

April 2017

The following is a compilation of notes Mayor Mundy has taken from the Sycamore City Council meeting minutes during the period from 2010 through 2016. What is seen here is for your understanding, education, and enjoyment. Many years ago, City Council adapted an agenda including roll call, invocation, pledge of allegiance, agenda approval, approval of minutes and bills motioned by Finance Chair Ald Bauer, appointments, audience to visitors, communications, reports of officers, standing committee reports, ordinances, considerations, resolutions, new business, and adjournment, almost always motioned by Ald Stowe. This is the eighth installment of notes from meeting minutes which began in 1858 and continues 159 years through 2016. 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. All notes from city minutes now appear at www.cityofsycamore.com with a link on the home page. Enjoy this set of notes with advance apologies for abbreviations, typos, poor spelling, and poor grammar. Even though leaving office in 2017 mayor plans to monitor minutes and continue notes from his home office or until another takes over the project. The hope is these notes complement Sycamore’s history and prompts further reader investigation of same. Thanks for your interest in “how we were back then.” God has blessed Sycamore with good honest hard working elected and appointed people who have servant hearts to keep the interests of the people of Sycamore as their priority.

January 4 2010

Rev Persson invocation. Mayor Mundy in the chair with Clerk Smith, Attorney Foster, City Manager Nicklas, Aldermen Bauer, Braser, Kessler, Neubauer, Paulsen, Stowe, Taylor, and Tripp present. Rosemarie Slavenas objected to unlimited liquor package stores. Chamber Exec Director Rose Treml noted Chamber Board opposes ½ % home rule sales tax increase and asks a 2 year review and sunset clause of the tax if it passes. Ok’d bills \$2,213,320 including airline jet fuel sales tax pass through. Ald Paulsen noted passing of former Park Board President Larry Steczo Jan 1st. Mayor congratulated Ideal Industries on their acquisition of Western Forge Inc. New SFD members Bob Maciejewski and Nick Young welcomed. Ok’d 8-0 vote removing population control on package liquor stores to allow the market to determine the number of them. Ok’d 8-0 vote outside liquor sales for the Liners Baseball games at the Sycamore Park Liners Field for sales during games only. Voted 6-1 to raise sales tax with Ald Neubauer opposed to fund annual street programs. Council resolved to review taxes annually and to not tax without purpose. Mayor attests as city treasurer for 24 years no tax increases passed without debate and a public purpose for them.

February 1 – Rev Mills invocation. Shadow Gentry, Friend of the Council, spoke to update us on Opportunity House and Kiwanis Aktion Club where Shadow is an officer. Chief Riddle noted SFD calls down 11 % and new labor platoon system saved \$25,000 past 3 months. Public Works Dir Busse noted the top of the new water tower to be installed this week. Ok’d grant to John Pappas of \$150,000 to raze and prepare former Kmart site to market it.

March 1 – Rev Massey invocation. Chief Riddle to retire soon. Kishwaukee Education Consortium Exec Dir Bruce Griffith and KEC Fire Science students presented Chief Riddle with a clock. Census forms for 2010 in the mail soon. Retained Municipal Engr Corp and former City

Engr John Brady on 2 year contract with 2% annual increase. Ok'd. Mary Lou Eubanks and Joyce Mathey gave a 5 year report on Pay It Forward House.

March 17 – Special Meeting to approve expansion of SPD building and to ok Harbour Contractors of Plainfield reduced bid of \$3,228,692 as lowest responsible bidder on 8-0 vote. Budget for SPD expansion closely reviewed with new info and forecasts.

April 5 – Rev Stovall invocation. Proclamations ok'd for Nat'l Life Month for organ donations and Admin Professionals Week. Recent interviews by DCEDC found of 80 local businesses 40 are planning expansions. Public hearing on budget no one spoke. Resolved to oppose any reduction of state shared revenue for city.

April 19 – Rev Stovall invocation. Proc Arbor Day ok'd 4-30-10. Chief Riddle and Code Officer Lyle Doty presented plaques for service with big applause as they retire. Ok'd ord on annual budget and appropriation. Ok'd mgmt. salary ord. Ord to remove beer and wine restriction at convenience stores failed on 3-4 vote. Mayor appointments ok'd.

May 3 – Elder Bridgewater invocation. Owners of Corral II E State St and Super Pantry Bethany Rd and DeKalb Ave ask for beer and wine sales licenses. Joe Bussone complimented city on SFD new leadership with Chief Mark Kessler, Ass't Chief Marc Doty and Ass't Chief Pete Polarek. They and new Lt Dan Marcinkowski and Firefighter Mike Hardesty all sworn in. Introduction of John Sauter Building & Engr Div Dir. Applause for all. Procs ok'd Public Service Week, Scouting Week, and May Nat'l Historic Preservation Month. Mayor noted SPD Mike Anderson, Keith Snyder, and Rod Swartzendruber reelected to Police Pension Board. Noted The Nat'l Bank & Trust Co now owns Fargo Hotel and needs liquor license to continue food services. Bank paid \$1,500 annual fee with mayor requesting waiver of application fee of \$5,000 due to circumstances. Ok'd all for. Noted Denise Setchell working in both clerk's and bldg. and engr offices. B&E Dir Sauter thanked Mgr Nicklas and is happy to be aboard for city. Ok'd \$81,500 excavator and trailer. Ok'd \$1.3 million street program.

June 7 – Rev Persson invocation. Mayor noted his and Juanita's grandkids Felix and Renee at council, visiting and shopping in Sycamore. SFD and Mgr Nicklas inked an agreement on new call back protocol through end of IAFF contract as cost saver. Fire Pension members Cary Niewold, Eric Walker, and Marc Doty reelected to Fire Pension Board of Trustees. Ok'd annual grants of \$17,000 VAC, \$20,000 VAC Bus Line, and \$13,500 DCEDC. Welcome new SPD member John Keacher. Ok'd Proc Sycamore Rugby Team Tier II State Champs.

July 6 – Rev Weinhold invocation. Ok'd bills \$2,928,854 most is fuel tax pass through and plant costs. SPD welcomes Brad Caldwell and Jonathan Miller. Mgr Nicklas noted water tower #2 in service by fall, Lindgren and Plank Rds finished by start of school year, and street program underway all for \$15.8 million capital funds.

August 2 – Deacon Ridulph invocation. People spoke for and against 2-way traffic 100 block of W Exchange as Court House expansion begins. PW Dir Busse noted 27 storm sewer grates missing at \$2,900 and asks people to report any info on them. Ok'd on close 4-3 vote TIF grant of \$35,000 to tuck point Midwest Museum Natural History on W State. SPD ok'd for new sergeant position. Idea to reduce impact fees opposed by council as ineffective way to spur building.

August 16 – Deacon Ridulph invocation. Mgr Nicklas noted Sycamore video done by Shela Lahey ready in time for Sycamore Film Festival to be shown just to council soon. After much discussion ok'd on 5-3 vote Resol #541 reworking W Exchange and keeping 2-way traffic there during and after court house expansion in order to avoid isolation of area businesses. Ok'd \$205,000 to resurface State St from Main to Sacramento.

September 7 – Rev Landis invocation. Acting Mayor Bauer in the chair. People spoke against lowering impact fees. Mgr Nicklas noted Ideal Indust buying SK Tool Co with plans to build a 130,000 sq ft plant in Sycamore Prairie Business Park. City promised to expedite permits for SK Tool plant. Sycamore History Museum now on city water and sewer N Main St. Resol to reduce impact fees fails on 3-3 vote.

September 20 – Rev Harden invocation. Chuck Criswell noted tough time with car show this year and in need of better committee cooperation. Guy Stone noted car show 50/50 raffle went to Cancer Center at Kish Hospital. Mgr noted budget deficit but with Ass't Mgr Gregory and council decisions made to balance budget via transfers, cost reductions, and tax increases it is in balance. Mgr thanked Ass't Mgr Gregory for his diligence leading the audit process. External auditor noted clean audit with no findings and how hard city worked to stay within budget without layoffs, paying the bills, and the most aggressive street program in city history. Auditor noted this one of very few he's done with positive financial results in the hard recessive times.

October 4 – Minister Judy Bergeson invocation. Mary Overbey Seniors Dir from Family Svc Agency noted Senior Center open Mon, Wed, and Fri 9 am to 3 pm at Sycamore Golf Course Clubhouse for games, fellowship, lunch, and socializing. Shadow Gentry of Aktion Club thanked city for support past 7 years and noted the club partnered with Children's Community Theater for the "Annie" play with 10,785 tickets sold for the 4 day event. Ok'd Procs Fire Prevention Month and Oct as "Big Read" community read month. City officials at the SK Tools groundbreaking. Ok'd façade grant to Curt Lang for 134 W State. Discussions ongoing with Auto Meter, city, and Roberts Family Foundation on the depot restoration and preservation.

November 1 – Fr Timar invocation. Welcomed Community Service Officer Steve Watts with is 28 years police experience. Pumpkin Fest big success with heavy work by public safety and public works for a safe and clean fest. Pumpkin Race had record number 1,633 runners. Mayor noted Veterans Day events the 11th at SHS and court house entrance. More discussion on depot with Mgr Nicklas noting needs of clearing basement filled with cinders, stabilizing, shoring up 1st and 2nd floors, roofing, tuck pointing, downs, and stopping ossification causing mortar joints decay and dry rot of support beams.

November 15 – Fr Timar invocation. Some spoke to caution depot becoming money pit for public funds. Promotion of Darrin Hepker to SFD Lt. replacing Lt Jack Spartz who is retiring. Ok'd 7-0 vote conveyance of depot from Auto Meter Inc to city. Ok'd agreement with Roberts Family Foundation for \$300,000 gift toward depot project on 7-0 vote. Mgr Nicklas noted 1st time ever that community wealth reduced by \$20 million even with \$23 million new construction pointing to the depth of the recession. City reduced property tax rate from \$1.24/\$100 equalized assessed valuation to \$.57/\$100 eav past 12 to 14 years but he recommends 4.6% rate increase to \$.60/\$100 eav. Library Dir Tobias noted no wage increases past year and seeks 3% increase with budget and cost cuts in other areas and 11,000 patrons.

