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The following is a compilation of notes Mayor Mundy has taken from the Sycamore City Council Meeting Minutes during the period from 1900 through 1919. 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. It took Mayor Mundy nearly one year to review the minutes, make notations, and present what is seen here for your understanding, education, and enjoyment.

January 8, 1900

City Council met with Mayor Syme in the chair, Clerk JD Beckler and all Ald except Sell in attendance. Petition of Dr Letitia Westgate presented. Mayor Syme appts Ald Rogers, Cliffe, and Stone to investigate legal merits of the Westgate petition and to report back. Stand pipe to be repaired by S&W Comm. FB Townsend Addition to City referred to Comm.

February 12 – Comm to examine Westgate petition reported with report accepted. Petition for water main on Elm St from Governor St to Sabin sent to F&W Comm. Ok'd Council intention to repair North Bridge. Ok'd fire alarm boxes on E Elm near WC Doyle's, E Exchange near Painter's, and at Home and Locust Sts. Ok'd Comm of Mayor Syme, Ald Ryan and Ald Tischauser to investigate building a City Hall and Library to report findings in writing.

March 12 – Mayor appts judges and clerks in 4 wards for upcoming city election. City atty to draft Ord prohibiting minors from entering saloons. Judgment of City vs Grover be left to Mayor as he sees fit.

April 9 – Ok'd payment of principle and interest on \$5,000 bonds due.

April 23 – Spec Mtg to canvass election finding Ald J Cliffe, H Earley, J Ryan and A Johnston elected. Ok'd clerk paid extra for election expenses. Sewer at Sycamore Lumber Yard to be fixed. Ok'd payment to EI Boies for printing.

April 30 – Spec Mtg with following applying for saloon licenses: J Branen, T Ronin, W Kelley, Weaver & Rote, J Johnson, T Branen, and F Scott. 3 druggist permits requested: Sanford & Brown, Briggs & Olson, and Sivright, Irish & Co. H Mitchell applied for ½ year bottling license. All ok'd except the bottling license request. Petition for walk on north side Charles St ok'd as long as City and owners split cost 50-50. Reports of Clerk and Treas accepted. Ok'd J Branen to move barn on lot across alley in rear of his business. Bids to be advertised for laying water main on Home St.

May 14 – \$1000 sewer bond paid plus interest. Dram shop licenses ok'd with druggist permits. Bottling license ok'd for 6 months from May-Nov for A Dunlap and H Mitchell. Water main job on Home given to Hamond & Crosby. D Murphy license for plumbing ok'd. Mayor appt Frank Conley Engineer, Chas Lindsay Lineman, W Townsend Supt Water Works, J O'Connell Night Watchman, F Mitchell City Marshall. L Marsh petition for sewer on Alma St ok'd. Walter Lovell ok'd to move popcorn stand to north side of Wilkins Block. Notices to be sent to owners to clean private alleys and City to do same for same.

May 28 – Spec Mtg City Annual Approp as follows: street lighting \$1100, printing \$100, officer salaries \$4185, firemen fund \$2000, S&W \$6000, F&W \$4000, water main extension \$2000, special police \$150, library \$500, miscall \$1250, interest fund \$1150, sewers \$400, deficiency fund \$227.01, sewer bond \$1000, sinking fund \$5000, total Approp \$29062.01 approved unanimously. Mayor appt standing comm: Finance, Streets & Walks, Ordinance, Licenses, Fire & Water, Health, Printing, Sewer, Electric Lights, Miscellaneous. Mayor Syme said he would be absent from City next 6 months. Ald Cliffe elected Mayor Pro Tem. DeKalb Great Western RR seeks to lay tracks over DeKalb Ave request sent to S&W Comm. Water main on Charles sent to F&W Comm. Arc light at Chauncey and Park Ave sent to Light Comm. Water main on Park Ave sent to F&W Comm. Dr Westgate seeks 16 candle power light sent to Elect Light Comm. Water main issue on Exchange St to Boynton's Greenhouse sent to F&W Comm. Mayor ok'd settlement of F Mitchell suit. Ok'd printing contract to newspaper having the largest circulation in City among businesses and to the low bidder. Ok'd contract to Hix & Sons. 2 men ok'd for hook and ladder co. Ok'd the "closing hour of 11 pm for saloons on Saturdays from May 1 to Sept 15" be stricken from the Ord. Ok'd new sewer built from DeKalb Ave to new Sycamore Preserve Works building. Ok'd cement walk around Sycamore Hospital with 50-50 City/Hospital funding agreement. Ok'd North Bridge repair report by qualified engineers.

