks to close car windows in the storm downpour and meeting reconvened at 8:15 pm.

**September 11** – Resol ok'd in salute of Sycamore Industry Week beginning 9-17 with special ceremony 9-21 at Fargo Hotel. Ok'd city pay \$14,000 to IDOT for them to resurface E State St from Main to Kingsway Dr and to credit State Rep 9-11-78 Joe Ebbesen 37<sup>th</sup> District for the project. Mayor noted all former mayors photos gathered and found by many helpers and framed by Spec Policeman Bob Kinner and mounted on walls at City Hall.

**September 25** – Rev Gary Ryden invocation. Ald Ramsey noted successful Salute to Industry Week, nice piece in the Sycamore News, how industry helps increase sales tax base, and groundbreaking for new ITT Holub Plant. Ok'd Resol verifying Ald working less than 600 hours per year.

**October 9** – Mayor noted IDOT to place new census signs at 8,900 at city entrances. Well #7 drilling to 850' and going well. City to open bids on Sycamore Hosp farm and land owned on Twombly Rd but no bids received so matter held over. CNWRR permitted by Ill Commerce Commission to remove tracks east and west of Main St. Mayor noted railroad right of way to be sold after tracks taken up.

**October 23** – County Board limits mph on Somonauk from 40 mph to 35 mph Becker Pl to Bethany Rd and 50 mph to 45 mph Bethany Rd south on Somonauk. City tried to subsidize taxi service but only 2 fares per day between city and DeKalb so we tried. Ald Ramsey asked mayor when Sycamore will be filmed and after some teasing noted that NBS Channel 5 will air Sycamore and mayor footage 10-28 at 6 pm about the Pumpkin Fest. Ok'd speed at 30 mph on Bethany Rd from Somonauk to west edge of Somonauk Meadows. Ok'd Northern Ill Mack Truck Co for SFD truck at \$94,622 with trade of \$2,000 on '55 Universal truck and less \$350 as SFD pickup truck from plant and ok'd \$20,203 for SFD appurtenances for truck from Great Lakes Fire & Safety Co. Ok'd zoning code changes that “all uses permitted for sales of goods and services shall be permitted for rental of said goods and services” in C2 and C3 and offices used in M1 light manufacturing adding “retail and service uses – offices.”

**November 6** – Ok'd paying \$50 to 3 volunteer groups helping at Pump Fest. IDOT finally ok'd 55 mph to 45 mph on DeKalb Ave and Sycamore Road and letter to IDOT thanking them after asking for this for over 20 years. Well #7 testing ok with depth at 1,230 ft and on schedule. PW ok'd leaves raked into street now that new vacuum truck can remove them easily. Atty Fierz noted DeKalb as home rule city can more easily regulate open container laws than Sycamore. Several areas noted for no walks sent to Sts & Wks Comm to study and recommend action. Ok'd

selling hospital land at auction 12-13-78 at 10:30 am since no bids received to date with condition that city can accept or reject any and all bids.

**November 20** – Letter and check from Kiwanis to complete their \$5,000 pledge for new ambulance. Letter from NBC thanking mayor and city for 2 days filming at Pump Fest. Ok'd ending Syc/DeK shuttle as of 12-31-78 due to lack of demand and \$2,400 for 6 months. Ok'd repealing Ord "bills" where water/sewer user can detach from city for overdue bills for water/sewer services. Ok'd tax anticipation warrants of \$100,000 to buy new SFD truck and city will borrow from Firemen's Annuity & Benefit Fund for 4 years at 5 ½%.

**December 4** – Rev Bishop Thomas invocation. Chief Salemi is retiring due to ill health 1-15-79 and said SPD one of the best in Illinois. Council commended Joe Salemi as did Bishop Thomas and all stood in an ovation for Chief Joe. Ok'd hiring 2 men to help operate the larger Trt Plant, one being a lab tech to read, measure, and report findings to state. Ok'd snowplow at \$2,495 Hoyle Road Equip Co. Ok'd Resol to honor SHS Football Coach Bert Frederick and team "for excellent performance in their sport and their sportsmanship for the entire community." Ok'd annexation of 6 homes in Crest View Subd. on Bethany Rd. Ok'd final pay of \$147,207 to Layne-Western and Deuchler & Assoc on well #7. Engr Brady said new well at 1,200 gal/min with good water.

**December 18** – Ok'd bills at \$86,577. Marty Jahnel appt as acting director community ctr. Ok'd Ord for bids to sell hospital land at \$3,000/acre or \$239,400. Ok'd Ord to allow all liquor license holders to buy a Sunday license effective through 4-30-79 if they choose to have Sunday liquor sales. Former Ald Swanbum commended city for a good job past year and invited all to Christmas cake and coffee in "firemen's apartment" after the meeting as is her custom. Ok'd Ray Garrett as new SPD Chief and mayor closed meeting and wished all Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

### **January 2, 1979**

Ald Miller invocation. Masonic Bodies Inc request to occupy former church at 240 Edward St as special use R-3 zoning sent to Plan Comm. Mayor commended PW for snow removal during recent 48 hour storm. DeKalb Co Disposal to pick up Christmas trees in January for \$200. Mayor noted some goals for '79: resurface E Sycamore St with new curb and gutter, business areas new curb, gutter, and walks, and new SPD facility depending on EPA ruling in city favor on fed funding to free local funds.

**January 15** – Rev Steve Persson invocation. Ald Drake's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Ald Labon taken to hospital today. Ald Drake noted costly winter and mayor said city and county to seek disaster fed funds due to winter storms.

**February 12** – Chicago Channel 2 TV to film Mt Sycamore, a snow sculpture on court house lawn and include mayor and Supt Worden since city so clean of snow this winter. Mayor took the opportunity to tell Channel 2 Jim Hatfield that city St Dept with 6 man crew plus 3 from Wat/Sew Dept do it all and Hatfield was amazed so few do such a big job.

Rev Smith ok'd to speak and he shared that his work takes him to DeKalb often and the difference in the 2 cities is night and day for clean streets and he thanks our guys for their great job for us all. Mayor asked all to stand for a moment to remember and honor Genoa Mayor Skinner who passed last Saturday and that Mayor Skinner was a good man and well liked in Genoa as he served them well. Ok'd Resol thanking Lynn Bute and his helpers for snow sculpture Mt Sycamore with busts of Mayor Red, Chief Salemi, Teacher Cora Miner, and Lynn Bute and the piece was aired on Chicago and national TV. Bill Johnson of Johnson's Men's Wear and Atty Fierz attended good meeting in Elgin on rebuilding and rejuvenating downtowns and noted many cities and merchants joining in efforts on this.

**March 12** – Rev Loren Krout invocation. Ok'd welcoming child day care center in the rec bldg. of low income housing on N Cross with \$4,000 local matching funds added to Fed funds. Ok'd \$1,000 brochure funds to attract business and industry to city. Ok'd \$1,200 to Deuchler Assoc for their plan for SPD expansion north and west of city hall.

Ok'd \$4,800 to buy 2 PW trucks from Kane County. Ok'd Budget Officer for Fed Rev Shrg and Annual Approp Ord prep. USEPA ok'd grant for \$273,675 for '76 water/sewer project.

**March 26** – Ok'd bid of \$356,949 from Davis Const Co for '76 water/sewer project. Ok'd \$400,000 for curb, gutter, and street on E Sycamore St. Ok'd Fargo Motors \$5,875 for new SPD car. Ok'd Clerk Yeager as Budget Officer.

**April 9** – Ok'd renaming FORGE Group to Sycamore Economic Development Comm (SYCEDC). Boy Scout Troops 16 and 40 at council. City trying with IDOT for 3 signaled intersections at Spartan Tr/Meadow Ln, Edgebrook Dr at DeKalb Ave, and State and Sacramento. 12 hour traffic counts required by IDOT. Engr Brady and IDOT working on 24 ft middle of State St resurface from Main to California but not sides so city keeps its diagonal parking on State St. and on State from California west to city limits both sides of State since the middle is ok now.

**April 23** – Fed Rev Shrg Hearing: Stan Gullberg asks for \$1,000 for historical district, DeKalb Youth Svc Bureau asks for funds to hire part time person to link Sycamore kids with local business, Sycamore Child Care, Voluntary Action Committee asks for \$4,728. Canvass City Election: Ald 1<sup>st</sup> ward Bernie McMillan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Genevieve Thomas, 3<sup>rd</sup> Arthur Buck Drake, 4<sup>th</sup> Bob Butch Binder. New ald sworn in and Ald Corn and Lindberg thanked for their service to Sycamore. Many signs bad shape so 50 new ones ordered. Schaefer & Morrasedy ok'd as auditors. Ken and Juanita Mundy seek a variance to build bedroom and bath at 904 Esther Ave. Noted that this type variance often requested and it is sent to Plan Comm. Directly with no need of variance for reasonable home improvements. Ok'd. Atty Fierz ok'd to codify Ord Book for \$500. Mayor noted the Chronicle piece that Sycamore Munic Hosp and Kish Hosp to merge per the Comprehensive Health Plan of NW Illinois to which mayor responded that as long as he's mayor our hospital will not be discontinued and asked for vote of confidence in SMH and that people gave money to SMH and the new SMH Ambulatory Care Wing be started "tomorrow." Discussion was that "everyone was much against consolidation of SMH with Kish Hosp." All voted aye on the vote of confidence in SMH. Mayor noted all appointments ending 4-30-79 and new members would be appointed at the 5-7-79 council meeting.

**May 7** – 84 loads sent to landfill in recent cleanup with new rates of \$1.45/sq yd. Mayor appts standing comms and Ken Mundy to Police Pension Board. Current budget up \$20,000 over last year. Ok'd annex Fred and Karen Rynders into city for their home and business KarFre Flowers on E State St. Ok'd support as follows: Syc Historical Dist \$1,000, VAC \$1,500, Syc Child Care \$200, Senior Food Program \$300. Mayor "Red" chosen as Citizen of the Year by DeKalb County Bar Assoc. Applause.

**May 21** – Ok'd bills of \$137,900. Former Chicago Police Detective Chet Lowell appt to Fire & Police Comm ok'd.

**June 18** – Mayor noted excessive phone costs so depts directed to tally all toll calls each month to compare to master bill in clerk's office to control costs. Ald Crain and McMillan explained in detail why library budget is up and council ok'd budget as requested for the newly expanded library with a larger reading room for children.

**July 2** – Rev Joe Fraccaro invocation. Noted objections to raising dog tags from \$3 to \$5 with proof of rabies shots to get tags. Helicopter hovering over city tonight to zone the fogging for mosquitos. Noted curbs in business district in good shape with some businesses to replace walks. Ok'd city and IDOT agreement to maintain rts 23 and 64 for 2 years at \$3,505 per year. Ok'd Annual Approp Ord.

**July 16** – Noted bad water on Parkside Dr and W/S Dept to flush hydrants at night. Noted Gov'r Thompson vetoes bill to remove sales tax on food and drugs, so ok'd letter to legislators supporting veto. Mayor noted Turner Add'n and other parts city have lead pipes that lime up and slow pressure and flow and lines could be "blown" to reduce lime buildup and increase pressure. New sewer main runs Lincoln to High to Elm and reverses sewer flow to follow natural contour of the land. Ok'd sale of '66 Ford PW truck to Earl Saunders for \$610. Bill Johnson alerted city that a private mall developer seeks Fed Funds to build a mall detrimental to city and DeKalb and the developer went bankrupt at another project so ok'd letter to Feds to deny the grant. Mayor noted DeKalb is rated by Feds as deprived since they count NIU student income in the mix so DeKalb gets Fed aid. Mayor reminded that Kmart paid water/sewer costs with dedication to city so now city gets fees from any new hookups from Kmart land to city. SPD plans now not to exceed \$175,000 to expand SPD quarters.

**July 30** – Ok'd 500 ft of 1 ½ " fire hose for \$725. SPD to run bike safety lanes at schools to be funded by business and industry. Ok'd appt of Jim Brush, Jim Huntley, and Berni Schelkopf to SYCEDC. New EDC brochure due by 7-30-79 Sept and mayor and Ald attended meeting with John Castle who heads state econ devel ofc and Castle said how impressed he was with city efforts to attract industry. Ok'd meeting with SFD but no union reps as requested by Syc Firemans' Assoc #2679 per Firemen Rhodes and Fleetwood. Paul Peterson and Jeff Gorman questioned 2 reversals by council on Zoning Bd rulings and wondered if Bd Zoning Appeals necessary to council. Mayor replied Bd is doing a great job and is necessary but city "loosened the lines" a bit to permit both variances. Mayor thanked Bd for doing good work that is not always easy.

**August 13** – Ok'd plat of Milan Krpan for Krpan Place Subd of 44 lots along Meadow Ln to Borden and south with 5 ½ acres water retention. Ok'd new ward boundaries for precincts and elections after 1980 census is official.

Mayor appt Chamber Sec'y Art Meyer to SYCEDC. Ok'd. Ok'd Annual Tax Levy Ord at \$1,022,138 with Approp Ord at \$2,181,946 so levy less than 50% of approp while holding taxes down and not adding new taxes to utility bills.

**September 24** – Bd Local Improv noted an \$11,000 loss in Pkg Mtr Fund due in part to recent 10% raises prompted talk of raising tickets from \$1 to \$2 and issuing tickets hourly on over parked vehicles all sent to council for action.

**October 8** – Reported \$39,258 so far to repair well # 6, but new bronze and stainless parts to be a lasting remedy. Ald Ramsey and Thomas and spouses attended NIU Homecoming game and met NIU's new President and all enjoyed the day. Ok'd buying used '69 snow blower from Schuster Equip Co with installment payments totaling \$20,500 all painted and tuned up for service. A new one costs \$90,000. Resol okd where 2 local hospitals, SMH as

family practice and Kish as specialty oriented provides healthy competition which is good for the community. Ok'd bid from Flag Const Co at \$31,865 plus \$1,600 for 60 ft x 60 ft PW garage.

**October 22** – DeK Co Health Plan Comm asks about city being served by paramedics. Mayor appt Ald Drake, Dr Ovitz, Dr Frank, and mayor as comm to study the issue. Ok's State St Motors bid of \$13,580 with trades on 2 SPD cars.