December 6 - Rev Best invocation. Mayor congrats TD Ryan and WLBK Radio for collecting 41,000 lbs food at 4 day "Freezin' for Food" for Salvation Army and needy families. Mayor also urged people to shop local. Treas/Ass't Mgr Gregory noted state treasurer E Pay System online now for fees and fines paying.

December 20 – Moment to reflect. HR Dir Tritle and Mgr Nicklas presented service awards to workers 5 to 30+ years of service to city with SFD Lt Spartz 36 years. Smart Motion Robotics issued occupancy permit. Ok'd Tax Levy Ord and abatements for debt service. 7-0 all for.

January 3 2011

Rev Persson invocation. Joint meeting called by mayor with county on Peace Rd safety issues. B&E Dir Sauter noted 15 years record retention building records to be condensed, purged, and organized to better serve customers. SPD with new hire Sadie Prestave now at full complement of 29 sworn officers.

January 18 – Rev Persson invocation. Acting Mayor Bauer in the chair. John Pappas noted HyVee has a rep here to relocate 35 – 40 families with hiring target at 400 plus for a July 2011 opening. County posted advisory 45 mph limits at Peace, Freed, and Brickville Rds as safety measures along with yellow flashing caution lights at those 2 intersections. Ok'd 8-0 TIF grant to John Pappas to raze former Fargo Motors 437 W State to build mixed use commercial/residential building of masonry construction to fit the streetscape and as a bookend in the downtown. Ok'd Annual Budget & Approp Ord all for.

February 7 – Rev Mills invocation. Many spoke kudos to public safety and public works during ongoing severe snow storms. SFD Chief Kessler thanked PW and county plows for access to those needing medical services during the storms. Mayor gave copies of letter from Janice Swedberg Ladd who grew up here in the '40's and '50's and her warm recollections. Chief Thomas noted many times PW plows opened a way for SPD to answer calls and even saved a drunk woman out in the storm who would have lost her life without aid. Ok'd on 8-0 vote northwest sub area of 600 acres for 3+ acre lots with animals' codes and out buildings allowed. Ok'd Waste Mgmt pilot project of recycling wheeled carts replacing the loose bins.

March 7 – Rev Massey invocation. Mayor noted city being ranked top 10 places to retire by US News & World Report. He noted city lost great giver and community man Dr Russell Schelkopf who along with wife Berni donated the taxidermy collection for the Midwest Museum of Natural History and that city remains indebted to the Schelkopf's for their world class collection donation.

March 21 – Rev Massey invocation. Joyce Mathey noted Pay It Forward House in the 6th year have given 7,500 nights of rest and local hotels are giving discounts for overflow. Shadow Gentry noted his basketball team 2nd in state Special Olympics. Big applause. Ok'd Procs Girl Scout Month and Nat'l Exchange Club Day. 2011 zoning maps on the city website.

April 4 – Rev Stovall invocation. Ground breaking for court house expansion is today. Union workers oppose outside company given contract to drill new well. Ald Kessler's and Neubauer's last meeting and they are thanked for service to city. Mgr Nicklas noted Ord 2010.41 pulled from agenda as it proposed pension changes and he wanted no hint of special treatment for him from the city. Mayor noted the idea to make Mgr pension whole despite legislation was his and he regrets the issue not being handled well. Mayor noted he and council have every confidence in Mgr Nicklas and welcomed his services for as long as he chooses. Public hearing on budget with a person offering to have fewer services in order to balance the budget. Ok'd Municipal Well & Pump Inc for well #10 as low bid by \$200,000. Council regrets so many out of work but could not justify spending extra \$200,000 above low bid on 6-2 vote.

April 18 – Rev Stovall invocation. Ok'd closed session minutes and tape destroyed per the records retention law. Procs ok'd Arbor Day and Comcast Cares Day. Mayor thanked volunteers who serve the boards, commissions, and committees of the city and the council for their service also. Park clubhouse hosts active group of 30 seniors Mon, Wed, Fri with NIU nursing students doing blood pressure checks Wed and answering simple medical questions. Chief Thomas noted moving into new spaces at SPD and will be fully operational May 4th. Ok'd mayor appt for new year.

May 2 – Elder Bridgewater invocation. Clerk Smith swore in newly reelected Ald Stowe and Taylor and newly elected Ald Gary Waight and Rick "Spider" Kramer. Ok'd bills \$2,266,778 including 2/3 jet fuel sales tax pass through. Procs ok'd Public Service Recognition Week.

Treas/Ass't Mgr Gregory noted new fiscal year and census bureau certified city count at 17,519 which means larger per capita share of state shared revenue. Ok'd VAC grant of \$17,000. Transvac gave 48,757 rides in 2010, 1,032 medvac rides, and Meals on Wheels provided 13,797 meals in city to seniors and homebound. Ok'd grants of \$20,000 VAC Blue Line, and \$13,500 DCEDC grant.

May 16 – Elder Bridgewater invocation. Mayor in the chair with Atty Foster, Clerk Smith, City Mgr Nicklas, Ald Bauer, Waight, Paulsen, Stowe, Taylor, Tripp, Kramer present with Ald Braser absent. Annual Fire and Police Commission report accepted. Procs ok'd Motorcycle Awareness Month and Buddy Poppy Day May 30th. Joe Bussone reminded all of Memorial Day events. Ok'd adding R-4 Rural Residential zoning in UDO for northwest sub area plan. Mgr Nicklas consideration of Swedberg & Assoc contract of \$349,281 for depot preservation with \$79,281 TIF funds included. All for 7-0. Mgr noted \$3.1 million street program with 4.1 miles resurfaced past 3 years. PW Dir Busse, Ass't Dir Smith, Engr Laskowski thanked for new list of streets to do.

June 6 – Rev Persson invocation. Sycamore documentary shown at State St Theater with dvd's for sale at \$15. Annual Budget and Approp Ord ok'd all for 8-0. HyVee reported largest opening day sales at their largest store employing 475 workers. Open house at SPD 6-25 2-4 pm. Ok'd new ward maps resized due to census results to equalize ward populations.

July 5 – Rev Reardon invocation. Mgr Nicklas noted local artist Lynn Bute created a pen and ink drawing of the depot and gave it to the city and volunteered his services at the depot in any way. DeKalb County Historian Phyllis Kelly passed away. She was awarded the Studs Terkel Humanitarian Award for her work at the court house and the Joiner History Room to lead volunteers who cataloged and sorted volumes of county historical documents. She also authored the book all about Sycamore and its history complete with many photos and drawings from the beginning in the 1830's to the present. New Human Resources Director Sue Willey welcomed.

August 1 – Deacon Ridulph invocation. Mayor noted thanks from Cortland Mayor Seyller for SPD assist in recent shooting. Marine Cpl Chris Piatt and Army Spec Scott Maratto both welcomed home from recent deployments. Car show went well and NIU art class display their works of downtown views in Sycamore Center store windows. SFD station #2 memorial flagpole dedicated in memory of SFD intern Tim Getzelman and his fiancé Lexi Weber, killed in broadside crash by alleged drug impaired driver at Peace, Plank, and Rt 23 in April. Ok'd on 6-0 vote expanding façade grant area to all of downtown retail/commercial businesses.

September 6 – Rev Landis invocation. Mayor reviewed 50+ special events permits noting spirit of community generosity for benefit and family fun events. Reception announced to honor City Mgr Nicklas 9-30 4-6 pm as he retires from city to join NIU in administration. Mayor noted best way to honor Bill is to do our best for 17,519 Sycamore residents. Mgr Bill is grateful to council and mayors to be given opportunity to use his talents and experience for good purposes and good people. Bill said this was his best job ever as Sycamore's City Manager. He will be missed. Huge applause and standing ovation for Bill. Salt for winter at \$50.28/ton with 2,200 ton expected to be needed. Mgr Nicklas noted DeKalb County Community Foundation interested in the depot as their permanent home receiving wide council support so city would convey ownership to DCCF as city never planned to own depot long term.

September 19 – Rev Harden invocation. Sad to report that city worker Gary Egler passed away and city sends condolences to his family as Gary was a great guy who championed young wrestlers at SHS and coached and refereed many teams and was a great pal to kids overall. Proc and plaque to honor Mgr Nicklas for 13 years superior service to city. Applause and ovation. All dept heads thanked Bill as they gave their reports of dept activity. Ok'd Ord 2011.17 to convey ownership of

the depot to DCCF at 475 DeKalb Ave. All for. Ok'd Treas/Ass't Mgr Brian Gregory as new Acting City Manager all for 8-0.

October 3 – Rev Bergeson invocation. Mayor thanked Clerk Smith, HR Dir Willey, and Acting Mgr Gregory for the reception to honor Mgr Bill Nicklas 9-30. Certificates for Tracey Busby, Michelle Bohlig, and David Olson for their response to medical emergency at SHS on 9-12. Acting Mgr Gregory thanked city for his appt. Fire at Parkway Restaurant closed it for 6 months to rehab. Ok'd usual Pumpkin Fest Ord for parade, lots, etc.

October 17 – Rev Bergeson invocation. Mayor noted it's the 50th Pumpkin Fest and wants all to have fun and be safe. Ok'd Annual Budget and Approp Ord all for. Ok'd 5 year contract extension with Waste Mgmt with free 64 gal recycle wheeled carts and 3% annual increases. Mayor noted how well Waste Mgmt works with city special events at no cost like Pump Fest, Car Show, downtown events and that local W/M rep Jay Ruby is an outstanding "beyond the call" guy who always solves any issues with our people, even personal requests. The new carts will encourage more recycling thus extending the land fill life.