May 29 – Spec Mtg City Marshall duties increased and pay upped to \$60/month. Mayor appt following to Library Board: Roswell Dow, Eliz Rogers, John Ade. Appt PK Jones City Marshall. Council extends vote of thanks and best wishes for Mayor's trip abroad and for his safe return to USA.

June 11 – Mayor Pro Tem Cliffe in the Chair. Bills ok'd to pay and minutes approved. Beer bottling license of AC Dunlop ok'd. Water main on Grant from Sacramento to Mill and from Mill to Center Ave ok'd. Fine to Chas Decker suspended pending his good behavior and payment of costs. Motion for City to fund walks around the Hospital failed. Ok'd 2 cars lumber, 1 car bricks, and 15 kegs 10 penny nails.

June 23 – Spec Mtg Balance of funds on hand in F&W Comm ok'd to extend water mains west on DeKalb Ave to Cemetery (Elmwood) St. City to enforce at once the nuisance control at Ward Hotel. Bill of \$136.64 for $\frac{1}{2}$ costs of walks on Charles St for 488 ft east of Park Ave sent to Fin Comm. Ok'd 1 car of 4" water mains and necessary hydrants.

July 23 – Ok'd repair of North Bridge at cost not to exceed \$250. Numerous walks ok'd to be repaired some brick, some cement.

August 13 – Many walks extended and repaired. Report of Health Comm on calaboose. Sent healing of calaboose and repair of closets to a Comm of the Mayor with powers to act. Ok'd sending Supt Water Works to Columbus Ohio Sept 3,4,5 to water works convention. Matter of cutting burdock on lot south of the laundry sent to City Atty. Matter of Walrod's Pond sent to Health Comm.

September 10 – Ok'd sewer system extension from North Cross St along CNWRR tracks to Maple then southerly to Court House lot. Ok'd Atty look up compulsory connection to City sewer system.

October 19 – Spec Mtg (without pay) Mayor Syme in the Chair. Ok'd taking bids for new water pump for water works. Report taken and ok'd that an article in the "Sycamore Advertiser" that Ald were given discounts on water lines at their homes is "without foundation of fact or claim whatever." Ok'd moving of cages to abate defective sewerage at the calaboose.

November 12 – Report of physicians regarding alley behind buildings on north side of State St sent to Mayor and Atty. Claims against City by reason of flood ok'd on a 4-4 vote with Mayor Syme breaking the tie in favor: \$15 to Frank McCabe, \$25 each to AP Johnson and CJ Peterson, and \$10 to Leon Joiner. Amending ok'd on loitering on corners to Ord Comm. Clinton Jackson's request for a gas franchise sent to Mayors Comm. Ok'd getting bids on compound pump that could pump 500 to 800 thousand gal/day. Ok'd Mayor be empowered to take all necessary steps in defense of City vs LM Hoyt suit pending in circuit court.

November 20 – Spec Mtg Ok'd Mayor to make settlement with Dr Hoyt not to exceed \$15 damages and costs. Ald Earley excused from voting on City vs Hoyt settlement.

December 10 – Ok'd WC Lovell to run a raffle on Christmas and New Years Eve. Light Comm reports no lights can be placed on North Bridge yet. Comm on gas main franchise reported enough frontage exists on properties allowed mains to be laid that Council could consider the petition. Proposition of Mrs EF Dutton and Library Board sent to City Atty to study whether City or Board would take up buying land and building a library.

January 14, 1901

Plat of Black's Subdivision ok'd. Ely Hall's proposal to furnish City lights and pump water sent to F&W and Elect Lights Comms.