**November 19** – Fr Wm Gros invocation. New SFD truck in house being outfitted with equipment. Resol ok'd to welcome Auto Meter to city. Resol ok'd to thank Anaconda for plants and bushes at new Jr High School site and Anaconda's 50<sup>th</sup> year in the city. Resol ok'd to welcome new Sears Store to city.

**December 3** – Bishop Jos Thomas invocation. Ald Thomas sworn as Clerk Pro Tem to record minutes. Ok'd various SFD, SPD, and PW staff to training sessions. Ok'd \$93,675 to Mack Truck Co for new SFD truck in service now. Noted that mayor on Channel 2 TV "2 on 2" program Sunday night at 10:30 pm.

**December 17** – Nathan Thomas gave invocation for Bishop Thomas who was injured in an accident. Ok'd bills: Genl \$176,846, W/S \$22,265, PMF \$2,281, IMRF \$7,087 total \$208,479. Kudos to mayor for the TV program showing him working during the bad storm and auctioneering. Ald Binder circulated Christmas card for all hostages held in Tehran. Ald Ramsey quoted piece from Champaign Gazette by Editor Chuck Flynn, father of Mrs Norman Racine, with facts about Sycamore and how a caring mayor and employees "really can make a difference in how a city works." 1<sup>st</sup> snowfall reminds all of the 2<sup>nd</sup> rule for parking on city streets. Crops from excess land at Trt Plant yielded city \$750 this year. Old oil tank at city hall to be filled with sand to prevent it raising out of the ground and all tanks in city need same treatment. Floit's Sand & Gravel Co ok'd to fill it for \$85. Ald Thomas providing cake and coffee in SFD quarters after meeting. Sadie Swanbum, former Ald, thanks all for support of United Fund she chairs the public employees division. Mayor Red wishes all Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

#### **January 14, 1980**

Rev Steve Persson invocation. Applause to welcome Ald McMillan back from illness. Discussion on annexed land into city and park dist. Atty said land could be annexed by both but city could not force annexation into park dist.

**February 11** – Mayor commended SPD and PW for work to clear streets recent snow storm saying "credit all depts. who helped street dept that this is the way city works with great team work." Ok'd Kish College using Trt Plant lab for 16 weeks for waste water class as long as city held harmless for any student injuries.

**March 10** – Rev Gary Ryden invocation. Ok'd DicKen Grain Co annex land east of plant for expansion. Ok'd 10% raises for all employees and some new benefits. Ok'd HI Stone Co monitor wells at dump for EPA reporting.

**March 24** – SFD Chief Peterson does electrical inspections for \$5 but when he must make a 2<sup>nd</sup> visit cost not covered sent to Ord Comm. Social Security Admin gave notice of closing Sycamore office so mayor offered his office to keep them here. Fire dist contract ok'd 2 years at \$25,000 per year and ambul contract at \$35,000 per year. Bids for new SFD ranging from \$214,000 to \$244,000 which are over \$100,000 less than earlier bids. Directed Atty Fierz to contact Fed Rev Shrg officials to continue the funds for city. Pigeons noted as problem in city. Meeting on hospital merger at Salem Lutheran Church Thurs at 7 pm. IDOT approved signals at Spartan Tr and DeKalb Ave on 50/50 local/state match. Ok'd.

**April 21** – Fr Regnier invocation. Noted state trying to reduce sales tax on food/drugs to 3% and with Fed Rev Shrg likely to end city opposes any reduction in sales tax or any revenue stream at all. Fin Comm recommends \$350 to Senior Food Program, \$3,000 to VAC, \$350 to Sycamore Child Care Ctr. Ok'd. Atty Ron Klein, Kish Hosp Board Chair said they do not favor a merger either which met with applause. Ok'd 2 handicapped parking spots at S Main 4-21-80 and Ottawa for St John Lutheran Church per request from Mrs Henry Meier. SPD Chief noted stores, businesses, churches, schools all need special markings for handicapped parking spaces.

**May 5** – Abuse of Spring/Fall cleanups noted in that much of what is set out could be in the regular pickups contracted for weekly. Mr Cornils spoke to council on the importance of passing the school referendum for the city. Mayor introduced "local boy" Don Rich who returns home as new Supt of Schools. Mayor noted WLBK's Dick Kliesch present. Ok'd land at well #7 to lease to Park Dist for \$1/year used as park land for 5 years. Ok'd bid of DR Gilbert Const Co of Rochelle for SPD expanded bldg. at \$214,927.

**May 19** – Ald Drake asked media to remind owners that grass cuttings be blown into yards not gutters where they flow into storm sewers clogging them. PW Supt Worden has 2 men all day just opening storms due to clogging. Ok'd library budget at \$54,300 noting library no longer has free gas and electric as do other city buildings.

**June 2** – Rev Colson invocation. Many attended county police facility open house. Ald Ramsey noted he's personally pleased something tangible has been built with our county taxes. Railroad picked up ties but now need to mow their rights of way. New path in park has many hikers, bikers, joggers. State St Motors note of thanks for city

flowers at their open house at Rt 64 and Airport Rd. Ok'd Rec Comm budget at \$49,400. Ok'd Stahl Const bid of \$21,250 on street improvement program. Ok'd paying School Dist 427 \$20,389 for oversized W/S mains to Jr High School.

**June 16** – Ok'd hookup phones city hall system with generator so phone service not disrupted during power outage. Genoa asked for city items for their new history museum so city donated 2 old fire call alarm boxes. Social Security to maintain office hours at Senior High Rise 1<sup>st</sup> Mon monthly 1-3 pm. Ald Drake recalled paper clippings on 1<sup>st</sup> city well #1 dug 1000 ft deep costing \$20,000 with a Chicago chemist claiming excellent water quality along with 3 fire indicators and 18 call boxes. Warner Cable Franchise payment is \$5,384. Annual Approp Ord ok'd at \$2,475,939.

**June 30** – Depts commended for cleanup after severe storm. Ok'd \$6,500 to remove old Page St stand pipe by sections to be lowered inside the pipe until all is down.

**July 1** – Rev Armin Munz invocation. Ok'd bills \$121,631. Cut off of well #3 Page St and rerouting mains from stand pipe to be razed. Engr Brady noted '76 sewer project 93% complete.

**August 1** – Atty reported the revised City Ord Book now complete and is in clerk's office for review. Annual Tax Levy Ord ok'd at \$986,206 which is 40% of the approp just passed. Mayor reported being glad to be home from his Wis vacation and Ald Thomas asked if saw any enlarged street signs up there and all chuckled.

**September 8** – Ok'd new furniture for SPD at \$3,045. Noted that fewer homes flooded with recent storms so the work to reroute ground water from sanitary sewers and to have correct water/sewer piping is working. Duplex bought land on Bethany Rd for 40,000 sq ft office building. City to issue industrial revenue bonds to aid Duplex.

Ald Crain invocation. No big water issues from recent storm. Noted only 1% cost overrun on SPD bldg. Ok'd Resol honoring Dr Harold J Trapp, a doctor of 47 years and who served Health Comm member 18 years. Ass't City Atty Beckman resigns effective 9-1-80. Ok'd bid of \$1,922 landscaping at SPD.

**October 6** – Rev Gwillum invocation. Mayor introduced Donald Baars who may be running for DeKalb Mayor in 1981. Noted local census data ongoing with new residences, new city map, and new phone listings from Don Redmond at ConTel. Mayor talked with Rockford Census Office and lady there said "she'd take care of Sycamore" with the newly submitted adjusted counts. Ald Ramsey warned malls could deny city \$50,000 to \$100,000 sales tax and mayor said if that happens taxpayers would be left to make up the difference. Mayor noted Boy Scout Troop 18 present to work on merit badges and how these boys could be Council members in years to come. Homer Taylor given appreciation plaque for 19 years' service to city. Ok'd mayor appt of Mr Danielson to SYCEDC.

**October 20** – Scout Troop #40 with leaders Pat McCormick and Leo Vanderheyden at council with applause. New SYCEDC booklet finished with lots of local info compiled by youth and edited and printed by Diane Edlund-Brush. Ok'd raffles for "Save the Natural Resource Center", Women's Club, Hosp Service League, Kish Hosp Auxiliary, Lions Club, St Mary's Church, Syc Educational Assoc, St Peters Episcopal Church, SHS Sports Boosters, VFW Post 5768. Ok'd \$75 to Bud Sigman to plant large evergreen tree west side SPD.

**November 3** – Big thanks all depts. and volunteers for another safe and well run Pump Fest. Anyone needing leaves to call PW soon to order. Sencon Engr Co to occupy former Essex Wire Bldg with new business and subdivided for other business leases. Mayor thanked Jim Huntley, SYCEDC, Bill Owens, and Ald Ramsey for working on Sencon.

**November 17** – Mayor and First Lady Mae discussed his term and they decided he'd seek another term and mayor hopes senior Ald will run again as they all have done a fine job for city.

**December 15** – Bishop Thomas invocation. Fin Comm recommends salaries: Mayor \$9,000 including \$1,000 Liquor Comm, Clerk \$18,000 with elimination of Agent and Budget officer at \$1,200 each, Treasurer \$3,600, senior Ald \$85 per meeting, and junior Ald \$50 per meeting. Noted Christmas lights over State St look good but many bulbs are out. John Paulsen in audience said all bad bulbs replaced by Wed at 4 am. Census "mailgram" notes new count could be 9,200 which means more state shared revenue on per capita basis. Ok'd 3 year trash contract with DeKalb Co Disposal: '81 \$56.40, '82 \$63.15, and '83 \$70.75 per unit with Christmas tree provision and 1 year extension in year 4 if desired. Ald Thomas invited all for cake and coffee in SFD quarters after the meeting.

### **January 12, 1981**

Rev Russell Seaton invocation. Mayor noted Dick Kleisch WLBK and Jack Stiles Sycamore News at council and wished all Happy New Year. Ok'd insulated boots for PW who work on broken mains in winter. Ald Miller who works at Anaconda being transferred from city. Accepted \$750 from Dick Lindgren who farms idle land at Trt Plant with mayor saying the revenue is better than mowing weeds there all summer.

**January 26** – Ok'd bills \$136,322. Ok'd removing pumps and pipes from Parkmoor Lift Station, filling pits with sand, and selling 2 lots to buyers. Ok'd Resol commending SHS volleyball team for super sectional wins and at state tournament at Bloomington Normal.

**February 23** – Ald Miller’s transfer with Anaconda June 1<sup>st</sup> and Anaconda-Ericson in slow process to deploy new equipment and products to Sycamore with phase I at \$3 million. This is 1<sup>st</sup> of 4 phases so rumors of plant closing “simply untrue.” Letter from School Dist 427 thanking city for traffic control at Spartan Tr noting it took 10 years for IDOT to permit the signals. Ok’d Resol to not allow property tax breaks to property in historical district since all property is fairly taxed based on it equalized assessed valuation no matter where it is in the city. Ok’d renaming Harvestor St from DeKalb Ave to Edward St as South Ave. Ok’d renaming Mill St from Grant to DeKalb Ave to Stark Ave. Ok’d DeKalb Co Realtors sell good quality smoke detectors.

**March 9** – Open House 3-29-81 new SPD and Trt Plant expansion. Ald Binder reviewed locally produced “Sound of Music” play and noted the butler played by Ald Ramsey was “a little heavy” to which many chuckled. Mayor suggested city spend \$1,500 for trees for a 50/50 sale with residents with so many trees lost to disease and storms.

**March 23** – Fed Rev Shrg Hearing resulted in Senior Food Program requesting \$1,150 to provide over 300 meals and nursing services at \$5/hr plus \$.19/mile travel. 4C’s asks for \$3,000 at low income housing facility, VAC \$4,853 to serve 900 people with 44,000 rides, and DeKalb Co Epilepsy Assoc \$1,500. Hearing closed with mayor’s thanks to requestors. City invites all to open houses at SPD and Trt Plant \$6 million expansion. Ok’d 1<sup>st</sup> tree planting program with Expert Landscaping Co bids of \$50 for most trees with 50/50 city/resident cost split. Water Dept to place stake in parkway or within 10 ft of the sidewalk. Clerk Yeager to check sales tax report to verify all city businesses paying their taxes.

**April 6** – Tree program so popular many too late so it will be offered again in the fall. Chief Peterson to resign 6-6-81 after 24 years at SFD with last 8 years as Chief. Ok’d Industrial Rev Bonds for Idea, Inc a computer game company.

**April 2** – Fr Regnier invocation. Ok’d SPD grant for new worker, car, and equipment. Ok’d Fed Rev Shrg grants: Food Program \$350, 4-C’s \$350, VAC \$3,000, DeKalb Co Epilepsy Assoc \$150. PW Supt Russell “Babe” Worden to retire 6-12-81. Mayor and council all regret Babe retiring and round of applause as they accept it. Canvass City Election: Mayor Red Johnson, Clerk Yeager, Treasurer Ken Mundy, Ald 1<sup>st</sup> ward Gary Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeff Clapsaddle, 3<sup>rd</sup> Gary Crain, 4<sup>th</sup> Phil Ramsey. Ok’d. Next item is Resol honoring Pearl Walrod Coleman sitting next to mayor. He noted “Pearl is a neighbor and longtime friend as well as having been City Treasurer in Sycamore for 40 years.” Ok’d Resol #69 “praising the excellent job of Pearl Coleman for the past 40 years as City Treasurer for the City of Sycamore.” Big applause and standing ovation was accorded the “Little Lady.” Mayor thanked Ald Labon for serving 8 ½ years and Ald Miller for 4 years. Big applause for both.

**May 4** – Fr Gros invocation. Mayor appt standing comm ok’d. Noted the new wing dedication at the hospital is 5-17-81 with mayor cutting ribbon and public invited. Ok’d Gene Listy new PW Supt. Ok’d Clarke Co to treat catch basins and manholes for mosquito larvae for \$3,500. Census Bureau finally confirmed city went from 8,864 population in ’77 to 9,219, an increase of 355 people. Mayor noted in attendance former Aldermen Sadie Swanbun, Ron Corn, and Bill Schinske, Chief Utter’s wife Rose, new City Treas Mundy, Ald Smith’s wife Ellen, and “one of the city’s best salesladies at Henderson’s for years, Al Finkbone.” Ok’d 30 mph on Bethany Rd northwest of Rt 23 to YMCA property line, the city limits. Ald Smith noted he served on committees as county board member and Mayor Red runs city meetings more smoothly and more quickly than any county meeting Ald Smith sat on which met with chuckles and applause.