November 14 – Special closed session for personnel matters. Back in open session Ald Bauer motioned and Ald Taylor 2nd to offer City Mgr position to Acting C/M Brian Gregory. Vote all for 8-0.

November 21 – Fr Timar invocation. Acting Mgr Gregory's parents Joan and Mark, wife Laura and son Joey in audience. Mayor welcomed Boy Scout Troop 40 working on communication merit badges. Ald Paulsen noted his son Braydon and Jason Johnson had top popcorn sales in the council at \$15,000. Ald Bauer noted Feed Our Starving Children work at Suter Foods 4 day event with goal of 700,000 packaged meals. Mayor distributed historic notes from city council minutes 1879-1899. He thanked SPD, SFD, and PW for ride along times this fall and winter. Mayor noted City Mgr search was extensive and inclusive and is happy Acting Mgr Gregory is new city manager and looks forward to working with Brian for many years in service to Sycamore. Ok'd on 7-0 all for vote for Brian Gregory to become under contract new and seasoned city manager thanks to Mgr Nicklas and Brian's own abilities and expertise.

December 5 – Rev Draper invocation. Chuck Criswell stepping down from car show group after 12 successful years chairing the committee with Mike Tritle becoming the new chair. Over \$6,000 car show receipts donated to community not for profit purposes with Chuck thanking city for great times working together. Mayor noted Wally "Mr Pumpkin" Thurow fell from his bicycle and is in rehab near Slidell La. New Santa House built by KEC Kish College students and donated to city. Kudos to TD Ryan, Scott Zak, and WLBK for gathering 54,000 lbs food for Salvation Army at the Freezin' for Food Drive 4 day event outside. Service awards from 5 to 30+ years given with SFD Kevin Sargent given 30 year SFD gold badge as he retires. Mgr Gregory thanked PW for the Christmas tree lights downtown again this year.

December 19 – Moment to reflect. Mayor wished all Merry Christmas from the Mundy's and urged all to shop local for the good of the city. Annual Tax Levy and Debt Service Abatement Ord ok'd on 9-0 all for vote. Ok'd 8-0 vote Chamber 3 year contract extension at \$55,000/year.

January 3 2012

Rev Persson invocation. Ok'd bills \$3,258,060. Mgr/Treas Gregory to begin budget process. Ok'd 8-0 vote Ord to create Treas/Ass't City Manager position and to appoint Adam Orton to it. Discussion on city vacating 100 block N Locust due to county jail expansion. Mayor wants community and council input and sense of the body so the best solution is reached noting city and county in partnership since 1858 and this is another like issue.

February 6 – Rev Mills invocation. KEC Business Leadership Academy students at council to discuss classes with council and KEC Exec Dir Bruce Griffith. Students Joey Thompson and Alex Fesco presented class noting goal is gaining business perspective away from the classroom by visiting businesses directly of which 14 have been done so far. Griffith noted 500 juniors and seniors enrolled in 17 KEC Programs. Mayor expressed condolences to Vera and Bill Worden on the passing of “Babe” Worden, former street dept boss and revered man. Jerry Malmassari, Ed Kuhn, and John Swedberg shared memories of Wally Thurow, Mr Pumpkin, who passed recently. Mayor noted how Wally and Jan came back to Sycamore every year for Pumpkin Fest and how Wally started the miracle which became the community coming together every October for over 50 years to make our city shine with family fun and celebration. Pumpkin Fest banners are up in city to honor and remember Wally. Real estate transfer tax of \$157,000 sent to schools in 2011 in slow market. Work to begin on depot restoration. Water/sewer budget discussed with Ald Tripp favoring moving from 7 user tiers to 3 tiers over time and no fee increases planned this year. Mayor Mundy was awarded the Chamber’s Clifford Danielson Outstanding Citizen Award presented by former City Mgr Bill Nicklas at the Annual Chamber Luncheon with mayor’s family in attendance.

February 22 – Rev Mills invocation. Welcomed new park district Exec Dir Dan Gible. Ok’d Proc to mark Girl Scouts 100th Anniversary. Swore in SFD member Eric Saxton to replace promoted Lt Paul Rubeck. Ord 2011.42 with city in agreement with Rydell Mgmt Corp on an incentive for General Motors dealership on Mercantile Dr costing \$5 to \$9 million and creating estimated \$2 million in annual sales and property tax revenue, more jobs than Mooney Motors had in DeKalb. Rydell Corp rep Jim Price noted they have 70 dealerships from LA to Chicago as he thanked city for working with them to a successful solution for their dealership. He noted 5 Rydell Mgmt Corp Measurements: enthusiasm for customers, safe and productive environment for workers, market share, profit, and ongoing improvements. Ord passed all for 7-0 with mayor welcoming them to community.

March 5 - Rev Massey invocation. Acting Mayor Bauer in the chair. Pay It Forward House noted 7th anniversary providing 10,000 nights of rest. City welcomed Sgt Chris Isabel home from his deployment. IDOT to rebuild bridge on E State over Kish River. SFD Chief Kessler retirement reception council chambers 3-30 3 to 5 pm.

April 2 – Rev Stovall invocation. Plaque to Chief Kessler for 27 years of service to SFD. Big applause as Mark thanked city and SFD. Mayor appts ok’d and he thanked city volunteers for their valued parts of Team Sycamore. Ok’d intergov’t agreement city/county/library on jail expansion vacating 100 block N Locust and reopening 100 block E Exchange to 2-way traffic with new public parking lot facing E State near the library and county campus. All for 8-0 vote.

April 16 – Rev Stovall invocation. People spoke favoring 2-way traffic again on Exchange. Welcomed Acct Supv Brent Leerhoff. Ok’d Annual Budget and Approp Ord. Ok’d officer salary ord for mgmt. Ok’d 2-year labor contract with AFSCME with 1% pay increase each year. Ok’d 5-3 vote 2-way traffic W Exchange 100 block with no parking north side for safe traffic flow.

May 7 - Elder Bridgewater invocation. PW planted a tree on Arbor Day. Ok’d Siepert Accounting for external audit at \$38,250. Ok’d SFD ambulance from Foster Coach Sales Inc at \$134,962 after discount.

May 21 – Elder Bridgewater invocation. Procs ok’d Buddy Poppy Day, Emergency Medical Services, Nat’l Women’s Health, and Motorcycle Awareness. Mayor reminded of Memorial Day events. Based on referendum ok’d aggregate pricing of electrical power deregulated to improve pricing. Ok’d 3 year contract with FOP with 1% increase 1st and 1.5% increases 2nd and 3rd years

along with equipment factors. Ok'd Pete Polarek SFD Chief 6-0 all for vote from field of 26 applicants. Chief Polarek sworn with wife Gracia pinning his badge with no blood drawn. Big applause. Plan to refinance '02 and '03 bonds to lower 1.75% with reaffirmed AA2 bond rating.

June 4 – Rev Moll invocation. Plaque presented to Officer George Maness for 29 years at SPD. Applause. Ofc Maness said it was a pleasure to serve where he was born, raised, and educated. PW to remove 64 dead Ash trees. Rachel Bauer bought Fargo Hotel, renamed it Jane Fargo, and will reopen it soon.

June 18 – Rev Moll invocation. Ald Tripp retired from 32 years at DeKalb Sanitary District Office Ass't Mgr. Ok'd refinance '02 and '03 bonds into new '12 issue \$2.9 million at 1.91% saving \$386,000 over 10 years. Ok'd façade grants Fargo and Taxco at \$5,000 each. Library mortgage refinance and cost containment made possible remodeling. Mgr Gregory noted city must ok debt and borrowing for library. Discussion on gaming with city to take a cautious approach.

July 2 – Elder Pete Trott invocation. Mayor noted this is 9th year at Sycamore Center. DSATS traffic study found less traffic at some key intersections probably recession related. Mayor noted 1901 when city and Carnegie Foundation came together for the library with \$10,000 foundation grant and \$1,000 city funds with city to furnish and maintain the library per the grant. Ok'd city assume \$4.00 share to fund walks repair and urged all to keep walks in good repair and replace bad walks. With 4th of July soon mayor urged all to read the Declaration of Independence to refresh us on its contents and intent.

July 16 – Rev Paul Rogers invocation. Ass't Fire Chief Doty conducted dedication of memorial flagpole station #2 in memory of SFD intern Tim Getzelman and fiance Lexi Weber killed in drug impaired driver car crash at Peace, Plank, and Rt 23. Ok'd Proc honoring Joe Bussone for Joe's charity work for city for over 50 years and naming the alley from Somonauk to California Joe Bussone Blvd. Joe's family and friends present to accept the honors. Joe responded that he is humbled and honored and his love of Christ and people drive his community work. Ovation and huge applause. Ok'd library ord to borrow \$478,000, use impact fees and reserves to fund \$731,000 remodel project.

August 6 – Deacon Ridulph invocation. Acting Mayor Bauer in the chair. Ok'd 3 year IAFF contract with 1% 1st, 1.5% 2nd and 3rd years with minor changes and "no layoff" clause through 4-30-15. All for 5-0. Swore in new Ass't Fire Chief Art Zern with wife Sue pinning his badge. He came from Des Plaines FD with 27 years of experience. Ok'd lease 1st floor retail to Shop in Style store.

September 4 – Rev Harden invocation. Sycamore Film Fest 9-14 to 16 at Sycamore State Theater with 30 films and people who made them along with Sycamore dvd per Shela Lahey Film Fest Exec Director. Chamber website to be redesigned with new goal of 500+ members. John Beck complained of loud cycles and speeding. More talk on gaming with most ok if limited to bars and clubs. Sales tax ½% increase passed 2010 reviewed and found it still needed so no action taken. Ok'd façade grants of \$10,000 for 156 and 160 W State.