January 20 – Spec Mtg Ely Hall proposal rejected. Mayor Syme presented water sales report for 1900 of \$2324.97 against costs of \$1677.87 for profit of \$647.10 besides furnishing fire protection to City free of cost. Mayor reported 3 estimates of costs of WWKS operations for 1900: pumping 23,973,877 gal estimate #1 = \$.0608 per 1000 gal, #2 = \$.07 per 1000 gal, #3 = \$.1701 per 1000 gal. Report ok'd and spread upon City records. Changed 100,000 to 200,000 cu ft in gas franchise of Clinton Jackson ok'd.

February 11 – Mayor vetoed portions of franchise agreement with C Jackson for gas mains. Council ok'd Mayor's changes to Ord. New fire alarm ok'd for Patten Factory. Ok'd returning certified checks of bidders on new pump. Mrs EF Dutton's proposal for new library report of City Atty that Council is empowered by law to raise funds, buy land, build, and maintain a library. However City is not allowed to at this time lacking both appropriation and an emergency need. And that Council is unable to promise anything done this or next fiscal year. Report by Atty accepted by Council. Ok'd Water Supt to ensure that water meters are working and are in good repair.

March 14 – Spec Mtg Motion by Ald Cliffe that Atty "Prepare a proposition to be placed on the official ballot for the Annual City Election said proposition to be in regard to the appropriation of the amount necessary to meet the proposition of Mrs EF Dutton to build a memorial library building and equipment

and the annual appropriation for the maintenance thereof and the Mayor be authorized to ascertain what amount is necessary to meet said proposition by conference with Mrs EF Dutton, second by Ald Sell. Motion carried – all for.”

March 29 – Spec Mtg A mass meeting at Ward’s Opera House resulted in Council rescinding action to place library proposition on the next City election ballot as requested by Mrs Dutton.

April 26 – Spec Mtg Council canvassed City Election results: Mayor Jas Branen, Clerk, JD Beckler, Atty, J Faissler, Treas HM Knights. Ald Ward 1 CJ Olemacher, 2 HA Ward, 3 Byron Snow, 4 Chas Henigan. Ord Comm recommended salaries for officers but motion failed on 4-4 tie with mayor Syme voting nay.

April 30 - Spec Mtg Supt WWKS reports usage at \$2412.20, tapping mains, \$178.45, water tax for sprinklers \$75, plumbers license \$10, supplies sold \$1.85 totaling \$2677.50. Also nearly 8 miles of water mains, 70 hydrants, 24 gate valves, and 270 meters in use 22 having been set during the year. Supt S&W reports 15 1/2 miles of streets, 20 1/4 miles of walks, of which 6090 ft cement, 11906 ft tar and asphalt, 25190 ft of brick, 63075 ft of board and 710 ft of stone. Also there are 212 street crossings, 123 brick, 75 plank, and 14 stone.

April 30 – Spec Mtg New Council convened with Mayor Branen in the Chair. Bonds of Mayor and Clerk ok’d. 5 saloon licenses ok’s at \$800 per with bonds and payment in advance. Standing Comms appt by Mayor with David Murphy new Supt of WWKS, S&W, and Sewer. Ok’d.

May 3 – Spec Mtg Petition of 4th ward folks to abate dust nuisance of Patten Co presented. City Atty to begin proceedings against Frank C Patten Co to resolve nuisance from factory at Park Ave and Ottawa St. EE Boynton petition regarding ditch across his property on north side Sycamore sent to Sewer Comm. Ok’d E Jesson new member Hose Co #1. City to look into side track at pumping station.

May 13 – Engineer at pumping station reports that 25,384,504 gal water pumped past fiscal year. Potter Post invited Council to attend Decoration Day Exercises and accepted by Council. Proposition of Library Board and Mrs Rosina (EF) Dutton regarding EF Dutton Memorial Library sent to Fin Comm. Walrod’s 2nd Addition presented and accepted. Bids of DeKalb County Democrat, Westgate & Rapalee, Hix & Sons, and EI Boies for City printing contract sent to Printing Comm. Mayor appts Mrs CO Boynton, Mrs Frank Johnson, and Mrs DJ Carner to Library Board. Ok’d raising pay of Linemen Chas Lindsay to \$45/mo. Sam Petrie ok’d to haul City coal for \$30/ton. Marshall PK Jones reports roof on calaboose in bad shape sent to Health Comm. On 5-3 vote minimum water rate for year set at \$4 effective 8-1-01.