**May 18** – Ok’d Rec Comm budget at \$51,900 and Atty Fierz noted merger of Rec Comm and Park Dist shelved due to possible loss of \$12,000 of trust income. Mayor read library budget of \$59,250. Ok’d. SPD Chief Ray Garrett resigned 6-2-81. Ok’d Sgt Bob Huber as new SPD Chief 6-2-81.

**June 15** – Rev Colson invocation. Ok’d bills at \$114,165. Ald Binder noted new rugby team from Dek/Syc men with tournament in city 8-1-81 with Elgin, Rockford, DeK/Syc, and Clinton Iowa competing. Ok’d Schafer & Morrasy external auditors new fiscal year.

**June 29** – Ald Thomas invocation. Ald Ramsey noted 14% increase in power rates and asks if city should raise water rates to compensate for higher pumping costs. Mayor responded he’d rather move funds to cover costs where necessary than to raise fees and taxes. Unfair practice of requiring new construction to conform to code to blacktop parking but existing zoned business or multifamily sent to Ord Comm to study and bring back a recomm. Ok’d Annual Approp Ord with higher pension and utility costs.

**July 13** – Rev Munz invocation. Issue to connect DeKalb and city water mains at closest point but still 250 yds apart and too costly. Clerk Yeager read letter from A Shane Films Inc where Robert Conrad starred in locally filmed production with gratitude from him and coworkers “for the helpful and kind considerations shown them while in Sycamore filming the G Gordon Liddy story, “Will.” Ok’d Annual Tax levy Ord at \$1,071,400.

**September 21** – Comm Ctr Director Marty Jahnel noted he needs more people to make the Center more usable, has a \$5 member fee, and wants more teen events. John Boies to Chair 1981 United Fund Drive with goal of \$95,000.

Ok'd DeKalb Co Volunteers in Probation as volunteers for city depts. with no city liability nor any city workers jobs to be displaced by the volunteers.

**October 5** – Ok'd salt buy for winter at \$20.91/ton to buy 400 ton. Ald Clapsaddle noted people who vote against the upcoming school referendum are “fooling themselves” to think taxes will decline and student activities if curtailed could result in more crime. Ald Fierz strongly affirmed city must refrain from taking an official position on the issue and that each voter must decide for themselves to approve or deny it. Too late for tree program this year. Jenine Pavlik, county volunteers leader noted excellent results from youth community service where 3 youth worked off their service stints under city supv and made restitution for their crimes. Mr Wolf Baack of Ideal Industries spoke in favor of the referendum and thanked council for letting him speak.

**November 2** – Mayor noted Treas Mundy's Halloween birthday and all wished Mundy a Happy Birthday. Ald Smith noted his personal support of the school referendum and urged all to support it that all local people run the city and schools and that's how it should be with them working with the people. Ok'd Ken Mundy to speak as he thanked emergency response when his daughter was hit on DeKalb Ave. Ken commended Chief Huber, Sgt Snyder, Chief Utter and SFD Volunteer Gary Carlson for quick and efficient answer to the call for help.

**December 14** – Ok'd bills \$133,501: Gen'l \$101,220 W/S \$24,254, PMRF \$2,053, IMRF \$5,961. Ok'd \$4.4 million Indust Rev Bonds for Duplex Products Inc for their new building. Ald Thomas invited all to SFD Lounge for Christmas cake and coffee as mayor wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

### **January 11, 1982**

Rev Seaton invocation. Ok'd day care on Somonauk St for 17 children. Ken Follett resigned Chamber Sec'y 2-1-82 to become DeKalb Chamber Sec'y. Ok'd sale of package liquor license on Sacramento from Bob Stearn to Roger and Gary Palmer.

**January 25** – Chief Utter noted total 866 calls in 1981 with 651 ambulance and 215 fire calls. Chet Lowell home from hospital to serve Fir & Pol Comm. Kudos to PW for clean streets in winter and from Chet Lowell to SFD for helping him.

**February 22** – Ok'd fire contract at \$52,000 2 years and ambulance contract at \$74,000 for 2 years. Ok'd Resol honoring Miss Frances Gilbert, longtime teacher at her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Mayor to auction at NIU student center 2-23-82 with celebrity signed items to benefit NIU student center fund raiser.

**March 8** – Resol honoring Floyd “Frenchie” French to retire with 24 years' service to city in PW, janitor, and parking meter man. Mayor hated to bring up higher W/S rates to pay for higher power costs and last rate increase was '77.

**March 22** – Rev Ryden invocation. Resol ok'd to honor Marilyn's Majorettes performing nationally and recently in Nashville and Knoxville at World's Fair and Grand 'Ol Opry. 2 SPD and 1 city hall bowling teams “bowled over” DeKalb at Bigs & Littles Annual Fund Raiser.

**April 5** – Rev Persson invocation. Fed Rev Shrg Grants: FOOD \$350, 4-C's \$350, VAC \$3,000. Ok'd Wage & Salary Ord for new year with mayor noting it's hard to give raises with tough times financially. PW Supt Listy received plaque from county probation volunteers thanking him and PW for having young workers with them.

**April 22** – Ok'd W/S rate increase. Ok'd intergov't agreement with DeKalb City, DeKalb Twn, Syc Twn, city, and DeKalb Co to resurface 400 ft of Bethany Rd at DeKalb Ave.

**May 3** – Ok'd Marion “Gene” Massey, Geo Maness, and David Crear as Auxiliary Patrol Roster. Comm Ctr to have summer programs in all schools and shops. Pkg Mtr report: tickets 41,635, voided 372, for \$15,265. Court fines including moving violations \$39,441. Mrs Meadowcraft had 3 6<sup>th</sup> graders, Sherry Rosenwinkel, Darrell Lang, and Julie Shepherd, who spoke on Arbor Day and gave bumper stickers to council and mayor thanked them for speaking on Arbor Day. Stahl Const did not seal coat streets last year due to strike but would honor bid this year so ok'd. Ok'd Treas Mundy join Illinois Municipal Treasurers Assoc and attend seminar for \$150. Mayor's appt made and ok'd for new year. Ok'd \$218,275 for streets improvement, library budget of \$62,000, and Paul Gendel's gift to city of 5 acres land at Stonehenge valued at \$240,000.

**May 17** – Ok'd students Dawn Quitno, Lisa Makela, Bill Schepler, and David Brint to Human Relations Comm. Ok'd agreement with Park Dist for SPD patrol. Ok'd SHS street dance Sacramento St on Kid's Day.

**June 14** – Ok'd Annual Approp Ord at \$2,559,253. Ok'd larger liquor district to include businesses on DeKalb Ave. Charles St block vacated west of Elmwood next to Elmwood Cemetery. Ok'd. Ok'd liquor license transfer from Vic Sarbon to Bob Wolfenberger for the Sarbon Family Inn.

**July 12** – SYCEDC Booklet printed and distributed here and Rockford and other places such as Interstate Commerce Comm and places to promote Sycamore. Ok'd Office of Econ Devel with Jim Brush at \$2,400 a year. Ald Ramsey voiced displeasure with DeKalb Co jail office space in old jail for not using less costly options and “the entire project is a great waste of taxpayer money.”



**August 9** – Noted city has a Boa Constrictor snake loose in its 3<sup>rd</sup> day. Central School to no longer hold classes effective Sept. Ok'd Class A liquor licenses controlled at 1 per 1,300 people based on last census, Class A being all liquor and package.

**October 4** – Ok'd unpaid NIU intern at SPD. Ok'd Trick or Treat Sat night 10-30 since Sun 10-31 is the Pumpkin Fest Parade.

**October 18** – Rev Munz invocation. City and Warner Cable negotiating on 5 new channels at \$3 per month. Social Security rep to remain in city due to mayor's request. Fall cleanup yielded 38 loads, the fewest in years.

**November 1** – Comments that some towns have no parking meters to which mayor reminded that city has 2 free parking lots paid for by parking meter and fine revenue, all lots nearly debt free, and they provide great shopper parking at no cost. Ok'd new Historical District plaque to be placed at Johnson Junction. Ok'd sale of Pizza Wheel license to Dale and Karen Knudson. All depts. commended for great team work during a safe and fun Pumpkin Fest.

### **January 10, 1983**

Ald Crain invocation. SPD Detective Garvey resigned for health reasons. Pat Solar promoted to Detective. Scout Leader Mike Liszka and 10 Scouts from Troop 40 applauded. Ok'd Treas Mundy to speak and he reported bank deregulation means city can invest for higher variable returns than certificates of deposit and other short term investments and council thanked Mundy for learning how to increase investment returns for city.

**January 24** – Ald Drake thanked the Almighty for good weather. Teacher Ray Lambert to speak at school on "Gov't Day" and how it affects city council. Ald Drake noted a donor with 6 ft to 8 ft evergreen trees free to city if city plants them and fills holes where they are now. Letter from Tom Carls and Geo Stratton with plans to renovate Fargo Hotel with 30 remodeled rooms, lobby, bar, new elevator, and the place to be renamed "Stratford Inn." Mayor noted the value of the Fargo for industry, jobs, and business and the importance of quality lodging and meals for visitors. The men may want to buy 12 parking spaces for free guest parking.

**February 7** – Rev Colson invocation. Ald Drake asked to spend \$800 on 800 saplings to be planted by Scouts for the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary around the city well and Trt Plant as wind breaks. Ok'd on narrow 4-3 vote with mayor breaking tie vote. Ok'd ending the Forestry Committee and sending those issues to Sts & Wks Comm. Ok'd 8<sup>th</sup> graders at council for Gov't Day with teacher Ray Lambert. Ok'd alarm system include Trt Plant to SFD.

**February 21** – More discussion on \$800 tree costs with motion defeated 3-5 to buy them noting SFD or SPD could better spend the money. IDOT ok'd to study the 4 speed limits in place on DeKalb Ave/Sycamore Rd to come to one.

Ok'd new SFD Chief car as Dodge Diplomat from Kish Chrysler-Plymouth for \$7,644.

**March 2** – VAC noted 8,294 trips for seniors and/or handicapped costing \$4 per person and VAC asks \$.50 to add to \$.70 city subsidy per trip. DeKalb Co Youth Services Bureau asks \$2,500 as it serves 24 Sycamore families. Senior FOOD Program has 21,084 meals in city which is 1/4 of the 83,000 meals county wide asks for \$1,000 or 2% of the \$3.20 per meal cost served. Sycamore Child Care asks for \$2,000. Family Svc Agy \$1,371. Ok'd SPD Honor Guard with \$1,100 for special uniforms. Parents ask for kids to be printed with prints held by parents in case ID of kids needed. Mayor appts Mary Shumaker to chair SYCEDC. Ok'd. Ald Ramsey disappointed local press did not mention students at council. Clerk Yeager still has student names if press wants to use them.

**March 7** – Rev Ryden invocation. Jr H S Principal, Ray Lambert, and students at council for "Gov't & Community Week." Acting Mayors, Kelly Dewey & Don Curzon, Clerk Sara Andersen, Treasurer Debbie Rood, Ald 1<sup>st</sup> ward Chris Bennett & Debbie Watson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jackie Finnicum & Michelle Oldham, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sue Martillarro & Scott Chriss, 4<sup>th</sup> Chris Schade & Gennie Challand. Clerk Yeager to send copies of agenda and minutes to students who sat at council. Ald Thomas asked again about larger street signs downtown and mayor said they are coming. SPD doing good job removing abandoned cars. Ok'd water main to State St Motors who annexed long time ago so it's time to honor city promise to them. Young council members asked for reaction to the meeting: "interesting" "learned a lot" "neat" with one young lady objecting to "parking" were among the comments. Principal Greathouse and Lambert thanked council for the evening of learning. Mayor thanked all who came and invited them all back anytime.

**April 4** – IDOT ok's 40 mph on DeKalb Ave from Fox Ave to Bethany Rd and mayor said it should be 40 mph all the way to DeKalb, just one speed limit. Ok'd drapes in SFD living quarters and mayor's office at \$2,180 from Wig Interiors.

**April 18** – Rev Persson invocation. Canvass City Election: Ald 1<sup>st</sup> ward McMillan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thomas, 3<sup>rd</sup> Drake, 4<sup>th</sup> Binder. Fed Rev Shrg grants ok'd: VAC \$4,500, FOOD \$500, 4-C's \$400, Youth Svc Bur \$200, Child Circle \$200, Family Svc Agy \$200. Ok'd library budget \$75,000. Wage & Salary Ord read mayor noting most get \$600 raise with City 4-18-83 Atty pay at \$14,178. Newly elected Ald Binder questioned 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading since he just saw

the Ord for the 1<sup>st</sup> time. Ald Ramsey said the ord is late and needs passed since the new year begins May 1<sup>st</sup>. Passed by 6-2 vote with Binder and Drake opposing. Complimented Driv-Lok Inc for plant expansion during tough times. Lorayn Gallagher from Mason Ct and neighbors noted cars ticketed due to parking for an auction there and she heard someone say the ticket could be “fixed” to which mayor said he’d never fix a ticket even for his wife and certainly 4-18-83 not for people at an auction sale. Mayor reminded all that SPD if agreed to before an event can relax parking laws for certain events on a one time basis such as funerals, anniversaries, business openings, reunions, etc.

**May 2** – Ald Thomas invocation. Clerk Yeager swore in newly elected aldermen who were applauded. All dept heads and council urged to attend the Memorial Day Program and Parade. Boy Scout Troop 40 with Geo Spartz leader at council. Ok’d Recreation Commission budget at \$71,600.

**June 13** – Library report noted extended hours with 4,520 card holders of which 529 nonresident. Library holds 31,699 books with 649 books withdrawn and 719 new ones. Noted new state law requiring labor/mgmt. “mandatory collective bargaining and binding arbitration” to be voted on which allows public employees to strike so council resolved 7-1 vote to oppose. Lots of flooding with full storm sewers and water in basements various parts of city. Ok’d Fed funds to replace downtown lighting from 1955 with sodium vapor lighting. City still struggles with flooding so city to apply to IEPA for emergency Trt Plant bypass to Kish to avert homes flooding.