September 17 – Rev Landis invocation. Terry Ericson noted he could not comply with city rule even with low walks bid as his small company has no state approved interns. Ok'd Proc against texting and driving. New General Motors dealership open on Mercantile Dr. Clean external audit reported with no findings and noted improved internal controls. Ok'd motion to reject all bids on walks on 8-0 vote.

October 1 – Larry Schlawin invocation. People spoke for and against gaming. Car show rep Mike Tritle reported 1,008 registered vehicles a record with many motorcycles. Chuck Criswell presented with 1st Lifetime Achievement Award and 2nd Lifetime Achievement Award to Guy

Stone a longtime car show member battling cancer. Over \$3,000 was given to local not for profits from car show. Ord 2012.24 on gaming ok'd on 5-2 vote limited to bars and clubs. Ok'd elected salaries with new ald at \$400 per month and mayor at \$20,000 plus \$5,000 for liquor commissioner duties on 7-0 all for vote.

October 15 – Sue McMillan invocation. SHS students Tylor Barton and Mark Stice at council to interview mayor. Library noted 420 at remodel open house. B&E Dir Sauter noted final inspection on depot and Fullco Corp expansion. PW leaf pickup to begin. City ready for Pumpkin Fest. Ok'd new fine levels minor violations \$20, quasi criminal \$100, drug possession \$250, but parking violation still \$1. Ok'd local fee for gaming \$100 per year per machine, and \$250 for gaming violations. Ok'd updated UDO provisions.

November 5 – Fr Timar invocation. Webelos Pack 118 led the Pledge of Allegiance. Kudos to PW for super clean up from Pump Fest. Mayor noted Veterans Day events the 11th at SHS and court house. 44 new trees planted this year. Mayor thanked SFD, SPD, and PW for his ride along time with them this year. Ok'd façade grant for 219 W State. Mgr Gregory presented tax levy options to consider.

December 3 – Rev Draper invocation. Tom Crouch DeKalb County Keys Initiative recognizing SHS students Jordan Berger and Brejani Owens, Leaders of Tomorrow Awards. Applause. Workers honored for service 5 to 25 years. Treas/Ass't Mgr Orton noted 9% or 664 people using E pay for city bills with credit cards accepted for other payments.

Dec 17 – Moment to reflect especially for Newtown Ct shooting victims and families. Mayor noted schools focused on safety issues in light of recent tragedy. Chief Thomas and Lt Johnson working with schools on safety. NIU sent 30 buses of fans to the Orange Bowl to battle Florida State Univ after a great NIU Football Huskie season. Ok'd property tax levy with \$2.6 million for city and \$943,000 library for overall rate of \$.96/\$100 equalized assessed valuation. Mayor and council wished all Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

January 7 2013

Rev Persson invocation. Ok'd bills \$4,152,081. Mayor thanked John Pappas for tour of State St Towers, former Fargo Motors, as his mixed use residential/commercial complex with well built condos 2nd floor and 5 commercial spaces 1st floor. SPD Ofc Sadie Pristave resigned and longtime crossing guard Ray Baker retired. Appt FOIA Officers Clerk Smith, Treas/Ass't Mgr Orton, and SPD Ofc Pettit. Ok'd. McMahan Assoc Tim Brohn presented treatment plant phase II design, engineering, and build at \$11.1 million. PW Dir Busse noted plant at 75% of capacity with goal to avoid 80% restricted status which could deter businesses. Ok'd McMahan/city agreement on 7-0 all for vote.

January 22 – Rev Persson invocation. National Guard Armory open house 1-27 Alpha Battery 2nd Battalion 122nd Field Artillery Regiment presentation and demonstration. Budget plans discussed with Gen'l Fund ops projected at \$13,884,000 matched against revenue with continued strong reserves.

February 4 – Rev Mills invocation. KEC Exec Dir Bruce Griffith and SHS Senior Business Leadership Academy spoke about their program of learning about and interacting with businesses. Mayor welcomed NIU Athletic Dir Jeff Compher, Coach Rod Carey, Quarterback Jordan Lynch, and local SHS grads and Huskies Markie Hayes and Jason Schepler all of whom spoke on MAC Championship and the Orange Bowl Game. Real Estate Transfer Tax at \$174,294 with 325 transactions for '12 as unrestricted funds to school district.

March 4 – Rev Massey invocation. Proc ok'd honoring Dr John Ovitz Jr on his 99th birthday and his lifelong medical practice in Sycamore. Mayor read the Proc and presented it to the good Doctor on city letterhead with family and friends present followed by standing ovation and huge applause. Dr John thanked city for the recognition. Council visited Ideal Industries Inc before meeting where CEO Dave Juday shared current and future plans for the family focused company. Acct Clerk Sandy Wright resigned. Annual SPD filed by Chief Thomas noting crime index is low here. Mgr Gregory notes past due tickets aided by state collection system. Mayor and council offered condolences to the Adee family on the passing of former Ald Grace Adee. New ambulance in service now with 4 of them at SFD with Advanced Life Support capabilities. Ass't PW Dir Smith noted in 5 years the aggressive street program did 55 sections on 8.25 street miles plus 15 alleys.

April 1 – Rev Stovall invocation. Boy Scout Troop 2810 at council. Chamber will conduct "Tuesdays on the Town" events downtown this summer as family friendly free fun times. Mayor thanked Jay Ruby as he retired from Waste Mgmt as the best local rep ever for Sycamore people as he helped them every day of his career.

April 15 – Moment to reflect especially with victims of Boston bombing in mind. Scout Troop 49 at council working on citizenship badges. Mayor thanked voters for hiring him for another term as mayor to serve Sycamore. Mayor will be Moderator for the Sycamore Township Annual Meeting as they have asked him to do. Memorial service for Dr John Ovitz Jr Friday 5-24 Federated Church with city once again sending condolences to the family. Procs ok'd Arbor Day and Fair Housing Month. Ok'd mayor appts new year and the Annual Budget and Approp Ord.

May 6 – Elder Bridgewater invocation. Swearing in of Mayor Mundy, Clerk Smith, Ald Bauer, Paulsen, Braser with Ald Tripp earlier due to her absence for a family matter. Mayor thanked Clerk Smith for her work and read letter of thanks from park district for cost savings due to combined city/park road work. Mayor presented his update and talked about his history notes from Sycamore in 1941. Ok'd Procs on Public Service Week, 90th Anniversary Sycamore Park District, Motorcycle Awareness Month, and SHS wrestling team success. Certificates given to 1st 2nd and 3rd place wrestlers at state with Kyle Aiken State Champ Class AA. Big applause. Ok'd usual grants for VAC Meals on Wheels, VAC Bus Line, and DCEDC. Ok'd façade grant for Tuckers Antiques W State.

June 3 – Rev Moll invocation. Mgr Gregory noted NIU will display Tues on Town in June. Ok'd Swedberg & Assoc well house #10 at \$997,000 and Municipal Well & Pump Inc \$147,851 pumping equipment. Ok'd walks work by RT Ericson \$58,404. Mgr noted electrical aggregation in place past 8 months with average user savings of \$26 per month.

July 1 – Rev Martin invocation. Honored IHSA 200 meter dash State Champ SHS Dion Hooker. Applause. DSATS traffic study noted fewer trucks and more cars in city. Treas/Ass't Mgr Orton noted Fire and Police Pension Funds retaining investment manager to allow funds to invest 55% in equities with both funds exceeding \$10 million each. Mayor noted when he was elected City Treasurer and pension funds custodian in 1981 the combined value of the funds was \$1.4 million. Ok'd permit for brick Rectory for St Mary Church on Waterman and California Sts.

July 15 – Deacon Ridulph invocation – Plaque presented to Ald Waight who is moving from city and was noted how well Gary served his ward and all of Sycamore. Applause. Council toured Auto Meter who is major local industry and major sponsor of the annual car show. Mayor asked those who would serve to complete Ald Waight's term of office to contact him.

August 5 – Rev Weinhold invocation. Senior Services Dir Diana King notes 30-38 seniors per month at park clubhouse Mon Wed Fri 9 am to 3 pm. Library Exec Dir Tobias informed library going to family cards to save money and Ald Bauer asked her how large tax increases there are

avoided. Answer was partnering with businesses for more private funding. Ok'd permit for park district fireworks for their 90th anniversary.

August 19 – Rev Weinhold invocation. Mayor appt Curt Lang to 1st Ward Ald to finish Ald Waight's term through April 30 2015. Ok'd all for. Ald Lang sworn by Clerk Smith. County noted Kids Safe House to close due to costs and lack of house parents which is disappointing since it's the only facility for at risk kids and was just opened in 2011 under special permit issued by city. Kids Work Day Sat 10-5 9 am city lot #1 for them to pick up paper, plastic, and other trash around town. The idea came from Southeast School student Olivia Cloat who wrote to the mayor with her idea of a community kid's project. This led to a Sat in Oct 150-200 kids working a couple hours to pick up the city in advance of Pumpkin Fest when city hosts tens of thousands of guests. Workers are given a free t shirt and free kids meal at a local eatery.

September 3 – Rev Harden invocation. Tues on the Town is "Made in Sycamore" theme with NIU, YMCA, and FFA all other month themes this year. B&E Dir Sauter noted city on pace for most permits since '07.

September 17 – Moment to reflect especially on Colorado flooding and Navy Yard shooting. Matt Woodstrup thanked city for Proc on Charles Nash noting he was born in Cortland, poor ward of the state at age 6 and indentured servant in Mi. Worked in auto industry, bought Jeffrey Motors and renamed it Nash Motors. The 1st Nash History Car Show at Sycamore History Museum 9-21. Procs on Nash Day and Drive 4 Pledges Day ok'd. Mayor noted Spartans, Huskies, and Bears all won on the same weekend. Mgr Gregory noted Treas/Ass't Mgr Orton to marry 9-21. Ok'd lone tree bid from Stran's at \$11,650.