May 20 – Spec Mtg Approp Ord read and approved for new year not detailed in minutes. Board Local Improv ok’d and EI Boies recommended given printing contract but minority group recommends Westgate & Rapalee prevailed in 7-1 vote for R&P to win the business. Sewer at Preserve Works issue sent to Sewer Comm. Ok’s S&W buy 1 or 2 cars lumber for repairs. Ok’d the open ditch concerns through 3rd and 4th Wards sent to Health Comm.

June 3 – Spec Mtg Ok’d more walks built. Atty to draft Ord taxing foreign insurance companies in business in City under recently passed legislation with proceeds to benefit firemen fund. Ok’d 1st Ward Ald as Comm to build fence between Walrod property and City property with City and Walrod costs at 50-50.

June 10 – Mayor appts Chas Lindsay City Electrician and appts WW Forward Fire Chief. Ok’d surveying to widen and straighten the ditch running in the 3rd and 4th wards. Ok’d repainting and numbering all fire alarm boxes.

July 1 – Spec Mtg to Propose many new walks in 1st and 4th wards and for S&W to propose same in 2nd and 3rd wards as well. Ok’d laying sewer past City buildings on Maple St.

July 8 – Finance Comm reported to Council that City could not comply with certain conditions of the library proposal. However Fin Comm did say, “Your Comm would further report that a proposition for the erection of a public library building freed from certain of said conditions attached to the one under consideration would, we believe, have the hearty cooperation and assistance of the Mayor and City Council of this City. All of which is respectfully submitted – Thomas M Cliffe, BJ Earley, JH Ryan, Committee of Finance.” Ok’d report and sent to Library Board. Health Comm to have surveyor bring plans and specs to dig ditch running in 3rd and 4th wards. Water pump ok’d to repair at 50 cents an hour labor and arc lights ok’d to adjust. Ok’d laying water mains west on Elm from Somonauk. Firemen petition for enunciator to be placed in Hose House #1 sent to F&W Comm. Plat of Waterman Hall Addition ok’d into City as much as same lies within the corporate limits of City. Approp Ord read and approved on 5-2 vote without details included in minutes. Complaint of RR gong on Edward St sent Comm of Ald Earley, Snow, and Cliffe. S&W Comm to enforce weed and tree trimming Ord. S&W Supt to install new bridge on Edward St at cost not to exceed \$35.

July 22 – Spec Mtg Ok'd Ord for sanitary sewer on certain streets, alleys, and parts of streets. Ok'd Alvano & Shield provide plan showing all sewer connections.

August 12 – All plumber licenses are rescinded and fees returned to them for 1901. Ok'd all sewer connections to be checked for violators by Mayor's Comm.

August 26 – Spec Mtg Tax Levy Ord ok'd. Ok'd buying 100 ft water main if it can be bought at \$28.40/ton. Ok'd water main on Edward from Somonauk to Park Ave.

September 9 – Clerk JD Beckler paid $\frac{1}{2}$ salary of \$100. Engr Conley paid \$65/mo, Ass't Engr Paul Churchill paid \$50/mo, and Marshall PK Jones paid \$60/mo. Ok'd matter of RR bridge across North Cross St be sent to Mayor and 3rd and 4th ward Ald to act.

October 14 – Ok'd Elect Light Comm to buy 10 boulevard gas lamps and posts if same can be bought at cost not to exceed \$12 for each lamp and post including installation.

November 11 – Ok'd Ord to allow CGWRR to erect steel or iron bridge of 36 ft span over North Cross St. Ok'd arc lights on North Ave, E Sycamore, and Park Ave as soon as gas lamps are installed and operating.

December 9 – Ok'd petition of Ladies Aid Society of Universalist Church to build frame dwelling on lot bought from Franklin Hall. Ok'd buying and installing 6 gas lamps and posts if it can be done at cost not to exceed \$100.