**June 27** – More downpours noted wit workers commended for doing what they could. Bad walks in city noted. Annual Approp Ord ok’d with 3.24% increase and noted the Forestry Fund negative \$48,853 due to Dutch Elm Disease. Ok’d new Warner Cable contract with \$1.95 per month increase for 5 new channels and new converter box. Jet cleaning sewers on Lincoln St found a broom lodged in the line preventing flow. Manholes to be sealed to prevent ground water from sanitary sewers.

**July 11** - Ald Ramsey invocation. Mayor noted good work done in flood of July 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> which may be the worst city has seen since Kish so far over its banks and PW working through the nights along with mayor on floods. New collective bargaining bill exempts police and fire but would apply to local gov’t with 25 or more workers.

**July 25** – Rev Fraccaro invocation. Ed and Alice Paulson shared expansion plans for Genoa Business Forms on Park Ave going from 35 to 50 workers with new machinery and they thanked mayor and city for assisting their expansion and all gave them a standing ovation. More talk on flood prevention measures. After city ok’d sale of N Maple St parking lot strong objection by merchants so sale delayed 6 months. Treas Mundy thanked city for his attending IMTA seminar and noted a rule of thumb for city debt is no more than 10% of gross revenue as debt and that city is safely at 8% and he gave a written report that MFT decreasing each year.

**August 8** – Nancy Beasley noted to “10 bit committee” have new book she and Steve Bigolin worked on “A Walk Through History” to commemorate city 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary and she presented copies to the mayor and clerk. Annual Tax Levy Ord ok’d at \$1,250,037 with Annual Approp Ord at \$2,622,570 or 48% Levy to Approp. Levy just 3.49% higher than last year. Mitch Mabel from VFW said 50 new flags years ago are down to 20 and in bad shape. Mayor and council ok’d \$250 of \$500 to replace 25 flags to fly downtown. Atty noted City Code Ord Book being cleaned up to address garages, fences, etc and Ord Comm to work on this.

**August 29** – Ok’d \$70,000 grant to help fund Sycamore Child Care Admin via Kish College at 204 Kishwaukee Dr.

**October 4** – State grant of \$75,000 plus site at Stonehenge gifted could be new home of Sycamore Child Care with land for nice playground too. Kish College Business Info Ctr, Mary Shumaker, city, and Mary Olson worked on this. Letter from Lions Club on confusion and questioning setting guidelines for Pumpkin Fest with city agreeing to work with Lions Club for the best Pump Fests possible. Army Corps Engr from Rock Island asked mayor and council to walk the Kish River to id problem areas. Ok’d.

**October 17** – Ok’d Israel of Gods Church to build church at 235 North Ave under special use permit.

**October 31** – Rev Munz invocation. Ok’d \$100 to each volunteer group at Pump Fest. Ald Binder noted Treas Mundy’s birthday and all sang Happy BD to Ken. City to work with Pump Fest Comm on a few refinements. Ok’d limited truck loads on certain streets at 7,000 lb but 10 ton on truck route streets built for heavy trucks.

**November 28** – Fr Gros invocation. Downtown decorated for Christmas and is welcome sight. Ok’d Resol to honor NIU Huskie Football Team as they play in the California Bowl (which they won.) Ok’d curb side recycling proposed by Jack Stiles. Mayor noted 5 companies interested in Sycamore: piston maker, 2 wire factories, and plastics co among them. Mayor noted home repairs done by other than good local guys result in poor workmanship and he urged all to hire local trades for home improvements.

**December 12** – Bishop Thomas invocation. Ok’d bills: Gen’l \$105,925, W/S \$20,044, PMRF \$167, IMRF \$6,263 totaling \$132,401. Sen Percy noted Fed Rev Shrg extended 3 more years. Ok’d lease at 1415 and 1503 W Stonehenge Dr with Sycamore Child Care for 99 years with options for them to buy land and bldg. Lease is \$1,000 1<sup>st</sup> year and

\$10 per year thereafter with options to buy at \$500 over closing costs.

## **January 9, 1984**

Ok'd Flood Ord which could make flood insurance more affordable in city. Ald Ramsey invocation. Ok'd rescinding board appts at both banks to attract industry since they only caused hard feelings, are counterproductive, and \$150 for each board to be returned to city. Ok'd on tight 5-4 vote with mayor breaking tie to pay Mary Shumaker \$200 per month to chair SYCEDC. All sang Happy Birthday to Ald Smith. Mayor thanked workers on main breaks and icy streets. Ok'd city and NIU Recycling to pick up papers. Ok'd DeKalb Co Disposal 3 year contract with 1<sup>st</sup> year \$69.75, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$74.43, and 3<sup>rd</sup> \$78.13 which includes white goods and ok to negotiate 3 more years at contract end. Chief Utter noted 629 ambulance calls in '83.

**January 23** – Mayor called by Anaconda-Ericsson with no bid contract for buildings so they will be marketed and rented to small industries with purchase options. Dick Gustafson heading group to fund new ambulance: Dave Juday industry, Dick Lindgren rural, Dave Hunt merchants, Joe Bussone service clubs and individuals, Dr Paul Stromberg professionals, Bob Wildenrad insurance and real estate with all funds through clerk's ofc and on to accounts in both banks. Al Finkbone already donated saying "it's the best thing for Sycamore." Sycamore Univets gave mayor \$500 check too. Ok'd \$.75 per sq ft city share for new walks to encourage more to fix their walks. Ok'd variance for White Hen Pantry store at 404 W State St. Mary Shumaker noted the \$200 given her will be in an account for use to direct fund SYCEDC costs only approved by mayor and clerk. Council thanked Mary for this. The Natl Bank & Trust Co as Trustee for the Esther Nesbitt Estate proposing gifting her home at Chauncey and Somonauk Sts to city as museum and art gallery and gives city 240 days to decide sent to Bd Local Improv for 90 days study.

**February 6** – Noted Ambulance Fund at \$21,000. Treas Mundy noted Genl Fund earned \$4,000 interest where no interest earned before bank deregulation allowing money market investments for all investors and he advised not to worry about Fed Rev Shrg funds ending as they never were part of the operating budget but always extraordinary income.

**March 5** – Jr HS had "Govt Week" and elected students as city office holders: Mayor Jennifer Zinkann, Clerk Deanna Carrier, Treasurer Joey Finnicum, Ald 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> wards no students, 3<sup>rd</sup> Carl Montzka and Rob Wilson, 4<sup>th</sup> "Buddy" Windelborn and David Mohr. Mayor noted this is a great thing for students and all applauded students and teachers.

Principal Greathouse and teacher Lambert thanked city council and mayor for 8<sup>th</sup> graders and look forward to each year of having students elected to city council and attending a meeting there. Curbside paper collection 1<sup>st</sup> Sat monthly with 2<sup>nd</sup> collection at 8 ton of paper to recycle.

**March 19** – Noted passing of long time teacher Frances Gilbert who taught school 53 years. Salary & Wage Ord ok'd.

**April 2** – Ok'd \$500 to Chamber for Christmas lights. Resol #113 ok'd to honor and remember former City Treasurer Pearl Walrod Coleman who served 40 years now deceased. Ok'd city and IDOT city share at \$13,601 for new lighting downtown on a 75/25 split cost.

**April 16** – Ok'd new ambulance at \$36,000 with old one sold to Maple Park at \$10,000. Noted Kish River dredging by Sycamore Township with city to clean Kish from Rt 23 north to Brickville Rd removing trees and brush which impede flow. Ok'd Rev Shrg grants: VAC \$4,500, Syc Child Care \$1,000, Family Svc Agy \$300, Safe Passage \$200, 4-C's \$500, FOOD Program \$500. City to receive \$102,500 Fed Rev Shrg this year.

**April 30** – Rev Persson invocation. Park applies to sell beer in clubhouse 10 am to 9 pm May – Nov sent to Ord Comm. Resol ok'd to honor Everell Smith who served 9 years on hospital board and fought against it closing. Ok'd Treas Mundy meeting in Chicago as he is asked to be the rep for IMTA to the Illinois CPA Society along with \$325 for annual expenses. Ok'd CNWRR vacating railroad right of way to allow road access to Anaconda property for development. Ok'd library budget at \$81,000 and Rec Comm budget at \$66,000.

**May 14** – Noted deaths of Health/Weed Commissioner Floyd Mowry and his wife in auto accident. Appt Pete Driscoll Health/Weed Comm ok'd. Ok'd revised zoning Ord after many hours work. Bd Local Improv discovered '76 Trt Plant project severely undersized with flow rates figured on daily not hourly basis. EPA agreed city was "sold a bill of goods" and will help rectify even granting 2<sup>nd</sup> bypass for storm water. City to hire Engr consultant to verify Engr Brady's findings that Deuchler Assoc at fault for poor plant performance and city flooding due to their work.

**May 29** – New Hlth/Weed Comm Driscoll noted 1<sup>st</sup> week interesting with calls on crying babies, dandelion seeds blowing, snakes in yards, and cockroaches in rental property.

**June 11** – Ok'd Annual Approp Ord at \$2,788,489. Ok'd rejecting gift offer of Nesbitt Home at 827 Somonauk due to \$190,000 in repairs to bring it to code and to maintain it with no budgeted city funds. Ok'd deny beer for park clubhouse with mayor noting a referendum on it is in order.

**July 9** – Ok'd intergov't agreement with county for off hours dispatch services at \$15,600 per year.

**September 4** – Rev Munz invocation. Ok'd Annual Tax Levy Ord \$1,331,020 which is less than half the Approp amount. Ok'd tree program with 100 trees at \$98 per tree to split cost 50/50 with residents on 2" Ash, Maple, and Linden balled and burlap and 50% guarantee. Bd Local Improv noted Greely & Hanson Engr Consultants studied poor plant performance and conclude Deuchler Assoc "has no defense at all" due to undersized lines, poor drains, and infiltration issues.

**October 1** – Rev Krout invocation. Noted most of the 100 trees already sold. I-5 to have Sycamore exit signs. CNWRR to remove tracks through city next Spring. Treas Mundy noted II Dept of Revenue better reporting sales tax receipts for city and IMTA fighting to reduce printing cost of annual treasurer report which was \$1,100 here last year. Also city needs written investment policy to direct investments, authority to invest, and evaluation of invested funds. Reports of new management at hospital closing medical wing with surgical wing open but only at 40% census which is unsustainable. Cecelia King objected to Pump Run on Sun not Sat and was referred to Pump Fest Comm and Chamber.

**October 29** – Letter from Army Corps Engr noting they could do nothing more in Kish River due to low CFS flow which had to be 700 CFS for them to be involved. Engr Brady asks II Division Water Resources to come look at us. Ok'd salt for winter at \$26.40 per ton on 400 ton. Norris Palmer resigned for position in Utah. Carl Swanberg appt acting Trt Plant Supt. Mayor hired Fred Busse as Class II Operator at Trt Plant.

**November 12** – New Minister Rev Henzlik invocation. All trees from the Fall Tree Program planted and doing well. Atty Fierz noted city to sue Deuchler Assoc due to improper Trt Plant design and then built as undersized.

**November 26** – Ok'd Olson land 5 acres northwest side to de annex due to flood plain to become county land again. Human Relations Comm asks that all parking lots have handicapped parking spaces. Treas Mundy bought Apple II home computer with own funds and will computerize all city records and reports that he makes to council.

**December 10** – Ald Crain invocation. Noted Uarco will lease 125,000 sq ft of former Anaconda Plant. Ok'd new Clarke Co contract for spraying at \$5,147. Ok'd Voluntary Action Ctr to rezone land on Bethany Rd for new bldg.. Ok'd Annual Wage and Salary Ord with raises for elected people on 6-2 vote. Ald Thomas invited all to Christmas cake and coffee in SFD quarters.

#### **January 7, 1985**

Rev Patten invocation. Ok'd bills: Genl \$84,784, W/S \$20,588, PMRF \$161, Forestry \$250, IMRF \$6,233 Total \$112,017. New sweeper coming Mon. Discussion on pagers for volunteer SFD with 15 bought with city \$4,000 and SFD \$1,300. Ald Drake noted trees costing \$1 per tree could be planted around Trt Plant to become wind break and to beautify the grounds. Sycamore Child Care to buy 2 lots for \$10,000 up front and avoid long term debt. Ok'd. Ok'd 700 White Spruce for north and south Trt Plants at \$1 per tree or \$700.

**February 4** – Chief Utter to retire 5-1-85 and is thanked by mayor and council for 20 years' service to SFD. Bob Boey spoke to council that he and partner Michael Kreiger bought the former Anaconda Plant with intentions to make space available for smaller businesses. Applause! Ok'd city to work for community development grant to aid Boey and Kreiger with their project.

**March 4** – Jr HS Career Days with election winners at council: Mayor Trent Schade, Clerk Curt McCormick, Treas Brian Hindenburg, Ald 1<sup>st</sup> ward Scott Sorrel and Veronica drake, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stephanie Payne and Tonya Alexander, 3<sup>rd</sup> Traci Crain and Jenny McCoy, 4<sup>th</sup> Samantha Mitchell and Scott Weckerly. Ok'd rezone of 1606 Bethany Rd from Ag to Light Manuf for VAC Bus Garage, Food Production, and Offices. Ok'd DeKalb Ag to run water main to coop with Kmart line to improve water quality for both. Social Security no longer coming to city but still at senior hi rise in DeKalb but they would still send a rep to answer questions and mayor offered his office when they come. Ray Lambert and students thanked mayor and council for the meeting.

**March 18** – Rev Ryden invocation. Treas Mundy urged council to act on city investment policy to comply with law. Resol to be at next meeting.

**April 29** – Ald Ramsey invocation. PW Supt Swanberg noted 694 trees planted with help from Scout Troop 40 and Cub Scout Den 140 and all trees look good. Mayor appts for next year ok'd by council. Bd Local Improv met: City to seek "hold harmless" clause from Sycamore Municipal Hospital which is being sued with Dr Eggers, Dr Lindeen, and the city. Deuchler Assoc '76 Trt Plant issue in discovery phase to "clarify info and problems" and will be recorded by court recorder.