October 7 – Moment to reflect. Car show netted \$10,000 and donated it all to various not for profit entities with big thanks from city. Ok'd \$5,000 to support IHSA Football Championships at NIU. Ok'd \$21,500 for Wills, Burke, and Kelsey Assoc to update city comp plan and land use maps. External audit issued clean opinion again with no findings. Ok'd brewpub, microbrewery, large brewery, and tap rooms as allowed uses under the H liquor license with zoning rules for each use.

November 4 – Fr Paul Lipinski invocation. Mayor thanked Team Sycamore for safe and fun and clean Pumpkin Fest with Chamber Run record 1,825 entrants. City toured Dawn Equipment Co with their computerized ag planting equipment before meeting. Ok'd Annual Budget and Approp Ord all for. Chamber Exec Dir welcomed local lady Katelyn Fogel as new Events/Marketing Ass't and shared that Chamber now uses Twitter, Facebook, Pinterest, Blogs, and You Tube all to promote business for the city.

November 18 – Moment to reflect. Mayor shared history notes from 1949, is thankful for Team Sycamore, and he and 1st Lady Juanita wish all happy and reflective Thanksgiving. City to have no increase in tax levy with rate of \$.76163/\$100 equalized assessed valuation and the use of other sources to fund pensions. Mayor noted past 50 years as city value increased property taxes declined as cost cuts, shifted costs, reserves, capital transfers, and addition revenue sources all combined to control taxes and that city controls only 7% of the combined property tax bills. Council grateful line is held on taxes in these hard economic times for people. Library levy presented with no increase in levy.

December 2 – SHS Senior Stephanie Cole invocation as she will attend Franciscan University to study theology upon SHS graduation. Ok'd bills \$3.287 million. Mayor noted NIU's Research Rookies Program where 1st and 2nd year students work with senior faculty and he urged students to enroll for that program and then to return to Sycamore one day as Team Sycamore members. Hr Dir Willey, Mgr Gregory, and Mayor Mundy awarded workers with service awards of 5 to 30

years and welcomed new workers. Mgr noted electrical aggregation saved city \$1.33 million the 1st year of the contract. There are 22 gaming machines in city so far with city gains \$9,000 July to October. Tax Levy Ord ok'd with 5th year levy rate frozen.

December 16 – Moment to reflect. Mayor and 1st Lady wish all Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and urge people to shop locally and support our merchants and sales tax base. SHS students Maddie White, Michael Hermes, and Susana Martin Leaders of Tomorrow by DeKalb County Keys Initiative with Maddie working with Youth Engaged in Philanthropy, Susana for collecting Halloween costumes for the needy kids, and Mike for his work with Bigs & Littles Program for at risk one parent kids. Ok'd tax abatement for Smart Motion Robotics on 3 year basis for \$1.4 million as they are new plant in Sycamore Prairie Business Park.

January 14 2014

Rev Persson invocation. B&E Dir Sauter noted 30 single family and 39 multifamily permits issued '13 most since '07. PW kudos with 32" snow so far this winter. Chris and son Sam Frankewicz here working on Sam's Scout merit badges and Sam noted lack of walks in the middle school area along Maplewood Dr. Comp Plan public sessions 1-23 and 1-25 10 am Sycamore Center for public input. Mgr Gregory noted budget with Gen'l Fund at \$14 million for new fiscal year with healthy reserve of 33% and balanced budget.

February 3 – Rev Art Aviles invocation. DeKalb County Community Foundation Exec Dir Dan Templin noted 188 not for profit events at the depot past year and thanked city and former Mgr Nicklas for the depot acquisition and renovation to save the iconic building for these great uses. Recognition of SHS football team undefeated season and into Class 5A playoffs IHSA at NIU. Team given a certificate and each player present shared his name and position. Treas/Ass't Mgr Orton noted 411 stamps issued in '13 resulting in \$237,908 for the schools. \$2.7 million street program is largest ever and includes Bethany Rd work.

April 7 – Rev Massey invocation. Former city worker Gary Egler's family created a scholarship in his name at SHS. Mayor welcomed NIU Football Coach Rod Carey and QB Jordan Lynch to present them with certificate for great winning season with big applause. Human Resource Dir Sue Willey to retire June with search underway. Discussed 3 year capital improvement budget and plans.

April 21 – Rev Stovall invocation. Mayor presented certificate to George Bridgewater to thank him for 20 years of service to the Plan Commission as a faithful attendee and thoughtful member. Proc ok'd Arbor Day 4-25. Mayor appts ok'd. Ok'd \$14.2 million ops Gen'l Fund budget which sets up funding for School Resource Officer, the 2nd one, co-funded by city/schools. All ambulance fees increased to match service level costs. Ok'd 2 year contract extension with Municipal Engr Corp and John Brady at \$4,850 per month with 2% increase each year.

May 5 – Moment to reflect. Mayor thanked Michelle Schulz, Jeff Peterson, and Lois Anderson for work on city committees. Procs ok'd Public Service Week, Nat'l Arson Awareness, Nat'l Police Week, Bike to Work Day, and Motorcycle Awareness Month. Local law enforcement hosting Officers Memorial Service 5-5 4:30 pm on court house lawn. Ok'd façade grant Mario Ruffolo 216 W State.

May 19 – Elder Bridgewater invocation. Procs ok'd 5-23 and 24 Buddy Poppy Days and Emergency Medical Services Week. Bethany Rd closed for resurface, Hobnobbers Sports Bar and Princess Alex Ice Cream Shop both open. Comp Plan revisions reviewed.

June 2 – Rev Moll invocation. Ald Stowe said he and his steel guitar and band will play a concert in the park 6-12. Farmers Market largest ever and city helping Jesus Romero with damaged store

front after truck drove through his Taxco Restaurant. Ok'd Comp Plan Revisions all for vote. Façade grant ok'd for Cub & Spanks and Adam Swedberg on N Maple. Bill Mitchell thanked SFD for saving his life when he had heart attack and their expert care of him.

July 7 – Rev Martin Jones invocation. Mayor noted many 4th of July addresses mentioned opportunity a great factor in our country and community. This is the 11th year Sycamore Center is open. Mgr Gregory welcomed new Human Resource Dir Maggie Peck, lifelong resident who brings 7 years insurance and human resource experience and is a good fit here. Chief Thomas to retire Jan 15th so search will be done.

August 4 – Deacon Ridulph invocation. Ok'd bills \$11.3 million including plant costs and jet fuel sales tax pass through. Treas/Ass't Mgr Orton explained segregation of duties and internal controls as a system of checks and balances to avoid errors and fraud which city has had in practice for some time resulting in many clean audit opinions.

August 18 – Rev Weinhold invocation. PW good job on walks and curb repairs along streets done in the program this year. Code Red Alert System ready to launch and accepting enrollments. City lease extension with Sycamore History Museum ok'd. Retained Foster Buick Law Group legal counsel through '16 at \$5,625 per month this being the 1st increase since '09. Atty Foster thanked city as it absolute pleasure for them to work for city and Keith looked forward to great continued working relations. SFD Annual Report noted slight .4% service increase including 2.5% decrease emergency medical services with 6% increase in fire services. Park District presented goals for 2020 Vision Project.

September 2 – Rev Harden invocation. Proc ok'd Hunger Action Month with Northern Il Food Bank serving 71,000 meals weekly. Procs for WNIU and WNIJ as local radio stations serving the area. Car show group reported good show with \$16,000 raised to donate to 19 local not for profits. Applause. Council visited Genoa Business Forms before meeting where they are expanding market with updated technology and larger appeal to customers as a strong family business founded by Ed and Alice Paulson over 50 years ago. Ok'd medical cannabis ord to allow growth and dispensary centers into the UDO. Ok'd new city wide phone system at \$56,504.

October 6 – Carla Vanatta invocation. Proc ok'd Fire Prevention Week. Mgr Gregory noted Bethany Rd finished and reopened. Aquaviva and Texas Road House eateries open soon and Hauser Ross breaks ground. Treas/Ass't Mgr Orton thanked staff for external audit work. Auditor reported clean opinion again, no findings, and excellent city accounting with just 5 adjustments made. Mayor noted only \$106,000 transfers closing the gap to end all Genl Fund transfers as soon as possible. Ok'd façade grant to former Tommy O's rehab Sacramento St. at \$5,000. PW thanks council for touring well #10 and dedication of the Wally Statue Somonauk and Elm Sts 10-22 4 pm. Thanks to donor 147 new trees sold and planted this year. Ok'd 8-0 vote Arts & Recreation Center, formerly Inlaid Woodcrafts, opened by Ald Curt and Karen Lang for their daughter to operate art classes and studios.

November 3 – Fr Lipinski invocation. Gaming revenue \$63,000 to city since July '13. SPD members Ryan Callahan and John Dominighini resigned with replacements soon from Fire & Police Commission recommendations. Recognition of SPD as accredited Tier I agency. Chief Elwood Hayes, President of Illinois Chiefs Assoc, noted SPD compliant with 71 standards reviewed in areas of admin, ops, personnel, and training. Chief Thomas in accepting noted SPD worked number of years to attain this and thanked Ofc Megan Pettit, Colleen Ziegler, Det Steve Cook, Ops Lt Darrell Johnson, and Ofc Dana Allen as project coordinator. Proc ok'd honoring DeKalb Municipal Band for 160-years continuous concerts of enjoyment for generations.