April 23, 1902

Spec Mtg to canvass City Election: Ald 1st Ward TW Cliffe, 2nd H Earley, 3rd J Ryan, 4th A Anderson. Ok'd Clerk given \$50 for keeping City record of orders and acting as purchasing agent.

May 12 – EE Boynton elected special election Ald 2nd Ward.

May 29 – Spec Mtg Treas report accepted. Ok'd Townsend Addition to City. Numerous Comm and officers ok'd. Miss Claire Lattin, Mrs Gus Johnson, FB Townsend, and Dr CB Brown appt to Library Board. Ok'd Wm Tyrrell as Ass't Engr. Mayor to take steps to defend City in suit vs Wm Lindstrom. Ok'd having saloons remove all musical instruments.

June 9 – Water mains extended various parts of City. New arc lights ok'd on State St. Walks to be laid in various new parts of City. New Railroad Comm appt E Boynton, T Cliffe, and J Ryan. EI Boies gains City printing contract with bid of \$89 for the year. Water mains to be laid on Cemetery (Elmwood) St from DeKalb Ave to Edward St and then east on Edward to Cross St. and to South School on Charles St. Motion lost for lack of a second.

July 14 – Several water mains petitioned. Sewer petitioned on DeKalb Ave Ok'd. Many new tar walks ok'd and other walks to be repaired with some walks still to be planks. Ok'd S&W Comm to use all old material first in walks repair before using new. Ok'd a gutter built from City Building on Maple south to Elm St.

July 30 – Spec Mtg Proposal by DeKalb/Sycamore Electric Co to provide City with electricity, water, and power sent to Mayor, F&W, and Electric Lights Comm for their study.

September 10 – Ok'd getting bids to operate power, lights, and water for City and returned proposal to Dek/Syc Co. without action.

September 13 – Spec Mtg Bids opened for water, lights, and power with Dek/Syc Elect Co lone bidder. Bid was rejected on 4-4 Council vote. 4 Ald resigned from Council at once: Ald Boynton, Ryan, Hennigan, and Anderson. Ok'd Special Election to fill seats of those resigning.

October 8 – Spec Mtg to canvass Special Election with Frank C Patten, HJ Stark, EC Chandler, and JM Quist elected to serve Ald vacancies.

October 13 – Ok'd Lindgren's Addition to City. Ok'd the receipt of Dek/Syc Electric Co proposal to City with changes from prior one.

November 3 – Spec Mtg to ok proposal from Dek/Syc Elect Co to provide lights, water, and power to Sycamore with some changes from their original proposal.

November 10 – Ok'd Gus Loptien as member Hose Co #1. Petition of business men and citizens asking Council to plank or pave track of the DeKalb/Sycamore Electric RR along State St from Main to California Sts tabled. Ok'd having DSRR Co to plank same as above on inside and outside tracks at their cost and to leave streets and road runs as good condition as they were before tracks are laid. Ok'd inventory of goods at pumping station be sold to Dek/Syc Elect Co. Ok'd turning over pumping station to same Co. Ok'd F&W Comm arrange with DSEC concerning amount of water to be pumped between then and when meters installed and how same shall be paid by City. Ok'd resolution that Ord against saloons and druggists selling on Sunday be enforced by Mayor and that he take all necessary steps to prohibit minors from

playing slot machines or any games of chance and that a copy of this resolution be given to every interested party to govern themselves on it.

December 8 – Bond of DSEC presented and ok'd. Ald Stark said he could buy 2 acres of ground east of North Bridge for \$300 for City dump or privilege of dumping into gravel pits of Mrs Shuey for free. He recommended buying the 2 acres. City ok'd lease with Mrs Shuey for land for a dump. Ok'd notices to CGWRR and CNWRR to have flagmen at Edward St crossings. Ok'd efficiency of present fire alarm system but that specs for current system and the Gamewell Alarm Co be sent to F&W Comm.

January 12, 1903

Ok'd City printing contract and connecting Council Room to steam line and installing a radiator. Selecting water meter company sent to F&W Comm.