**May 13** – New concern with NIU Engr School at former Anaconda Plant on N Cross St with student bus drop off space needed with a street correction. Mayor and Bob Boey and NIU President Bill Monat negotiated use of the Engr Bldg for the school. Ok'd 4 lots at Redmore Subdiv to be sold to Louis Salemi for \$47,000. Treas Mundy noted ComEd raised user fees from \$1.94 to \$9.92 per month and Citizens Utility Board fighting increase. Ok'd \$25,000 Fed Rev Shrg funds to match state for traffic signals at State and Sacramento Sts. Chamber President Stu Nelson noted downtown can compete with malls if parking open to shoppers and not to all day parkers.

**May 28** – Rev Henzlik invocation. Mayor noted Fed Rev Shrg may end so city loses \$92,000 and needs to tighten our belts. Ok'd \$12,800 SYCEDC bills ok'd and paid through Clerks Office. Ok'd Community Development Assistance Grant for Driv-Lok Inc. Treas Mundy annual expenses ok'd at \$385.

**July 8** – Treas Mundy took examples from city industry to IMTA Convention where Gov'r Thompson spoke on Build Illinois Program. Comptroller Roland Burris also spoke and wanted to credit Gov'r Dan Walker with Build Illinois but council concluded it's good program and matters little which party is responsible for its benefits. Mundy noted sales tax cases recently won by Springfield and Pawnee where state must pay interest on delayed sales tax distributions with city receiving \$11,000 so far with more to come. Il Munic League recommends not changing external audit firms same year as new clerk to avoid both being new on the job.

**August 5** – Ald Thomas invocation. New SFD Chief Linville noted 30% better response with new beepers in use with savings of \$3,420 if volunteers paid vs SFD. Supreme Court ruling all SFD and SPD overtime retroactive to 4-15-85. Complaints on Martin's Ditch noted but some let PW onto property and others not to clean the Ditch of weeds and trash but it's property owners job to clean the side of the Ditch on their property. Survey of local plumbers found most will answer call after hours so concluded PW need not be on call when a plumber is needed even after hours. Ok'd city to no longer do rodding services in city. Noted if Rec Comm and Parks merge Park asks for \$.09 levy and would not levy for 1 year to account for going from \$.03 to \$.09 with more discussion to come.

**September 3** – Ald Crain invocation. Ok'd Public Employee Benefit Co rep to speak to city workers. Ok'd tree program for 35-50 trees. Ok'd Annual Tax Levy Ord. Rec Comm/Park Merger Ord held for 30 days to 6 mos. Ok'd Sunday beer and wine sales for Olympic Health Club & Training Table Restaurant. Denied request for group home at 321 W High St. Much discussion on adult group home with legal reps on both sides as council accepted Plan Comm recommendation to deny the permit. Ok'd winter salt buy at \$28.72/ton for 400 ton. Talks ongoing with IDOT to lower speed limit N Main to Sycamore Middle School. Ok'd Stran's trees at \$125 per tree for 2" Ash, Linden, and Red Maple with 50/50 cost split residents and city. Ok'd naming park in Electric Park after Ron and Paula Brazeal's sons claimed by childhood disease. City to close Trt Plant bypass per IEPA and work more on keeping ground water from sanitary sewers.

**October 14** – Ald Ramsey invocation. Mayor Johnson, Clerk Yeager, Ald Wildenradt, Thomas, Clapsaddle, Drake, Crain, Binder, and Ramsey with McMillan on vacation. PW told to buy ditch wall supports to protect workers in the ground. Ok'd cleaning and painting water tower in '86 for \$30,000. Ok'd 10-19 "car safety awareness day" to educate on new seat belt and child seat laws in vehicles. Treas Mundy noted Congress getting heat from local gov't on mandated overtime law so it's being reconsidered. Treas now has 6 months to file annual report so audited data can be used to strengthen the accuracy and validity of the annual treas report. Mayor noted with help from SYCEDC members Jim Huntley and Berni Schelkopf a new company comes to city from Kirkland, Inlaid Woodcraft Products Inc is owned by Dale and Marge Johnson and are in the former WICO Bldg on Brickville Rd where they craft high end wood marquetry for quality furniture pieces. Engr Brady will expedite final street work due to season changes. Noted people on rooftops downtown during Pump Fest Parade and this will stop and the parade start time will be 1 pm to ensure it's all wrapped up by dark when so many are leaving to go home. Ok'd city stop rodding sewers 1-1-86. Mayor noted sadly "whole country has a problem and city can't pick up brush, use city dump, rod sewers, and on and on."

**November 1** – Rev Ryden invocation. Pack 118 Webelows here from North School with leaders. 44 trees bought and 14 planted so far with the annual tree program. Ald Clapsaddle asked the '84/'85 city audit be explained and Clerk and Treas said they would meet with anyone to discuss the audit. Kenco Plastics Co with Ken Keleher are in the former Anaconda Plant now known as the Sycamore Industrial Park on N California St. More discussion on alley north side of State St and how to improve it for truck traffic and more parking.

**December 9** – Rev Patten invocation. PW equipment, water drainage and retention, and sewers problems all discussed. All to join council in SFD quarters after meeting for Christmas cake and coffee.

## **January 6, 1986**

Mayor Johnson and Ald McMillan, Wildenradt, Thomas, Clapsaddle, Drake, Crain, Binder, and Ramsey all present. Mayor welcomed Ald Ramsey back from major heart surgery. Applause. Ald Ramsey thanked city for plant when he was away. Cable TV at \$12/month 2-1-86. Army Corps Engr recommend 500-600 acres retention areas south and north of Bethany Rd to control flooding in the city. Treas Mundy noted last part of Bank Dereg '82 in place 4-1-86 which allows banks to set own rates instead 5 ½ % rate ceilings. Also that Il Dept of Insur allows annuities investments for pension funds to strengthen return and investment yields. SFD commended by Judge Rex Meilinger for call to court house and how well SFD responded and handled it. Part of railroad trestle on N Cross needs to be

removed to allow larger vehicles and buses from NIU to pass there. Objections noted to Opportunity House group home planned at 350 N Sacramento but with some members in support of it.

**February 3** – Rev Paul Sheley invocation. PW Supt Listy noted larger street signs at Sacramento and State with Ald Thomas noting she waited 8 years for them. Laughter. Treas Mundy ok'd for \$106 for meeting in Peoria. Ok'd Greely & Hanson Assoc monitor flows of sewer system to check sustainability. Drs Hauser and Ross and Developer Tom Rosenow to build 24,000 sq ft bldg. as clinic and office at Gateway Dr and DeKalb Ave on 3 acres land. Ok'd \$700,000 Indust Rev Bonds to build outpatient surgical center. Ok'd buying CNWRR land west of City Hall for \$4,700. Ok'd walks along N main to new middle school with schools to fund the walks.

**March 3** – Fr Gros invocation. New mailer from SYCEDC to promote city. Speeds on N Main with IDOT to study. Rec Comm and Park Dist to remain separate for now.

**March 17** – Rev Patten invocation. Middle School students at council: Mayor Kevin Bickner, Clerk Cris Knight, Treas John Hulseberg, Ald 1<sup>st</sup> ward Carl Hagen, Justin Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deann Eichelberger David Womack, 3<sup>rd</sup> Amy Chamberlain, Meghan Juday, 4<sup>th</sup> Kim Lenchow, Lisa Rote. Applause for the students. Ok'd 10% water rate hike and 15% sewer rate hike to cover costs of power to deliver services and run the system. Ok'd Fraternal Order of Police to represent SPD union members. Ok'd painting water tower inside and out orange. Ok'd Independent Order of Firefighters to represent SFD union members. Ok'd abating \$235,000 property taxes next levy due to excess funds. Treas Mundy recommends transfers of \$40,000 from Genl to W/S Fund and \$10,000 from Genl to Parking Meter Revenue Fund. Ok'd.

**April 14** – Rev Brown invocation. Ald Ramsey asked about new trucks and mayor said go new if no good used ones adding dept heads prefer good older used trucks without all the computerization found on the new ones. Ok'd Rev Shrg Fd grants: VAC \$5,500, Family Svc \$300, Bigs & Littles \$281, Syc Child Care \$1,000, FOOD Program \$500. Ok'd sale of lot at Redmore Subd to Lou Salemi at \$12,000. Ok'd 2 year Fire Dist contract at \$69,000/year and 2 year Ambul Dist contract at \$80,000/year. Ok'd Rec Comm budget at \$73,600 and library budget at \$87,000.

**May 12** – Fr Gros invocation. SPD handled 119 unlicensed or inoperable vehicles in '85 most ever. PW Supt Listy displayed a 2 ft x 6 ft street sign meant for downtown that Ald Thomas had asked for "for some time." Laughter. Ok'd county new bldg and parking lot N Locust St. Treas Mundy noted suit Pawnee vs Dept of Revenue in Pawnee's favor so state must pay interest on late payments back to locals with city receiving \$11,600 so far. Ok'd Mundy annual cost request of \$360 for dues and meetings. School Board member Marvin Barnes spoke on busing kids outside neighborhood schools due to half day kindergarten and how this endangers neighborhood school concept now and in the future.

**June 9** – Ald Crain invocation. Mark's Machine Shop building guards to prevent climbing on water tower. Ok'd painting water tower inside and out for \$72,000 and \$6,000 for new generator when tower is "down" so flow and pressure is maintained. Much discussion on former high school property owned by Brown's who seek rezoning to commercial. Ok'd city share of walks repair from \$.75 to \$1/sq ft to encourage city/resident cost share on them. Ok'd change of water tower color from orange to light blue after too many complaints on the orange. Annual Approp Ord 11.4% higher due to insurance and wage costs. Mayor noted many weed offenders and directed SPD to get on them noting "we're going to get them."

**June 30** – Spec Meeting to seek grant for new well needed for new industry at former ITT Holub Indust. Ok'd Resol on grant application with Kish College Jim Grinell to write grant app and city to hand deliver it to Springfield by 7-1.

**July 2** – Ok'd bills: Genl \$134,322, W/S \$35,958, PMRF \$4,325, For \$150, IMRF \$7,528 total \$182,285. Ok'd 12 3 ft x 3 ft stop signs and posts made at Pontiac Correctional Facility at \$35 per sign. Ok'd beginning talks with Ven Care at hospital to integrate patient care and income.

**July 7** – Ald Ramsey invocation. Woodgate residents desire walks into city for bikers, hikers, joggers, strollers, etc. City Atty to look into it with IDOT. IDOT ok'd traffic lights at Edgebrook Dr and DeKalb Ave.

**August 4** – Ald Crain invocation. IEPA noted city water with less radium than before and safe at this point.

**September 2** – Ald Ramsey invocation. Ord being prepared to buffer residential and commercial from industrial zoned property. Ald Crain suggested when a recommendation is received from Plan Comm or Zoning Bd, city act on it and not hold it 2 weeks for "2<sup>nd</sup> reading" in order to help the petitioners. Ok'd. Chamber Commerce supports rezoning former high school property so Brown's Market can build their new store. Ven Care and hospital merger heartily endorsed by hospital board, medical staff, 120 employees, and hospital admin all feeling it's best way to keep hospital open, save jobs, have a Pediatrics Wing, and continue local health care. Engr Brady noted engr estimates ready soon for retention areas south side and mayor noted Gov'r "Big Jim" Thompson called to let city know state has \$300,000 toward the project.

**September 15** – Public Hearing to lease hospital to Ven Care with support from all stakeholders. Ald Clapsaddle noted "old high school" coming down today. Ok'd winter salt buy at \$23.20/ton. New computer system working in

clerk's office. IEPA to fine city \$10,000 for 5 violations with mayor directing Atty to negotiate it down since state permitted city to have 2 overflow bypasses if needed. Mayor noted flood damage to many homes prevented using both bypasses to the river for the storm water.

**October 13** –Ald Ramsey invocation. SYCEDC has new city promotional piece. State Health Oversight Board, Operating Board, and Ven Care Board all approve lease of Sycamore Municipal Hospital to Ven Care. Ald Binder noted appreciation to PW for cleaning up city after 80,000 people here for Pump Fest. Noted some bad walks downtown detracted from safety at Pump Fest. Chamber has new 1 minute ad jingle playing about Discover Sycamore and shopping promo made for \$20,000.

**November 24** – Rev Ryden invocation. Water tower painted light blue and being refilled. Greely & Hanson evaluated flowages in recent storm to testify with professional test results in lawsuit city vs Deuchler & Assoc on '76 Trt Plant Project. Closed Meeting about higher trash collection rates due to higher fuel and landfill cost increases. IEPA fine 11-24-86 to city no more than \$10,000 with city to notify IEPA when it needs to use both bypasses to prevent flooding. City saved “hundreds of thousands of dollars” on the new unemployment plan and will continue the plan. Group of businessmen bought property north side of north alley downtown and want improvements made there for more parking and truck deliveries. Build II Funds to be used in part. The Natl Bank & Trust Co and Stephen Woodrick propose 10 acres east of Cloverlane Dr known as Cambridge Place. Ok'd. Ok'd 3 year trash contract DeKalb Co Disposal. Ok'd liquor license for Four Seasons Bowling Alley. Ok'd Bethany Baptist Church for Christian School.

### **January 5, 1987**

Fr Gros invocation. Ald Binder questions if Ven Care is honoring lease by keeping workers as was promised. Noted some city properties not to code and possibly unsound.

**January 19** – Fr Gros invocation and he included Ald Binder and his brother Ron who received a kidney from Brother “Butch” recently and both are doing well. Water main breaks at State and Somonauk very old mains taking 18 hours and 26 valves replaced for the repairs. Illegal pushing snow into streets and junk cars are issues. County ok'd salvage yard on Brickville Rd near Kish River. Ok'd FOP contract for SPD which replaces 1980 code on pay and benefits. Letter from youth group “I'm Doing Alright” inviting all to their town meeting on drugs at SHS Auditorium Jan 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm.