December 1 – Rev Draper invocation. Worker service awards given 5 to 50 years with Gene Listy Public Works SFD paid on call member. New workers were welcomed as well. New SPD members welcomed, Andrew Mankivisky, Jacob Hayes, and Luka Kampmeier. Worker safety discussed with Safety Committee comprised of every dept rep so safety is city wide effort and ever present to keep lost time and insurance claims to minimum. Ok'd 8-0 all for DeKalb County Enterprise Zone designed to compete state wide for business retention and attraction and includes tax relief and other incentives offered current and new businesses. Ok'd Annual Tax Levy \$3,623,267 again holding the line even with some decrease of the community valuation.

December 15 – Rev Ngum Eric Mangek invocation. Plaque honoring SPD Chief Don Thomas for 13 years leading SPD very well with positive changes there. Chief Don noted his 40 years of police work and he always sought a life that mattered so he could make a difference. Applause. New SPD members Jim Stehlin and Ryan O'Mara aboard 12-29. Ok'd SFD Spartan used Gladiator Fire Rescue unit at \$30,000 all for vote. Mayor and 1st Lady Juanita wished all Merry Christmas and Happy and Safe New Year.

January 5 2015

Rev Persson invocation. Clerk swore in new SPD Chief Glenn Theriault, experienced former Deputy Chief from Elgin who is looking forward to leading SPD. Mgr Gregory played news clip from NBC News on Sycamore's penny parking which became a national news story. PW Dir Busse noted 650 hours of overtime for snow removal so far compared to 175 hours last year and 294 Ash trees removed in '14.

January 20 – Rev Persson invocation. Ken Anderson, Exec Dir DeKalb County Builders & Developers Assoc spoke that B&E Dir Sauter doing a good job with contractors. Team from DCEDC met with Tom Kuschman at Frontier Communications where planned expansion means 12-15 new jobs over time. Budget calls for \$14.6 million ops is balanced and maintains strong reserve balance. Ok'd contract with Rosenbauer Fire Apparatus Inc \$401,522 on new SFD truck funded by federal grant.

February 2 – Rev Mills invocation. Mayor attended Chamber's 100th Anniversary Community Luncheon where Tim Suter received the Clifford Danielson Outstanding Citizen Award and Joel and Joan Barczak were awarded small business honor for Blumen Gardens, Kish Hospital and Kevin Poorten given the large business award, and the Sycamore Public Library given the service award.

February 16 – Rev Mills invocation. Updated city website up soon. Ok'd 16% increase over 3 years of sewer rates to fund the plant phase III upgrades. Average user increase is \$7.68 per month. All for vote 7-0. Ok'd street program for 22 streets, 1 alley, 1 parking lot, storm sewer on Park Ave, and curbs and walks repaired by PW along resurfaced streets. Ok'd façade grants at 352 and 352 ½ W State for \$10,000.

March 2 – Rev Weinhold invocation. Pay It Forward House gave 14,000 nights rest in its 10 years with 7,000 volunteer hours. Huge applause. Mgr noted a cut of \$850,000 as a hit to city state shared revenue. Safety Committee noted 90 days of injury free work so far. SPD to host internet safety class at middle school. Vote on county sober living home at 491 E State failed on 2-5 vote. Ok'd on 6-1 vote the 12th bar liquor license based on larger population.

March 16 – Deacon Ridulph invocation. People spoke for and against sober living home. Chief Theriault and council honored Det Dan Hoffman retiring to move family to be missionaries in Sunbury Africa. Applause as we wish them well. Ok'd City Mgr contract extension with Brian Gregory through 2020 whose salary will track along with management salary plan. All for 7-0.

Voted 4-3 to reconsider sober home issue and ok'd intergov't agreement with county on 4-3 vote for the home at 491 E State. Gen'l Fund reserve at \$5 million or 34% very strong level. Gaming revenue at \$85,000 and will go into sidewalks account.

April 6 – Moment to reflect. Procs ok'd Child Abuse Prevention, Nat'l Service Recognition, Nat'l Telecomm Week, and Motorcycle Awareness. Ok'd 4 year FOP contract with 2.25% to 2.5% increases and adding 30 year longevity step at SPD. Ok'd AFSCME 4 year contract same terms as FOP. Ok'd renewed contract SFD Chief Polarek through 2019. Ok'd façade grants at 124 and 126 E State St for \$10,000 at Spiders Tattoos, World Famous Pizza, and Laundry.

April 20 – Deacon Ridulph invocation. Honored Ald Taylor serving from '07 – '15. Welcomed City Engr Mark Bushnell. Applause for both men. Honored Fall and Winter SHS sports teams. Mayor noted Kiwanis Int'l 100th Anniversary and a strong service club in city since '51. Thanked park district, schools, and DeKalb park district for finding community center space and time for community. Ok'd mayor appts. SFD, SPD, and PW all had people at Fairdale as that small community recovers from nearly half its buildings taken out in tragic tornado resulting in 2 deaths. Mayor thanked over 100 volunteers who serve on boards, committees, and commissions as they strengthen and support the operations of the city. Ok'd budget of \$57 million with \$15 million operations, is balanced with strong reserve. All for. Ok'd Ideal Industries rezone to allow 220,000 sq ft new factory and offices on 33 acres. Ok'd rezone Somerset Farms for 8 55+ duplexes on Bethany Rd. All for. Ok'd 2 sites as medical cannabis dispensaries on Gateway Dr and DeKalb Ave. Ok'd adding “bullying” to SPD offense code.

May 4 – Clerk Smith swore in Ald Curt Lang, Chuck Stowe, Becky Springer, and Rick “Spider” Kramer. Elder Bridgewater invocation. Ok'd \$53,000 grants to VAC Meals, VAC Blue Line, DCEDC. Ok'd SPD ord to create Deputy Chief and Commander positions. 8-0 vote. Ok'd Curran Construction \$1.8 million part of street work.

May 18 – Elder Bridgewater invocation. Mayor and Mgr met with 24 SHS Seniors in the KEC Business Leadership Group to answer questions and to inform them on local government. Ideal Industries ground broke for 220,000 sq ft plant. Mayor urges all to attend Memorial Day events. Ok'd Proc Emergency Medical Week. PW noted may more Ash trees to be removed. Finally final ok given on 7-1 vote for county sober house after language added to compromise. SPD presented strategic plan with heavy input from all SPD members as was last done in '01.

June 1 – Rev Moll invocation. Taxco owner Jesus Romero proposed outdoor sidewalk dining with alcohol and full menu. SPD noted of 93 weed complaints only 5 have not solved the problem and 2 massage shops ticketed for violations. Ok'd final plat 52 acres in Sycamore Prairie Business Park for SK Tools and Ideal plants. All for 6-0 vote. Ok'd 4 year IAFF SFD contract mirroring FOP and AFSCME contracts with no layoff clause through 4-19. Ok'd façade grants Stomp Shoes and Hopper's State St Theater at 418-422 W State.

July 6 – Rev Paul Rogers invocation. Welcome SFD Lt Jim Ward. Mayor sadly noted passing of SFD Lt Jack Spartz with city condolences to his family. A new historical marker at Blumen Gardens notes the site where Marsh Harvester Company, manufacturer of farm harvest machines, partnered with the city to make possible 1st city water system due to boilers and steam production at the plant. Ok'd waiving rent for Sycamore History Museum on 8-0 vote.

July 20 – Moment to reflect. Mayor noted Farmer Market doing better on Tuesdays. 18 months after fire destroyed Wendy's E State rubble finally removed with lot prepared for sale to commercial/retail business. Annual SFD and SPD reports filed with council. Discussion of 20-year Sycamore/DeKalb revenue sharing agreement.

August 3 – Rev Stovall invocation. Ok'd bills \$2,466,733 and noted gaming revenue at \$100,000 annually for the repair/replace sidewalks fund. Ok'd façade grant for Pub 64 at 332 W State. Merchants petitioned council in support of sidewalk dining downtown with full menus and liquor sales. Welcomed new SFD member David VanDusen. Honored Special Olympians Brandon Morrisey, Matt Sherman, and Cody Zimmer who took Bronze Medals in soccer in Los Angeles in July. Big applause. Mayor's Ad Hoc Committee to convene to review impact fees. Ok'd rezoning for Resource Bank 331 N Main as bank branch with major restoration of the former Townsend Estate Carriage House to period look. Ok'd on 8-0 vote renewal of 20-year revenue sharing agreement and boundary line with DeKalb.

September 8 – Rev Harden invocation. Mayor Pro Tem Bauer in the chair. B&E Dir Sauter noted 38 single family and 69 multifamily permits issued. Ok'd usual Pumpkin Fest ords. Façade grants of \$20,000 to Curt and Karen Lang for 360, 362, 364, and 366 W State ok'd. Façade grant \$6,000 ok'd for Shawn's Coffee & Deli Elm and Somonauk Sts.

September 22 – Rev Dan Swinson invocation. SFD Squad #2 ready for service. Ok'd new business sign language in UDO. Library notes a referendum question next election on library becoming a district rather than municipal library.

October 5 – SPD Chaplain Tim Perry invocation. Welcome Neal Pleckham in Finance Ofc and Mary Banasiak Deputy Clerk. Ok'd Stran's contract at \$40,000 for 125 new trees this Fall to be sold on 50/50 cost split with city land owners. Ok'd façade grant 204 W Elm. Mayor updated council on liquor license holders high rate of compliance and the \$1,500 annual license fee to be reviewed since no change there for over 10 years.

October 19 – SPD Chaplain Steve Leston invocation. Mayor noted Army Spec Jared Tansley was given the Army Best Warrior Award and he will be at council to be honored. Barry Schrader spoke for Citizens for Better Mental Health Care. Engr Bushnell noted all street projects completed and in good shape and at or under budget. Public hearing on annexation of 301 acres in northwest area from the 2011 approved sub area plan of R-4 rural residential zoning. 16 people spoke for and against the plan. Mayor thanked all who spoke for civility and mutual respect of their positions and discourse and assured all concerns to be addressed by city with fairness and professionalism. 6 landowners have their annexation business on 1st reading. External auditor noted clean opinion again with no findings on the city audit.