February 9 – Resolution of Library Board presented to Council including Andrew Carnegie Foundation gift along with offer of Mr Westgate to donate a lot. Entire library matter sent to Spec Comm named by Mayor Branen: Ald Cliffe, Stark, Patten, Chandler, and Quist with direction to report next Council meeting.

February 12 – Spec Mtg Comm on library reports that no decision was made by them and recommends Council take up the issue as a whole since “the importance of this matter demands that the same should be passed upon by the Council.” Council ok'd the report. Franklin Hall offered his lot at State and California to City for library for \$10,000. Ok'd Mayor take steps to defend City vs Doyle suit. Mayor appt Mrs Eleanor Hopkins to Library Board in place of Mrs Gus Johnson who refused to qualify.

March 9 – City Atty says he can settle City vs Lindstrom case for \$250 and recommends City settle which is ok'd. City to prepare for elections. Motion to accept Westgate offer of lot for \$2,000 to City and Carnegie. Motion lost on 2-4 vote. Ok'd reinstating PK Jones as City Marshall. Professor Stout offers \$25 for small dynamo and offer sent to Elect Light Comm. Several water mains ok'd on Somonauk, Charles, Ottawa, Chauncey, and California Sts. Ditches and culverts ok'd at State and Fair, Exchange from Locust to Walnut, and on Elm east of East School. Council canvassed election: Elected were Mayor Frank Patten, Clerk JD Beckler, Treas Chas Sivright, Atty Wm J Fulton, Ald 1st Ward Hiram Ostram, 2nd Dr CB Brown, 2nd short term Marc Chamberlain, 3rd EC Chandler, 4th Ernest Swanson. Council thanked Mayor and retiring members for past service. New Council convened with Mayor Patten in the Chair. Bonds of Mayor, Treas, and Atty ok'd. Saloon and druggist licenses ok'd with payment accepted in advance. Ord to create Board of Local Improvements ok'd.

May 11 – Petition presented by majority of Sycamore businessmen for Mayor to appt John O'Connell night watchman. Mrs ME Belles ok'd to erect frame building on Hall lot on Exchange St. Ok'd taking steps to have CGWRR erect and maintain gates on Edward St. Request of Chas Hallberg sent to Elect Light Comm.

May 18 – Spec Mtg Potter Post #12 GAR invited Council to Decoration Day events and Council to attend as a body. Mayor appt Standing Comm Chairs: Finance Ald Stark, S&W Quist, Health Dr Brown, Elect Lights Chandler, F&W Chamberlain, Misc Ostrander, Ord Stark, Railroads Swanson, Printing Swanson, Licenses Brown. City officers: Collector Gus Johnson, Fire Chief WM Forward, Marshall Chas Stroberg, Supt S&W WB Townsend.

September 14 – Ok'd Tax Levy Ord. City to ok lights at depots if railroads install and maintain same. Ok fire alarm box near South School on Charles St. Ok'd more water mains and car load bricks for walks.

November 23 – Spec Mtg Ok'd bonds issued to relocate and reconstruct stand pipe and to fund State St improvements. Dr Miller reported on City water.

January 11, 1904

Ok'd CGWRR to build iron or steel bridge over North Cross St. Ok'd hiring architect and builder to inspect buildings in City regarding fire protection. Ok'd new hydrant to replace 1 in front of Bollinger Barber Shop.

February 8 – Salaries ok'd for Chas Stroberg, J O'Connell, W Townsend. Ok'd claim of Mrs CH Crosby of \$8 for damages to her cellar when drain pipe was removed. Claim of JM Johnson for \$175 for falling on defective walk sent to Atty to study. Ok'd Ord to repeal Ord of 1-11-04 to allow bridge over North Cross St.

March 3 – Spec Mtg Ok'd new steel water tank be built in place of stand pipe and that Dek/Syc Elect Co be given copy of Ord and specs for them to build the new tower to receive their acceptance of same. Ok's settling claim of Mrs Sorenson for \$100.