**February 2** – Rev Persson invocation. Mayor welcomed Ald Binder back from kidney surgery for his Brother “Ronnie.” Applause. SYCEDC has new ad aimed at industry and invited Roger Hopkins to open meeting to speak. Bob Boey hosts a “coffee” at Sycamore Industrial Park to acquaint people with space available there. Mayor noted SW Trt Plant built to serve Electric Park has many more users now than when it was built. Rep Hastert said Fed Funds available for newly expanded Trt Plant. Ok'd Woodgate Phase II for R-2 residential zoning to allow multifamily housing. CNWRR seeks payment \$4,200 for land west of City Hall but mayor holds payment til all crossings and right of ways are cleaned and resurfaced. Discussion that these are separate issues but Atty said mayor should not be criticized and by talking to the issues he may be able to “get the jobs done.” Mayor recognized Chuck Stowe and Pat Balentyne who are seeking Ald seats in 2<sup>nd</sup> ward. Chief Linville noted \$5,000 raised at auction for acid and hazardous material gear for SFD. Noted that Bob Boey's industrial park is 70% occupied with 12 businesses which mean more jobs for Sycamore. Treas Mundy noted new gov't investments to yield 7 ½% to 9 ½% but Treasuries and Certificates of Deposit are lower yields and he recommends 20% to 25% city idle funds be invested in newer instruments as they are backed by the full faith and credit of the US Gov't. Atty Fierz noted Mundy is astute at city investing and he has broad authority to do so. A city Corporate Resol needed to invest this new way. Ald Binder thanked council for remembering him and his brother during recent surgery and confinement.

**March 2** – Rev Henzlik invocation. Council to study no smoking policy at council meetings. Ok'd \$300,000 for retention area and \$100,000 for alley by well #1. So far land south of Bethany Rd hard to buy. Ok'd International Assoc Fire Fighters contract with SFD members worked out by Ald Crain and Atty Spizo from the union.

**March 16** – Rev Patten invocation. Middle School students at council for Gov't Week: Mayor Todd Hillmer, Clerk Kathy Olson, Treas Jammi Jeffries, Ald 1<sup>st</sup> ward Jason Polichnowski and Dan Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Merritt Kuhn and Kelli Malm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sarah Brown and Ryan Drake, 4<sup>th</sup> Kyle Fraccaro and Neil Weir and Ray Lambert. Applause. Ald Drake noted badges, bars, and pins at SPD in bad shape needing replaced so council ok'd \$1,500 for SPD “jewelry.” Deal on N alley behind stores ok's \$50,000 Build II Funds with city matching \$50,000 to fund the work. All students thanked city for the meeting with one wanting more “no” votes on the issues. Treas Mundy recommends transferring interest earned on PMRF, \$20,000 and W/S, \$40,000 to the Gen'l Fund. Ok'd. Ald noted people asking about no smoking in restaurants and it's noted that state legislature has bills on this so the matter laid over. Ok'd home construction in Cambridge Pl before streets in but no occupancy allowed until site improvements and streets are done. Ok'd Wehling Well Works to drill well #8 at \$233,239 with total well job to be over \$500,000.

**April 13** – Rev Brown invocation. PW Supt noted 250 trees planted at Trt Plant. New Wage Ord 6% raises for dept heads and 5% for others. Canvass election: Ald 1<sup>st</sup> ward Bernie McMillan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chas Stowe, 3<sup>rd</sup> Arthur “Buck” Drake, 4<sup>th</sup> Robert “Butch” Binder. Bowling for the Bigs & Littles Program raised \$600 and city will match it this last year of Fed Rev Shrg Funds. Ok’d. Since hospital became private as of 10-10-86 levy will be abated and discontinued and prorated by fiscal and tax year basis. Ok’d. The no smoking in council chambers failed since state did not rule on the issue. Ok’d \$5,000 to VAC for buses as part of the last Fed Rev Shrg grants.

**April 27** – Ald Ramsey invocation. Ald Gen Thomas last meeting serving 12 years and she thanked all who worked with her. Applause by all for Gen. Auxil SPD wrote 40 speeding tickets in 4 hours 1 night and will continue the speeding crackdown. Much dissatisfaction with Ven Care for not maintaining OB Ward and alleged mistreatment of longtime staff, doctors, and nurses. Mayor noted city was “sold down the river” by Ven Care and Ald Binder regrets supporting lease of SMH to them. More to follow.....Cheryl Maness and 58 Lincoln St residents petition to have their street next to fix in 1<sup>st</sup> ward. Ok’d. Ok’d contracts with FOP and IAFF for SPD and SFD. Ok’d Fed Rev Shrg grants: VAC \$5,500, FOOD Program \$300, DCEDC \$500. Mayor’s appt new year Ok’d and library budget ok’d at \$84,400.

**May 11** – Fr Gros invocation. Supt Albrecht applauded for water dept receiving fluoridation award 3 years going. Much emotional and heated discussion on Ven Care closing OB Unit due to losses and ensure hospital with 148 jobs and \$2 ½ million annual payroll remains financially viable for Sycamore. Treas Mundy noted he had been a Director for IMTA past 3 years and seeks \$370 for his membership and meeting costs. Mayor noted Mundy “has invested pension and city funds very well past several years and he is doing a fine job and is certainly due the cost of the seminar to add to his investment ability.” Ok’d. Fin Comm recommends OB Unit at Ven Care be closed due to losses. Motion on same made with 4-4 tie vote and mayor voting yes to ok the closing of OB Unit on 5-4 vote. Reported Deuchler Case is working through the courts and is being upheld for city so far.

**June 8** – Fr Regnier invocation. Mayor noted ’79 Chevy heavy duty truck for city Vac-All unit to buy. Ok’d. Ok’d cleaning Kish River at \$35/hr with city and township to split cost from N Main west to dredge out trees and debris. Hagen’s and Paulsen’s walks bad shape with Engr to meet with them on repairs. A new industry Sycamore Systems to be at Bob Boey’s Sycamore Industrial Park. Marty Jahnel noted improvements at Comm Ctr with 50-70 kids per day and 150 members of the Feed Our Older DeKalb, FOOD, eating at the Comm Ctr at noon Mon-Fri. Ok’d \$9,000 to DCEDC and \$2,400 to Chamber for economic development costs. Chamber Exec Director Larry Kaye Gray to compile a list of all businesses for Chamber and city. City agreed Sycamore Indust Park nearly full due to SYCEDC and Chamber and Bob Boey’s efforts. County Sheriff bills city \$20,000 for night shift coverage. Mayor noted this cost would be \$38,000 to city if done separately so it’s a good deal. Ok’d. Ok’d liquor license for Matt and Dale Swedberg at 113 N Maple St for package and bar store.

**July 6** – Rev Ryden invocation. Ok’d \$6,317 to maintain Rts 23 and 64 from IDOT for a year. Ok’d low profile sign for Hauser Ross Eye Clinic at DeKalb Ave and Gateway Dr. Ok’d Annual Approp Ord. Ok’d 2” blacktop overlay for some streets this year. Refer Mike Larson’s Maple Terrace Phase II to Plan Comm. Curtis Lang, owner of Adventureland Video denied signs on walks to promote business. Ok’d recodify city code to update it with Atty Fierz for \$500 with Clerk’s Office to do typing.

**August 3** – Fr Gros invocation. Treas Mundy noted city lucky for Jim Grinell of Kish College successful getting grants for city. Ald to compile list of bad walks for Engr Brady. Ok’d Annual Tax Levy Ord. VAC asks city to waive building permit fees for their new garages and offices on Bethany Rd. Ok’d waiving fees except \$1,400 W/S main costs. Ok’d bills: Genl \$87,322, W/S \$33,434, PMRF \$146, For \$1,370, IMRF \$6,776 total \$129,059. Chief Linville noted smoke detector law for all of Illinois by 7-1-88. Recent heavy rains but little flooding except near Southeast School. Ok’d bid of \$14,266 for 10 overhead doors and appurtenances for PW Garages. Ok’d Annual Tax Levy Ord at \$1,035,196. Ok’d \$7,000 to DCEDC for 1 year to measure benefits of it year by year. Ok’d multifamily low income housing at 849 DeKalb Ave which are 12 2 bedroom and 6 1 bedroom apts. Ok’d sale of hospital OB Unit equipment with proceeds to city and not Ven Care. Streets and Walks Comm has list of worst streets for Engr Brady for a 5 year plan of repair and resurfacing. EPA wanting flood flows to evaluate and city still with Greely & Hanson to supply the data due to undersized lines. Car towing at issue with local towers wanting city business and storage an issue too. Merchants pressuring city on N Alley Project but mayor wants money in place before starting. Ok’d Ven Care demolish 247 Edward St condemned house.

**September 14** – Ald Ramsey invocation. SFD promotion raised \$6,497 to buy radios, binoculars, acid suits, chemical pillows, etc. Mayor noted new ambulance and tanker truck needed and for SFD to build specs for same. Many weed and mosquito issues. Ok’d adult group home for handicapped in Woodgate. SFD Geo Spartz and Gene Listy are certified Emergency Medical Technicians. Applause. Ok’d city go ahead with N Alley with \$94,000 state and local and \$41,000 private funds. Ok’d Resol #169 to create Capital Improvement Fund from General Fund monies. Discover Sycamore doing a fine job and granted \$2,500 for new year. Fire Lt Gene Ege presented



info on new ambulance noting newer equipment. Most street projects done soon. Elm St from California to Main 75% Fed/ 25% locally funded. Merchant Gerry McLain noted Discover Sycamore working well to bring shoppers to city and it's unusual the good cooperation with city, retail, and industry all working together effectively.

**October 12** – Rev Sheley invocation. Treas Mundy introduced his “son” Fridjon Fridjonsson, their Icelandic Foreign Exchange Student who speaks fluent English and is very aware of world conditions and who will be with Mundy's this school year. Applause for “Ziggy” the student's preferred nickname. Motions by Deuchler Assoc for county, appellate, and Supreme courts to acquit city claim all denied so suit goes to jury trial to decide: 1) if city past statute of limitations 2 years to file and 2) if Deuchler Assoc were negligent in their design plans. Case goes to trial once city quantifies all damages to it which the Engrs are compiling now. Ok'd buying ambulance from Foster Med-Tech Coach Inc for \$51,174. Discussion that recommendations from Plan Comm unless controversial back to council need no 2<sup>nd</sup> reading just council action on the matter. Ok'd. Ok'd winter salt at \$21/ton. Received 1<sup>st</sup> lease payment from Ven Care.

**November 9** – Ald Ramsey invocation. Mayor Johnson awarded “Clifford Danielson Citizen of the Year” by the Chamber at the Award Ceremony with Ald Crain speaking on behalf of the mayor and toasting/roasting him as well. Applause. Treas Mundy noted despite stocks devalued by 25% by 10-19-87 city investments are safe since city is not invested in stocks and is restricted to non-speculative investing. Mundy noted the city investment report given to council. Engr Brady noted the water tower could have “Sycamore” and our leaves logo at both sides of it for \$500. Ok'd. Ald Ramsey noted local papers finally wrote about Mayor Red's award and that “Red” served 8 years as Ald and as mayor past 30 years. Library Board President Yvonne Johnson asked city to ok agreement with Il Historical Preservation Agency for \$10,000 grant to be matched with \$20,000 library funds to restore the dome and roof tuck pointing on our Carnegie Foundation Public Library. Ok'd. Mayor wished all Happy Thanksgiving.

**December 7** – Ald Ramsey invocation. 3 PW trucks unsafe so bids to go out to replace them. A used truck was mentioned but Atty cautioned no bids are out for a used truck so no action can happen by city. Much discussion on special use request by Dr McCoy on DeKalb Ave to allow professional offices in his building. Request has been to Plan Comm twice and back to council with no recommendation. Former Ald Swanbum at council noting “I'm just here to see that you guys do the right thing and sometimes I wonder.”

**December 28** – Special Meeting on property and workers comp insurance. Paul Peterson and Jay Buckner Agents could not compete with risk pool and questioned value and protection of the pool. Council ok'd pool participation for 1 year effective 12-31-87 at present cost of \$217,075 and with proposed pool cost with better claims history at \$137,166.

#### **January 4, 1988**

Rev Ryden invocation. Ok'd bills: Genl \$138,000 W/S \$32,000 PMRF \$239 IMRF \$8,000 total \$179,000. Engr Brady compiled list of streets with 3 different treatments and will meet with Ald to finalize it after the winter freeze/thaw cycle. Treas Mundy waiting for council action to ok transfer funds to create Capital Improvement Fund. IDOT ok'd pedestrian crossing lights at Spartan Tr with 50/50 cost share with city. Ok'd 3 '88 ½ ton pickup trucks for PW at \$30,300 with trades. Ald Drake displayed photo of 1881 snow storm with snow 20 ft deep on the level, Mayor appt John Lewis to Plan Comm to represent the School Board. Ok'd. Proclamation honoring Librarian Daena Niewold for 19 years' service there with open house 1-28-88 from 1 to 6 pm at the library. Ok'd.

**February 1** – Rev Persson invocation. Council remembered former Fire & Police Comm Chet Lowell who passed recently. Treas Mundy gave final report of all Fed Rev Shrg funds into and out of the city from '73 when it began to '87 when it ended. Discussion on allowing public comment at council meetings with Ald Stowe noting a person recently denied to speak but it was noted that person was ruled out of order at the time. Ald Clapsaddle noted people could speak at School Board meetings. Ald Wildenradt noted he can't attend zoning and Plan Comm meetings so he appreciates people speaking at council meetings. More discussion with mayor saying “public speaking will be placed on the agenda at start of meetings hereafter.” Mayor asked PW to list safety equipment needed to comply with US Senate Bill 701 passed 7 years ago. City struggling with junk cars and SPD has no “tool” to remove them.

**February 15** – Rev Persson invocation. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting agenda with “Audience to Visitors” item for 3 minutes per person to speak to council. Atty Countryman in for Atty Fierz. Treas Mundy presented quarterly report. New Ord Book in print for review. Mundy presented on 1<sup>st</sup> reading Cap Improv Fund titles and amounts for each item. Discussion on Audience to Visitors being early in meetings and ant city related topics ok'd for 3 min maximum per person. Ok'd Fire and Police Pension employee contributions being pretax allowed pending IRS and Il Dept of Insurance ok'd. Chief Linville noted Kish Medical Assoc are providing 3 shot series to SFD for hepatitis inoculations. Ok'd. Ok'd Mundy's list of Cap Improv Fund items derived from Engr Brady totaling \$2,065,000 Genl Fund to begin the 1<sup>st</sup> formal Cap Improv Fund with specific projects and costs.