November 2 – Fr Lipinski invocation. Kudos to all depts and volunteers for safe fun and clean Pumpkin Fest. Mayor urged all to attend Veterans Day events 11-11. SFD hosting fund raiser for '23 Stutz restoration by the Fire Preservation Company Sat at Station #1. Annexations for 301 acres northwest failed on 1-8 vote with mayor only yes vote.

November 16 – Fr Lipinski invocation. More people spoke for and against R-4 zoning and annexation. Mayor thanked public safety for quick response to 1st Lady's car accident this morning on DeKalb Ave and her quick trip with SFD to Kish where she tested and recovered ok.

Mayor wished all happy and reflective Thanksgiving. Ass't PW Dir Smith noted beginning on '16 street program. Ok'd reconsideration of the northwest area on 5-3 vote. More concessions from planners and land owners reason for council to send issue back to Plan Commission on close 5-3 vote. Library noted 70% residents have cards, circulation up 20%, and library to seek becoming its own district.

December 7 – Rev Draper invocation. Mayor noted TD Ryan, Scott Zak, and WLBK raised 54,000 lbs food for Salvation Army in the Freezin' for Food annual 4 day drive. Goodfellows secured clothes for needy families at Christmas with their annual project and event. Certificate to honor Army Spec Jared Tansley as Army Soldier of the Year. Big applause as Spec Tansley

thanked Sycamore for honoring his award. City service awards given for 5 to 30 years working for Sycamore with new workers welcomed as well. SPD welcomes new member Greyson Scott, Sycamore native, to the force. Treas/Ass't Mgr Orton noted people can register for online notices on the city website. Midwest Orthopedic Institute and Resource Bank given permits at 1525 DeKalb Ave and 331 N Main. Public hearing on tax levy with no speakers.

December 21 – Rev Gary Lisle invocation. Mayor noted of 129 county students becoming State Scholars, SHS had 47 of them 36 %. Mayor and 1st Lady Juanita wish all Merry Christmas and happy, healthy, and safe New Year. State of Il to pay city back funds due by 12-31. Ok'd on 9-0 all for vote the Annual Property Tax Levy at \$3,798,084 with \$1,020,287 of it for library.

January 4 2016

Rev Persson invocation. Chief Theriault working with Engr Bushnell and county to reduce vehicle crashes. Chief Polarek noted the Red Wreath at Station #1 with hopes it stays red with no serious events this season. SFD had 140 emergency medical treatment, 21 accidents, and 49 non-holiday fire calls for total of 200 calls during the holiday season. B&E Dir Sauter noted 49 single family permits for '15 plus over 70 multifamily. Ok'd county enterprise zone tax abatement plans on 6-0 vote.

January 19 – Rev Persson invocation. Mayor sadly noted passing of Hon Kurt Klein, Attorney, Judge, Champion of kids, great family and community man. SPD announced Neighborhood Liaison Program for officers to gain info from residents. HR Dir Peck noted 152 safe work days with no time lost due to injury with kudos to the Safety Committee. New budget estimates are \$15 million ops with similar revenue to maintain strong reserve. Jail expansion plan calls for building in '17 with jail open '18 with good questions on parking, lighting, congestion, safety, design, library impacts, street looks, and return of 2 way Exchange St traffic upon completion.

January 25 – Special joint council/plan commission meeting. Moment to reflect. Bill Malm Sportsmen Club rep wants assurance drainage ok with no adverse impacts to club from building. Also that new owners pay fees up front and timely payments of property taxes too. Atty Stoddard noted land zoned ag so animals allowed there but no waste drainage into the Kish River or any area ponds. Confusion still where Plan Comm ok'd zoning based on 2011 action and compliance to UDO and Comp Plan but council voted the plan down so differences were brought to both bodies with desire for both bodies to reach mutual understanding. Protection of current nonresident homes and future homes in R-4 zoning very important to both bodies. Noted important for all to trust that land use, zoning, UDO, and Comp Plan total compliance be gained. Plan Comm Chair John Lewis wants council to convey council changes to the commission so both bodies can act in unison without confusion and hard feelings. Once commission has changes from council most council members said they could support the revised plan. Mayor noted Mgr Gregory will present council changes to Plan Comm before any further action.

February 1 – Rev Mills invocation. Noted 305 real estate transfer tax stamps with \$297,000 for the schools in '15 stronger results than past 3-4 years. Joint council/park board meeting with moment to reflect. Update on Project 2020 by park with plans of cooperation of city and parks to include sled hill, dog park, community center, splash pads, news soccer/baseball fields, and golf course updated irrigation system. Park to comply with city codes and zoning as they build out to 2020 with new buildings and facilities.

February 15 – Rev Brandon Arneson invocation. Atty Rick Amato introduced himself as county States Atty candidate. Ward meetings to be held in city this month with SPD present for questions and for info. Ok'd several ord to ensure uniformity of zoning and set conditions for county jail

expansion. Ok'd sales tax sharing with Bemis Motors as incentive for them to bring Toyota dealership to city. 8-0 vote. Capital improvement budget forecast shows \$3 million with \$1.45 million streets, \$90,000 walks, \$850,000 plant phase III engr costs, machinery and equipment.

March 7 – Rev Weinhold invocation. Ishmael McGhee appt to SYCEDC ok'd. Mayor sadly noted passing of Chuck Criswell, true friend to Sycamore, and a great guy who founded and ran the Fizz Ehrler Memorial Car Show successfully for 16 years and who treated his customers at Chuck's Auto Sales & Service as family for decades. Moody's reaffirmed city bond rating as AA2 which is the best rating for our size and proves city financial strength. Great example of corporate responsibility is Suter Corp installing their own pre filter process to clean their waste water before it enters city system and reaches city plant. Suters is heavy water user for food processing. Ok'd street program of \$1.5 million with 10 streets, 1 alley, 2 parking lots, with \$50,000 for crack sealing to lengthen street life.

March 21 – Deacon Ridulph invocation. Boy Scout Travis Evans Troop 49 working on merit badges. B&E Dir Sauter noted many single family, commercial, retail remodel permits issued. Ok'd changes to R-4 zoning 6-0 all for. Ok'd 100 ft Com Ed tower on South Ave on their property. Budget ready to pass with \$15 million revenue and expense and maintaining strong 37% Gen'l Fund reserve. Ok'd pilot outdoor food and liquor sales downtown.

April 4 – SPD Chaplain Nate Perron invocation. Council honoring Matt Listy for 20 years service to SFD. Ovation and big applause. Ok'd Proc on Nat'l Service Day, Nat'l Telecommunications Week, Child Abuse Month. City toured der Holtzmaker Inc before the meeting where they create awesome furniture, wall panels, doors, church furniture, and high quality wooden items. Mayor opened budget public hearing with no speakers.

April 18 – SPD Chaplain Matthew Johnson invocation. Mayor appt ok'd for new year. Procs ok'd Arbor Day, Arson Awareness, and Motorcycle Awareness. SPD in search for retiring Deputy Chief Darrell Johnson's replacement. Ok'd Combined Annual Budget and Approp Ord all for 8-0 with mayor voting as he does on levies, annexations, and budget/approp ords. Ok'd elected and appointed officer salaries on 7-0 vote. Ok'd complete revision to city code title 6, Motor Vehicles & Traffic. All for.

May 2 – Elder Bridgewater invocation. Welcomed new Ass't Fire Chief Todd Turner, Fire Lt Adam Honiotes, and new member Nick Perez, all sworn in by Clerk Smith. Ok'd on 7-0 votes all 6 landowners annexations, Kathy Koehling, Rick & Jane Hoffman, Albert & Lois Hoffman, Mike Schelkopf, Steve Glasgow, and Deborah Schelkopf, for R-4 zoning and development of 301 acres in northwest sub area plan near Brickville and Motel Rds. Ok'd \$100,000 grant to John Pappas to demo and remodel Jane Fargo Hotel to create 16 leased condos 2nd and 3rd floors and 8,000 retail/commercial space 1st floor. All for 7-0 vote.

May 16 – Elder Bridgewater invocation. Chamber Exec Dir Rose Treml gave position statement against county sales tax for DeKalb School District debt service that tax had not been vetted by county or even some of the other school districts in the county and it's seen as antibusiness. Honors to SFD Chief Polarek obtaining Chief Fire Officer status by Center for Public Safety Excellence which Chief pursued on his own with no city funds just his hard work and dedication. Big applause. Chief Theriault noted coffee for retiring Deputy Chief at SPD 6-1 with new Deputy Chief Jim Winters to be sworn that day as well.

June 6 – Rev Moll invocation. Mayor noted thanks from grant recipients, DCEDC, VAC, and DCCF. Honored Deputy Chief Darrell Johnson for 31 years service to SPD. Welcomed Deputy Chief Jim Winters and new SPD member Daniel Ludwig both being sworn 6-1st. Public hearing on 90 and 24 acres to annex to become park district land on Airport Rd with no speakers. Ok'd

annexation on 8-0 vote to increase park district land for new developments. Ok'd façade grant for Mike Henke at 123 and 123 ½ S California St. Ok'd SPD all terrain vehicle for \$16,654 for improved access to off road areas, SFD cardio defib unit for \$27,404, SFD command sports util vehicle for \$27,428, and SFD Lucas Chest Compressor System at \$29,921. Noted that SFD and SPD successful in over \$500,000 grants this year alone for vehicles and equipment.

June 20 – Rev Moll invocation. Honoring Alice Bennett for retiring with 49 years as school crossing guard with plaques presented by School Supt Kathy Countryman and Chief Theriault. Standing ovation and huge applause. Alice thanked city and said she's retiring to Kansas with family members. Ok'd more special uses for businesses in Sycamore Prairie Business Park with zoning changes per Planning Commission recommendations. Ok'd access to Chief Black Partridge Nature Preserve from SFD Station #2 requested by park district.