March 14 – Water mains ok'd on Stark Ave and Main St north to North Ave. Ok'd extending Exchange St west to North Cross St. Chauncey Smith wants \$2200 for his lot on east end of Ottawa St. Ok'd Ord on water rates and tapping fees into City mains. Ok'd Ord to raise \$1000 a year for library purposes. Ok'd fire alarm installed at South School.

March 26 – Spec Mtg Ok'd vacating Center Ave and Grant St as they appear in the WW Marsh Addition Plat. Ok'd Rogers Park Addition to City. Ok'd water main on Chauncey from Somonauk to Park Ave and north on Park to Charles St. Ok'd condemnation proceedings of land in order to extend Exchange St west to North Cross St and that costs be funded by special assessment.

March 28 – Spec Mtg Ok'd Chicago Bridge & Iron Co to build bridge over North Cross St. Ok'd franchise for Central Union Telephone Co with provisions that City have all night service and that calls to DeKalb cost 5 cents and that the company pay 5% net earnings to City as franchise fee.

April 20 – Spec Mtg Ok'd devolving duties of the City Collector upon City Clerk. Ok'd Ord to end office of Collector at end of fiscal '04 and that duties be devolved upon City Clerk. Canvass of election: Elected Ald 1st Ward EE Boynton, 2nd Thom Tisdelle, 3rd H Stark, 4th AB Anderson. Ok'd 6 saloon licenses at \$800 and druggist permits at \$35.

May 9 – Received offer from Fred B Townsend an offer of land at State and Main for library purposes. Ok'd Townsend's 2nd Addition to City. Fire Chief hires Ben Foster, Peter Johnson, and Carl Hoffman. Chas Stroberg appt City Marshall, WH Townsend Supt S&W Comm, and WM Forward Fire Chief. Ok'd Atty to prepare Ord that all buildings in City be numbered and streets marked. Salary of Supt WWKS is \$100/mo and City Marshall at \$75/mo, City Clerk at \$250/yr, and City Treas at \$100/yr. Salary of Mayor at \$5/meeting and Ald at \$3/meeting. Ok'd settling suit of JM Johnson for \$175. Ok'd bid of EI Boies for City printing. Ok'd firemen salary at \$25/yr and Fire Chief at \$100/yr.

June 11 – Ok'd water main on Fair St from DeKalb Ave to Archie Pl and east on Archie to Cross St. Ok'd grading Fair St and covering same with crushed stone.

July 11 – Ok'd Treas annual report. Appt by Mayor to Library Board: Mrs CO Boynton, Mrs JD Carver, Mrs Frank Johnson.

July 13 – Spec Mtg New Council meets and Ok'd improving DeKalb Ave from Fair to Elm and Elm to California and north to State St all to be graded, curbed, and paved with brick. Ok'd water mains on State from Governor to Sabin and north to Exchange St. Ok'd that WJ McAlpine be permitted to use State and Somonauk during the erection of the Daniel Pierce Building.

July 18 – Spec Mtg Ok'd Approp Ord fixing S&W at \$6500 and allowing \$25 to fix hallway to Council Room.

September 12 – Ok'd sanitary sewer on Somonauk from Edward south to City limits and on Washington Pl from DeKalb Ave to Edward and on Maple and on Exchange Sts.

October 10 – Ok'd Fred Cornwall paid 60 cents/hour to sweep streets. Ok'd Chicago Bridge & Iron to remove old stand pipe for \$450. More sanitary sewers and walks ok'd in various places. Ok'd grading streets per the profile set by engineer and that crushed stone be laid in areas leading to paved streets.

October 31 – Spec Mtg Ok'd withholding final statement on new water tower until specs are proven how it's built and that no leaks present. Coal sheds on DeKalb Ave to be moved back 5 ft from curb line. Clerk ok'd to collect \$50 from bowling alley for last year and another \$50 for this year. Ok'd Engr Hay to make grades for walks in business district on State, Elm, California, and Somonauk Sts.

December 12 – Ord regarding location of saloons with respect to schools and churches tabled.

March 13, 1905

March 13 – Ok'd CNWRR allowed 50,000 cu ft of gas per year with any excess paid by them. Ok'd plat of Loomis 3rd Addition into City. Claims of Mrs Hart disallowed by City.