**March 14** – Fr Gros invocation. Middle School students at council for “Community Awareness Week” with Mayor Rachel Perkowski, Clerk Kristin Hirshbein, Treas Jeremy Brakke, Ald 1<sup>st</sup> ward Rob Hammon and Dan Endhoff, 2<sup>nd</sup> Matt Johnson and Sarah Womack, 3<sup>rd</sup> Kevin Spartz and Jenny Lane, 4<sup>th</sup> Eric Roush and Jarrett Bidstrup. Teacher Ray Lambert with students. Students thanked city for having them again this year. Boy Scout Troop 40 with leader Geo Spartz led the Pledge of Allegiance and recited the Boy Scout Oath. Applause for Scouts and students. New ambulance in city now. Chamber Pres Larry Kaye Gray noted industries will be presented at council each meeting until all local industry has been honored and thanked at council. Ok’d escrow agent at The Natl Bank & Trust Co with merchants having \$15,000 for N Alley project. \$2,500 from Fargo Hotel to fix fire escape.

**April 11** – Ald Ramsey invocation. Ok’d G&G Electric to check traffic lights to synchronize to improve traffic flow. Bob Boey presented American Bare Conductor noting ABC makes copper wire and products including the rivets Levi Strauss uses in its jeans. Also John Westberg presented Auto Meter where gauges are made to measure gas, oil, speed, pressure, etc. and that they have over 90% of the Nascar Racing business in their cars. Both received certificates of appreciation and applause from the room for investing in Sycamore for jobs, goods, and taxes. An NIU marketer proposes Syc vs DeK Intercollegiate Football game with mayors as coaches. Mayor said Bill Johnson is our coach and proposed losing council wash others cars or losers serve refreshments at winning council or losers clean a park in the winner city and that council would decide which is best after the meeting. Barber Greene Co at 4-11-88 meeting having been here since ’56, having a good year, and moving workers from Aurora to local plant. Although a DeKalb company, BG employs many Sycamore people and is a major area employer as Dave Myers noted. PW noted the ’77 Chevy truck given city by Anaconda in bad shape. Ok’d \$1,200 engine and drive train for it. Noted the Sycamore Ald to wash cars in DeKalb due to losing the NIU Football game. Mayor asked for speakers from audience with no response as has been the case since “Audience to Visitors” added to agendas.

**April 25** – Ok’d \$300 to FOOD program for seniors and \$3,000 to VAC. Ok’d Wage & Salary Ord with 6% raises.

**May 9** – Ald Wildenradt invocation. Bell Lumber featured business and were thanked by city. Mayor and SPD Chief took care of shooting incident at pistol range. Mayor wants more crackdown on sump pumps into sanitary sewers and PW is on it. Ok’d Swedberg & Assoc for well house #8 at \$256,995 and Wehling Well Works to drill well for \$67,890. Treas Mundy presented Fire and Police Pension Annual reports and the final ’87/’88 city financial report to council. Mike Zang and Ray Nelson from ConTel will attend council to answer questions. Mr Danielson from SYCEDC presenting Bob Lindgren and Geo Holland of DC Litho founded in 1947 by Howard Campbell and Brune Dunmore. George and Bob are very happy to be in business in Sycamore. Also honored was Barnaby Printing with Paul Barnaby Jr and Sr in attendance and who are 25 years in business and have expansion plans for their business. Both companies were given certificates and thanked by city. Ald Wildenradt noted city should be using \$160,000 of MFT and \$125,000 Genl Fund to blacktop streets on a 10 year plan so all are done and council has lists earlier to decide which streets are done each year. Mayor reminded council when he became mayor no decent streets in town and the process here tonight is what works best for city. Ald Binder said money for streets should be spent on them as was planned. Ald McMillan said if all streets done tomorrow it’s \$500,000 and mayor said “and we’d be broke.” Also “you can’t spend money we don’t have.” More discussion followed with eventual ok to stick to multiyear street plan. Ok’d \$6,597 from IDOT for city to maintain Rts 23 and 64 in the city for 1 year.

Plans ok’d to extend Crosby Ave west to Laing’s Rd and through Laing’s and Green’s properties with a special assessment.

**June 6** – Rev Ryden invocation. City to honor DeKalb Corp (DeKalb Ag) as \$400 million business with oil, seed, swine, poultry, and other production and their other businesses. Alan Skouby Ag VP and Controller noted business in transition separating into genetics food business. Then Kent Schulze Pres DeKalb Phizer noted the Ag was founded by Tom Roberts who lived and began the Ag in Sycamore. Mayor noted Tom Roberts who in 1932 picked corn and peas near what is now Meadow Ln and took the seeds to the “seed house” in DeKalb which was an abandoned church. Both men and their businesses honored and thanked by council. Noted that Engr Brady and mayor both need help with lots of work from time to time. 1<sup>st</sup> Sycamore sign up on Somonauk with IDOT to ok them for Rts 23 and 64, both ends leading into city. Ok’d Clerk to come under city insurance plan having worked over 20 years. Ok’d 1988 City Code. Doty & Son and Driv-Lok Inc both presented. Cal Doty noted over 40 years ago he and his parents began Doty inc and that Sycamore is a good place to live and have a business. Bud Duffey from Driv-Lok Inc thanked city for Indust Rev Bond as they grew, fire protection during a bad fire, and great cooperation from city all along. Rep Countryman noted Build Ill Funds approved with Gov’r to sign the checks. Mayor asked John to “move the check closer to the Gov’r hand so it’s signed sooner.” Laughter. Ok’d Sigma Phi Epsilon NIU Fraternity to plant addresses on curbs to raise money for NI Reading Info Svcs for the blind.

Invitation from St Peter's Episcopal Church to farewell event for Fr Gross who is Vicar of the Church of the Epiphany in Chicago at St Peter's 6-24-88 4 to 7 pm.

**July 5** – Rev Dale Beaman invocation. SYCEDC presented Duplex Products and Fleetwood Manufacturing with both receiving thanks and certificates. NIU Huskie Bus Line to run in city on trial basis for \$500 for 9 months service. Ok'd Annual Approp Ord at \$4,263,463.

**July 18** – Form Art and Genoa Business Forms presented. Ed and Alice Paulson noted their business operating over 31 years began in Genoa and has been in city 4 years with 2 partners having \$350 each and now has a \$1.5 million payroll with half workers from each Genoa/Kingston and Sycamore. Paulson's noted "a very rare and precious thing in Sycamore which is very stable political environment which should be kept if possible." Everett Johnson of Form Art and Paulson's thanked and given certificates of appreciation. Mayor noted that despite attention to business not one contact with city last 6 months on new prospects so he wonders if the new promotions approach by SYCEDC is working and that he hopes things improve over time. Ok'd agreement with Denis Jagodzinski at 116 W State for plaque erected at the site of the 1<sup>st</sup> Court House in DeKalb County by the DeKalb County Historical Society. Negotiating with land owners and Punk's Firestone on N Alley project and parking spaces. Noted housing starts at 45-50 this year with same expected for next year. Also that city Equalized Assessed Valuation is up which helps keep the levy lower. Ald noted questions on levy, approp, and budget asked and answered so no disparaging is made of the budget builders. All agreed the entire council should know how it all works together for the city.

**August 1** – Ald Crain invocation. SYCEDC presented Warren Young and Dick Snow of Ideal Industries Inc who noted the Becker Bros founded the Ideal Commutator Dresser Works in Chicago in 1916 with 4 employees. Now Ideal has 500 workers with 375 in city and business is good with other locations including DeKalb. Certificates and thanks and applause all around. Maple Terrace Phase III ok'd. Mike Larson the owner and developer donated balance of costs needed by SFD to buy a practice manikin for health and safety training. Applause. Ok'd buying used parking meters from Duncan Co in lots of 50 at \$42/meter with 1 year warranty.

**August 15** – Rev Chaney invocation. Inlaid Woodcraft Products Inc Dale Johnson presented his company and was thanked and honored. Discussion on dogs and cats with Atty noting cats are not regulated since they come under "wild animal" law in Il and are protected. Mayor said no Ord needed but a way to convey animal control to county as is done elsewhere. Ok'd new W/S rates both in and out of the city. 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Annual Tax Levy Ord and noted in Treas Mundy's report that city share of consolidated taxes for '87 decreased by 3% and on average for the past 8 years the city increase has been just 3%. By comparison the schools and county portion of the tax bills have increased by 18% and 58% respectively for the same period. Also included in his report are the balances for each Capital Improv Fund sub account. John Albion of Johnson Control Inc noted they produced 160,000 car seats for Chrysler last year. He said the plant was one of the smoothest startups in company history due to the city, engr, mayor, company, and community all working together. He passed out Johnson control ball caps to council and was thanked and honored. Ken Keleher of Kenco Plastics Inc was next to present and noted he and his family here 22 years and praised city, schools, and community support and Bob Boey who had space for Kenco at Sycamore Industrial Park. Kenco produces plastic tops for various containers. Applause and thanks to Ken. Ok'd N Alley reconstruction at \$51,793.

**September 12** – Ald Crain invocation. Major Meagher of Il National Guard introduced the 44<sup>th</sup> Chemical Battalion with headquarters at our armory and are 100% a Sycamore Unit of Il Army national Guard and they are happy to be in Sycamore as a command, logistics, and administrative unit and that no chemicals are held here. Their annual payroll is \$250,000 for 45 soldiers in unit with 7 full time at the armory. They bought land adjacent to them for parking and the renovation is ongoing. Once that is done the armory ok to rent. Mayor thanked Major and his men for serving. Applause. Francis "Fuzzy" Mathey who owns Mark's Machine Shop is important local man who runs a shop key to farmers and the city and others who have trucks and machinery to repair. He praised city and SYCEDC and was thanked and honored by council. Discussion on the vaults under the walks downtown and mayor offered city to fill them if stores block off the spaces. Ok'd \$2,500 for SYCEDC for Discover Sycamore promotions and events. Ok'd crossing guard at Meadow Ln and DeKalb Ave since 27 kids cross to catch buses at the high school.

**September 26** – Bob Judge of Lincoln Litho Inc presented his business of 13 years and is doing well in a great town. Applause. John Kroos presented Opportunity House Inc here 25 years placing 20 jobs last year for develop handicapped adults, has a \$1.3 million budget and serves 207 adults. Applause as Kroos noted George Knipp, Art Muns, Judge Ross Millet, and Stan Gullberg worked hard to build Opportunity House Inc. Mr Heatley of Seymour's of Sycamore Paints Inc presented his business noted he came to city with little money and planned to move the factory to Seymour In until mayor asked him to stay and the city did the road work to the new plant on Crosby Ave to keep them here and now they employ 100 workers and have products in 60 countries.

**October 10** – Rev Dr Henry Dequin invocation. Sadie Swanbum appealed to city with new needs of United Funds now that Fed Rev Shrg Funds have ended. Homeless, drug abuse, truancy, and “pads” homeless shelter all need increased support to survive. Mr Danielson of SYCEDC presented Sycamore Systems Ed Carrigan. They are in 106,000 sq ft of space at Sycamore Industrial Park and expect to employ 50 people to make lockers with Lyons Co of Aurora. Ok’d bid of Alexis 2,000 gallon SFD pumper truck at \$242,000. Mrs Sivright with Cub Scout Pack #140 from St Mary’s. Applause. Ok’d Sycamore Township workers remain part of city insurance plan. Ok’d signals at Edgebrook Dr and DeKalb Ave at \$36,800 with \$12,200 city share.

**October 24** – Geo Suter of Suter Foods Inc presented his business as they mark 50 years. Suter’s founded by Chas Suter in Palatine as an egg route, moved to Genoa, then Sycamore above Curt Lang’s dentist office with the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor filled with live turkeys. In 1941 sales of \$48,000, payroll \$4,000, and overhead at \$1,900. Now 85 workers with \$1 ½ million payroll and \$9 million annual sales canning fowl and fish salads. Geo handed out free samples and received thanks and applause. He thanked city that stayed by him during hard times. Dan Sheasby presented Turner – Cooper Industries who noted the old plant was reduced from 310,000 sq ft to 160,000 sq ft with no loss of production. 70,000 canisters made each year by 170 workers with \$3.8 million annual payroll. Cooper spent \$2 ¼ million to modernize the plant. Applause and thanks to Turner-Cooper. Fin Comm recommends new salaries of \$15,000 for mayor plus \$1,000 for liquor commissioner, Clerk \$26,000, Treas \$4,800, and Ald \$125 per meeting all set for 4 years by law. Ok’d. Ok’d 50/50 cost share for new sewer line S Main to correct an old shared line. Ok’d FOP Police Contract for 1 year.

**November 7** – Rev Sheley invocation. Mayor thanked A to Z Towing as they towed 10 cars during Pumpkin Fest. Ok’d \$200 to each volunteer group who helped at Pump Fest. Treas Mundy shared Dr Paul Green’s comments as a University of Chicago economist that every county in Il spends at least 50% property taxes on schools. In Sycamore 11-7-88 it’s schools 54%, city 18%, county 12%, other 16%. IMRF increased death benefit to \$3,000 with rest of Mundy’s report with council. Mr Danielson presented Larry Kendzora of Sycamore Containers Inc who has 35 workers and he thanked city for services and Engr Brady when Larry built his new home here. His company gives free trick or treat boxes to kids each year and they have a float in the Pumpkin Parade. Discussion on Wage & Salary Ord with mayor noting unfair for his \$5,000 increase when workers get 5%, but Fin Comm Chair noted lots more work coming for mayor and their recommendation stands.

**November 21** – DCEDC and Roger Hopkins presented and noted extension of Peace Road north to Rt 23 good for economic development. Comparative SWAT Study of DeKalb County vs other areas done. DCEDC newsletter is out to 400 contacts and prospects. Armory ok’d seniors walking there during winter if they sign a waiver of liability. Ok’d salaries for elected people. Atty Fierz noted Deuchler Case near trial and he needs another atty on the big case and that it could be settled out of court.