July 5 - Rev Dennis Johnson invocation. Recognized SHS athletes and teams from gymnastics, swimming, competitive dance, soccer, and baseball and students who are all state athletes. Applause. Mgr thanked Mike Schulz for his master masonry on the "Wally Wall." Treas/Ass't Mgr Orton noted over 10 years city sent \$3 million to schools from real estate transfer tax with 2,722 stamps. Chif Polarek noted city close to IPO improved insurance rating of 3 from 4 which can affect homeowner insurance rates. Ok'd SPD city adjudication software at \$50,000 to plan for city court sessions to retain fines and fees in the city.

July 18 – Rev Stovall invocation. Ok'd new alarm system Station #1 funded by FEMA grant of \$23,000. Mayor noted he prays for military, public safety and public works for mission success and safe return home to all their loved ones.

August 1 – Rev Stovall invocation. Mayor appt Donna Weber to Fire & Police Commission and Penny Carter to Planning Commission. Ok'd. Recognition of 1st responders SPD, SFD, county deputies and John Denapoli as they rescued 3 year old Alaya Ochoa trapped under water in her Mom's car 7-6 and she and her parents at council to thank responders. Big applause. Ok'd Foster, Buick, Lundgren LLC Law Group as city legal counsel on 7-0 all for vote. Ok'd worker insurance less than 5% increase due to sharp negotiation from Mgr Gregory and HR Dir Peck with insurers.

August 15 – Rev Johnson invocation. DCBDA and realtors ask that impact fees be suspended 3 years. Council visited Tate & Lyle before council and learned of their expansion plans. Ok'd codifying impact fees for schools, parks, and library in UDO as city fees are to include all fees in UDO. Ok'd. Impact fees were ok'd all for vote for city, schools, park and library for 3 years after exhaustive study and land value formulas. Also ok'd is 3 year review of land values and all impact fees to update if necessary along with a one stop payment of all fees to city finance office. When all the revised impact fees are taken together they decreased on the average of \$600 per permit. Ok'd on 5-1 vote contract extension for Waste Mgmt for 5 year contract with 3% annual increases through 2021 with new free service "at your door" pickup of electronics, paint, oil, etc when people call ahead for a prearranged date for home pickup. The same pickups remain of trash, recycling, and yard waste in season.

September 6 – Rev Harden invocation. Mayor noted article by Chamber Exec Dir Trembl on Chamber's passion for city and he noted excellent promotion and marketing by Chamber. Sgt Sharon Anderson gave out "Saved by the Belt" awards to Ken and Carol Mackin and Jan Loomer who had seat belts secure during recent accidents. B&E Dir Sauter noted plans for 1st State Bank at 1940 DeKalb Ave and Burger King at DeKalb Ave and Coltonville Rd. Ok'd trail agreement with Ideal for their land for a new trail to connect Peace Rd trail with trail to the park. Ok'd SFD grant for new extrication tool at \$27,876 as an improved tool to remove trapped victims from crushed vehicles.

September 16 – Rev Swinson invocation. SPD kudos to Sgt Watry who caught person who set 5 dumpster fires. SPD received 3 grants from Target, IDOT, and county mental health board. Ok'd new trail off Airport Rd with park district to lead from park land across Rt 64 to Great Western Trail to further connect many trails around the community both within and near the city.

October 3 – Carla Vanatta invocation. Mayor noted he's been a member of Gideons Int'l Ministry since the '70's and was part of a recent scripture distribution at Cook County Jail where they were received well with many scriptures placed and prayers said with the men and women. Proc ok'd Fire Prevention Month. Chief Theriault noted city court held monthly, new squads in service, and new SPD members Powers and Ludwig completed training and work on their own now. Ok'd new regulations on donation boxes to ensure they are maintained and no outside collections allowed stacked up with fines and forfeiture for violators. External auditor issued clean opinion, no findings, and commented on excellent financial position city maintains.

October 17 – Rev Bob Hanson invocation. Mayor and council sent condolences to the family of former Mayor Bernard McMillan who passed. Mayor Bernie was the town barber, was well liked, respected, and was a good mayor. Council thanked Blumen Gardens for donation of labor and plantings at the Wally Statue just in time for Pumpkin Fest on the parade route at Elm and Somonauk Sts. Ok'd façade grant for Hepker's at 139 and 145 Sacramento at \$7,965.

November 7 – Sister Judy Herrmann invocation. Mayor thanked SFD and SPD for time with them this year on his ride alongs. SFD had fatal fire Sunday morning of Pumpkin Fest Parade and they met and exceeded the many challenges of the day. SFD had 3,000 kids at Stations #1 and #2 for Fire Prevention Month. Annual Fire and Police Pension reports on file which include negative growth past year due to underperforming investments. Ok's sale of '79 Mack SFD engine to lone bid of \$1,500 as it was removed from service. Cubs Win! Cubs Win! Cubs Win!

November 21 – Fr Lipinski invocation. Mike Stack, friend of council, disappointed at zoning change from commercial to residential at Mt Hunger and Rt 23 north. Mike is reasonable fellow who attends council regularly and comments from time to time on issues before the council. Proc ok'd to honor and thank Ideal Industries Inc on 100th anniversary of the company with 90 of their years in city. Ideal, with family and corporate goals and plans, created products, jobs, revenue, and generously support city with corporate charity big time. Direct connection to city is changing with the retirement of Ideal CEO Dave Juday with lesser role but the company remaining family and business focused for a "very bright and Ideal future." Mayor gave kudos to SHS football team for post season play and he shared historical notes from city minutes as he does from time to time. Mayor's notes now all on city website www.cityofsycamore.com with link on home page to notes from 1858 through 2016. With retirement of SFD Lt Paul Rubeck Firefighter Ryan Gustafson promoted to Lt with pinning of his badge and goodbye reception for Paul 12-1 Station #1 at 8 am with all invited to wish both men our best. Reported 48 single family permits so far this year. Brian Grainger proposes 48 55+ housing duplex townhomes north of Mt Hunger Rd with 9-0 Plan Commission recommendation on 1st reading. Mgr Gregory recommends no change in property tax levy meaning average \$11 annual increase per tax bill. New Library Exec Dir Jesse Butz welcomed as he presented conservative levy request after 3 to 5 year budget and cost analysis before presenting the request. Mayor thanked him for the work to come to a reasonable and studied recommendation and council wished Jesse well.

December 5 – Rev Draper invocation. Mayor asked all to shop local to support businesses who invest in hirings, stores, and inventory. HR Dir Peck, Mgr Gregory and mayor marked over 400 years of worker service recognized with 5 to 35 year awards and new workers honored as well. Mgr Gregory noted again that we use the "Sycamore Way" as we serve the city. PW Dir Busse

noted Santa's House ready, leaf pickup done, and ready for snowfall. In Nov over 9,000 lbs of electronics, paint, oil, and other items removed from homes by the free "At Your Door" program through Waste Mgmt. Ok'd zoning change for Grainger's Townhomes Development on 6-1 vote. Ok'd liquor fee refund of \$2,795 to Monocot Restaurant which never opened.

December 19 – Rev Draper invocation. Mayor Mundy in the chair with Mgr Gregory, Atty Foster, Clerk Smith, and Ald Bauer, Lang, Stowe, Paulsen, Braser, Springer, Tripp, and Kramer present. Ok'd bills \$1,695,603. Mayor noted he and 1st Lady Juanita donated again this year on behalf of city workers to Pay It Forward House, Salem Food Pantry, and Sycamore Food Pantry for Christmas and wished all Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year. SFD credited with quick response to Boynton House fire with most of the home saved with help from other fire departments. Cow roaming loose near Freedom Circle was from Kane County farm, was caught, and returned to its home farm with lots of social media sharing and laughing. Mayor thanked PW again this year for his time riding in a plow as snow was removed from downtown to PW area. B&E Dir Sauter noted 50 single family permits issued for '16 and Eng Bushnell noted busy '17 ahead with lots of permit activity for public and private projects. Ok'd annual tax levy on 9-0 vote with mayor voting. Ok'd Outpost store on former Wendy's site E State for gas station and upscale convenience store by Randy Carls who owns Corral II which he'll close and prepare for new commercial/retail business. Ok'd JD and Lisa Heinrich for brew pub at former Super Dollar Store 327 W State as special use. Ok'd planned unit development for Grainger 55+ townhomes on 8-0 vote. Resolution ok'd to open Peace Rd trail connection with DSATS, county, Ideal, city, DCCF, ComEd, and Live Healthy DeKalb County all coming together on it. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm on motion by Ald Stowe and 2nd by Ald Paulsen. All for 8-0.

Eighth Installment Continued

Professional management and expert leadership with conservative tests of need, cost, and affordability have served the city well from 1998 to the present with updated facilities and equipment and a work force unequalled for their loyalty and dedication. Sycamore's future is very bright! All 8 installments of mayor's notes from city council minutes appear on the homepage at www.cityofsycamore.com for those who would use them for education, relaxation, and enjoyment of where we were and how Sycamore got from 1858 to 2016. In April 2017 Mayor Curt Lang was elected as this mayor leaves the office with a grateful heart and with many to thank. Team Sycamore has never been more capable to continue and improve the services of which Sycamore people have become accustomed. Included in Team Sycamore are the school and park districts and the library and all the people of the city who will meet and exceed both challenges and opportunities as they come to us. Leaving this writing with some memorable tag lines such as "Thanks For The Memories," "That's The Way It Is," "Good Night Mrs Calabash Wherever You Are," "Now You Know The Rest of The Story," and "I'll Be Seeing You in All The Old Familiar Places." Thanks Sycamore, it's been great to serve you!

Respectfully submitted,
Mayor Ken Mundy