**December 5** – Rev Ryden invocation. Larry Beebe of Uarco Co, a business forms company in Sycamore Business Park very happy to be in Sycamore. Bonnie DeVale of The Valley Co, maker of electronic games, pool tables, etc echoed their happiness with Sycamore and to be here in production. Certificates, thanks, and applause for both. Treas Mundy reported ’73 Parking Meter Bond retired leaving \$74,000 of bond reserve and depreciation to use. Much talk on Auto Meter, Dr Cohen, and other business on Sacramento with parking issues.

### **January 16, 1989**

Mr Brantner invocation. Mayor noted 1<sup>st</sup> time in city history that all operators at Trt Plant Class I with letter from EPA plant has 95% rating citing all 3 operators. Ok’d 33 2 hour meters on Sacramento to open parking for shoppers.

**January 30** – Ald Crain invocation. Bad smell on Exchange corrected by flushing and adding chemicals to water supply to remove sulfite smell. Treas Mundy recapped investing past 8 years and upgrading his reporting to mayor and council during his past 2 terms. Mayor thanked Mundy. Engr Brady noted lot lights at Hardee’s are directed to shield neighbors from them, an 8 ft fence east property line, and shrubs east and south along State St all looks good. Discussion that effective 7-1-89 all subdiv within 1 ½ mile of city must comply with code on walks, curbs, gutters, etc, but all that are already built are grandfathered to county code. Noted a bldg. inspector needed to assist Engr Brady.

**February 13** – Rev Persson invocation. Treas Mundy noted reports on hand with sales tax received exceeded \$1 million 1<sup>st</sup> time ever due to strong sales downtown, Kmart, and auto dealerships. Water/Sewer revenue will carry the program and the deficit at end of ’87/’88. Per Ald Crain’s suggestion Treas Mundy prepared and submitted a 3 year budget request of \$980 for all 3 years. Ok’d. Ok’d final plat of Maple Terrace Phase III. Ald Drake noted there are 7 “Sycamore” in country, 6 cities and 1 village. Engr’s Week noted with Engr School Dean Kasuba, NIU Pres LaTourette, Mayors Johnson and Sparrow pictured at NIU’s Engr School N Cross in city and at NIU’s Still Gym.

**February 27** – Rev Persson invocation. Clerk Yeager vacation so Gail Brantner volunteered as clerk. Martha Wetzel complained that neighbors sump pump flooding her yard. City chooses to not enact an Ord as hers is civil matter and she can sue and use Engr testimony to damages on her behalf. Ok'd bills: Genl \$74,105, W/S \$29,769, PMRF \$321, IMRF \$10,246 total \$114,443. Ok'd 50/50 tree program for the year. DeKalb Co Disposal proposes a pilot recycling program with blue boxes in Foy Addition with 150 homes allowing mixed recycling as company will sort it at the plant to ease the process for users.

**March 13** – Rev Brown invocation. Middle School students at council: Mayor Danny Nenonen, Clerk Rob Isham, Treas Jay Scheisser, Ald 1<sup>st</sup> ward Shawn Gross and Amy Schwarzbach, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nicole Susina and Amy Carson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Elizabeth Coats and Cynthia Bowman, 4<sup>th</sup> Vincent Gervais and Jeremy Wickerson. Plan Comm and council to update comp plan to address 1 ½ mile areas on city edges. Treas Mundy warned that HB 1859 had language that reduces state shared sales tax to city and since 25% of revenue is sales tax, it's serious and we need to object to state legislators Rep Jim McPike, Rep John Countryman, and Sen Pat Welch. Ok'd contacting state to support opposing bill to leave sales tax approp intact. Mayor asked each student about council with some who would be mayor, Atty, or Ald and they all thanked mayor and council for the meeting as they learned a lot. Big applause for the students.

**March 27** – Ald Ramsey invocation. Chief Linville noted an anonymous donor gifted SFd up to #38,836 on a light duty rescue vehicle with city to equip it at \$15,823. Ok'd to accept gift and equip it too and take bids on '76 Chevy truck. Treas Mundy presented revenue and expense reports for past 5 fiscal years taken from city audits and he noted both sales and property taxes generate 25% each for the Genl Fund so they are both vital revenue streams. Ok'd library investment of \$200,000 in a building fund.

**April 10** – Rev Ryden invocation. Roger Hopkins presented maps of industrial land in city an dnoted Peace Rd built as 73,000 lb load limit but ICC and Fed limits are for 80,000 lb truck loads so Peace Rd should be beefed up to an 80,000 lb load road. Derek DeGroot notes recycling big success and suggests Somonauk Gardens and Meadows be added to the pilot study. Ok'd. Senior Center ok'd \$1,200, VAC \$9,000, Meals on Wheels \$1,000 for new year. Ok'd new Bldg Comm/Zoning Officer position at \$33,000 1<sup>st</sup> year. Canvass Election: Mayor Johnson, Clerk Gail Brantner, Treas Mundy, Ald 1<sup>st</sup> ward Gary Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> Roy Smith, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ray Puentes, 4<sup>th</sup> B Phillip Ramsey. Signals at Kmart replaced on ¼ city, ¼ DeKalb, and ½ IDOT cost share with city share \$20,000. Ok'd. Ok'd annex Mike Butala land at 1405 DeKalb Ave for funeral home.

**April 24** – Rev Ryden invocation. Clerk Yeager swore in newly elected council members. Mayor appt Lyle Doty new bldg. and zoning officer to work for Engr Brady and mayor. Ok'd. Due to drought nursery received no trees this year so program deferred until Fall. Ald Crain recommends city staff negotiate future labor contracts. Ok'd agreement with former Clerk Yeager to work 5-1 through 7-21-89 as consultant to Clerk Brantner working 4 hours per day using accrued vacation time and paid all remaining vacation end of July. Ok'd SFD contract with 9 ½ % increase for 2 years. Treas Mundy thanked Clerk Yeager, Ald Crain, and Clapsaddle for "their support, help, and ideas and he noted the clerk's office is the "hub of the city and it IS the city to most people with council the governing body etc." He thanked Clerk Yeager for "her help to me personally" and offered best wishes to Jeff, Gary, Marvin, and Georgina for the future. Mayor noted Clerk Yeager, Ald Crain, Clapsaddle, and Wildenradt for their service to city. Clerk Yeager and Ald Crain thanked city for their help and support and they enjoyed serving Sycamore. Warner Cable going to \$16.45 per month.

**May 8** – Rev Beaman invocation. Mayor appt for new year ok'd. Many spoke to bad water northeast part of city. Ok'd annex HPS Partnership land west of Fox Ave and south of DeKalb Ave. Chief Huber to resign 6-30-89. Ok'd. Treas Mundy presented annual fire and police pension reports. Ok'd. Ok'd Resol to support DeKalb County Landfill.

**June 5** – Ald Ramsey invocation. City working on bad water reports in city with extra flushing, testing, chemicals. Ald Puentes noted how well new retention area south of Bethany Rd works in heavy rains and commended Engr Brady. Bad accident at N Cross and State prove need for turn lanes. Ok'd extending Liquor District to east side of Park since they want a beer and wine license for the park clubhouse. Ok'd \$7,000 to support DCEDC. IDOT to pay city \$6,939 to maintain Rts 23 and 64 in city for 1 year. Vote on county dispatch contract for \$30,000 plus one time equipment fee of \$15,000 passed on close 5-4 vote with mayor breaking tie with yes vote. Treas Mundy noted 20% property tax revenue in city due to and thanks to County Treas Charlotte "Chan" Sundly.

**June 19** – Ok'd new unmarked SPD car from Fargo Motors at \$13,070. Ok'd state Prevailing Wage Act. Motion to extend Liquor District from Governor St to Kish River south side State St only failed on 3-5 vote.

**July 17** – 911 Commission shared benefits of 911 dialing for emergencies but Chief Vesta questioned cost of it. Treas Mundy noted due to recent legislation city to receive 50% more state income tax than expected. Clerk Brantner request for a Deputy Clerk position is sent to Fin Comm. Ald Ramsey noted need for generator at City Hall and mayor noted we have 1 if it works when hooked up. Library has amended budget ok'd to \$133,000. Annual Approp Ord ok'd at \$5,885,516 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

**July 13** – Mary Emmer presented Gov'r Hometown Award for youth achievement at Pump Fest with a sign for Municipal Bldg and a plaque in the Youth Room at library. New banners for downtown planned as old pumpkin flags worn and torn. Fire Lt Fleetwood resigns with 20 years' service. Sacramento MFT bids for both cement and blacktop with cement bid from DR Gilbert Co ok'd at \$314,536. Annual Approp Ord ok'd as follows: Genl \$3,349,895, Genl Obligation Bonds \$146,312, Forestry Fund \$38,500, PMRF \$42,200, IMRF \$110,000, W/S \$768,609, Cap Improv Fund \$1,450,000, total \$5,905,516. Treas Mundy noted II Natl Bank of Springfield will capture all state shared revenue, pay maximum interest on it overnight, and send it electronically to city bank accounts. Ok'd.

**August 14** – Elder Bob Meier invocation. 4H Foreign Exchange Student presented mayor with brochure from her home country of Japan. Applause. Former Ald Crain and Clapsaddle Resol #193 and #194 and plaques given for Gary's 18 years and Jeff's 8 years' service to Sycamore. Applause. PW Supt Listy noted new John Deere end loader is here and now 3 trucks from '70, '71, and '72 need replaced. Ok'd. Treas Mundy noted parking meters and water/sewer funds are supporting themselves, but the Genl Fund is lacking day to day operating revenue. Ok'd Robin Yeager as deputy clerk and was sworn in by Clerk Brantner. Ok'd tree program for parkway and side yards on 50/50 cost share basis.

**August 28** – Rev Dr Dequin invocation. Ok'd 2 '79 trucks from Kane County at \$25,800 for both. Seymour's of Sycamore Paint Co doing 12,000 sq ft expansion and Kishwaukee Medical Assoc to build clinic on W State St. Residents on Parkmoor Ct ok walks on cost sharing basis with city. Ald Drake recommends Ash, Maple, and Oak hardwood trees for tree program. Ok'd 5% rate hikes for W/S System.

**September 11** – Rev Sheley invocation. Ok'd sale of 3 PW trucks at \$1,026, \$1,175 and \$2,600. SFD has bid of \$13,500 for '67 truck bought 20 years ago at \$33,000 so city cost only \$20,000 for 20 years' service and quite reasonable. Ok'd bills at \$218,159. Report on landfill with Engr noting site is good due to rock bottom and has a life of 15-20 years. Tree bid from Stran's Garden Center at \$180 per tree for Little Leaf Linden, Honey Locust, and White Ash so 75 to 125 trees are available for the program. Ok'd Hathaway St to Peace Road. Mayor noted "wish list" of \$12 to \$15 9-11-89 million for Trt Plant, a lift at City Hall to comply with ADA Access Laws, a second fire house, W/S improvements, using 911 system, more PW space, 2<sup>nd</sup> water tower, holding pond south side, and buy land east of City Hall.

**October 9** – Treas Mundy invocation. Computer costs of \$91,000 noted with requests for purchase sent. Ok'd Terry Hannon to move house at 107 E Exchange to Lowell Rd off of Rt 64 with \$10,000 surety bond set. Ok'd library buy Sunoco Station at State and Locust. In closed session ok'd settlement with Deuchler Assoc at \$1,950,000. Ok'd 2 marked SPD cars at \$21,426 with trades. Ok'd winter salt at \$25/ton. Ok'd \$100,000 for computers in city depts.

**November 6** – Atty Fierz invocation. Chief Linville noted paramedics to be trained in infant CPR with classes early '90. Ok'd \$247,000 MFT and W/S work in the new year. Treas Mundy noted after payments only \$125,000 left in Cap Improv sub fund with Perry Ct and Bethany Rd work from D Fund ok, resurface ok with transfer of \$100,000 from another sub fund leaving only \$35,000 there. Mayor appt himself, Mundy, and Fin Comm to meet on these funds. Ok'd. Ok'd increases on building permits, water taps, sanitary sewer hookups, plumbing permits, electric permits, and bulk water rates, all to raise revenue mainly for capital improvement purposes. Ok'd bills of \$222,000. Treas Mundy noted in his report W/S and PMRF ok, but help needed there for future. He said "our spending from now on should be very deliberate." Annual Tax Levy Ord ok'd at \$1,177,771 vs Approp Ord at \$5,905,516 or just 20% ratio. Ok'd 2 year extension of DeKalb Co Disposal Contract with trash and recycling included city wide.

**December 4** – Rev Beaman invocation. Chief Vesta noted drug task force netted \$500,000 in drug bust with cocaine, cash, and vehicles.

12-18 Rev Beaman invocation. Mayor Johnson in the chair with Clerk Brantner, Atty Fierz, Treas Mundy, Ald Bernie McMillan, Gary Smith, Chuck Stowe, "Butch" Binder, Roy Smith, "Buck" Drake, Ray Puentes, Phil Ramsey, and all Dept Heads in attendance. Ok'd bills at \$405,966 with extraordinary costs of \$123,000 '76 Trt Plant bond payment, \$10,000 final on front end loader, \$25,000 computers, and \$135,000 risk management pool insurance plan. Ok'd park at 1503 John St in Maple Terrace area with playground and parking areas. Ok'd Ord of 3 mile residence rule from City Hall for full time city workers. Ok'd \$25 per hour wage for part time workers and parking fines at \$10 if not paid in 10 days.

This ends some notes of interest from Sycamore City Council Minutes dated from 1970 through 1989.

Interesting to note through these 20 years the length of employment of people who left public service to Sycamore with most having devoted decades of their working years to the good of the city. Also noted is the care and concern

from the mayor and council on consideration of improvements both in terms of function and affordability. Equally important as council actions is the dedication and implementation of annual budgets by department heads and loyal employees who stretched the uses of staff and equipment in meager years as well as when more resources were available. The transition from Library Board Treasurer to being elected City Treasurer in 1981 was motivational and an honor that Sycamore voters placed their trust in me to receive, spend, and invest their money on behalf of the city. It remains clear that Sycamore was, is, and will be blessed with those who seek to serve the people with the best intentions and a servant's heart. Finally a personal note that it has been an honor and a pleasure to review another 20 years' of City of Sycamore Council Minutes and to draw from them items of historical interest. Share these notes with others as you will for those who could find them educational or just for enjoyment.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Ken Mundy