April 10 – Ok'd claim of Ella Hart to pay her doctor bill and \$25 to her as payment in full. Salary Ord returned to Council with Mayor's veto attached. Ok'd request of Walter Loomis for water main from State to Holland's Alley on Mason Court. Ok'd prohibiting driving over walks and curbs. Plat of Peterson's Addition to City ok'd. Ok'd Ord regulating speed limit to 10 mph within City.

April 28 – Spec Mtg Ok'd Approp \$1200/yr for maintenance of Sycamore Public Library. Ord to change name of part of Harvester St to South Ave sent to S&W Comm. Thanked Mayor Patten for 2 years service to City. Canvassed election: Elected Ald 1st Ward John Butzow, 2nd Frank Hollembeck, 3rd Walter Walrod, 4th CG Anderson, Mayor Olin Smith, Clerk Earl Spring, Treas GB Wiseman, Atty Wm J Fulton.

May 8 – Mayor Smith in the Chair. Standing Comm appt. Ok'd changing Cemetery St to Elmwood St and part of Harvester to South Ave. Ok'd laying cement walks on State St and all intersections from Main St

west to City limits and California from State to Elm and on DeKalb Ave west to City limits. Ok'd desk for City Clerk suitable for him to perform his duties. Ok'd permit at no cost for Merton Singer for the production of "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Ok'd looking into fixing sewer between Sycamore and Exchange Sts. Ok'd paying damages of \$100 to W Walrod for his property when sewer emptied into it.

May 17 – Spec Mtg Ok'd Approp Ord. Ok'd water main on High between Main and Somonauk Sts.

June 12 – Petition from retail liquor dealers to extend Sat hours from 10 pm to 11 pm sent to Ord Comm. Alma St residents propose City lay water main on Alma to Archie Pl in exchange for residents funding curbs and paving. Claims reported for emptying drains into sewer and for sewer backups in heavy rain resulting in mud in sewers. Alma St proposal sent to S&W Comm. Ok'd tax levy Ord. Ok'd notices to all property owners whose walks are beyond repair to install permanent walks. Ok'd reinsuring old pumping station for \$1500. Complaint of Cash Harmes of unhealthy conditions around Sell Bros slaughter house sent to Health Comm. Ok'd vacating parts of Center Ave and Grant St. Ok'd studying fire alarm system on whether to repair or replace it. Proposal by Sycamore Doctors for tax exempt and utility free hospital. Mayor appt Miss Ellen Hopkins, FB Townsend, and DA Symes to Library Board. Library report presented and accepted. Ok'd laying large drain on private property between State St and DeKalb Ave running from the CNWRR west to the big ditch.

June 29 – Spec Mtg FB Townsend requests City lay water main in his addition if he gives City money for 2 years with no interest to defray cost of the main. Proposal ok'd. Ok'd Mayor to hold Dek/Syc Elect Co accountable for stand pipe. Ok'd tar walks repaired with City furnishing tar and sand at owner expense. Ok'd water main extension on Alma St to Woolsey House. Ok'd City turn over funds from 4th of July to Comm.

July 10 – Exempted Special Assess due from railroad for part of properties under Spec Assess. Henry Stroberg ok'd member Hose Co #3. Ok'd tax anticipation warrants against 75% of property taxes levied to pay bills. S& W Comm reports all funds exhausted for main extensions. Ok'd settling suit of Ella Hart for \$100. Ok'd Mayor and Atty secure additional legal counsel for City to address 2 suits before City. Mrs Boynton ok'd laying drain across her property if work done in a satisfactory manner. Mr Symes reads letter from Mr Carnegie in which Carnegie refuses the requested extra \$1700 from the Library Board and Council is requested to send Mr Carnegie an official response. Ok'd Ald Stark represent Council on Library Board. Walks improved on State and Somonauk Sts at owner cost. FB Townsend to pave N Main St in front of his property at his expense. Approved. Suit of Mr Bollinger settled for \$230. City to secure telephone for Clerk's Office. Ok'd Chas Sabin to tap into water main at his cost.

August 14 – Minutes and bills ok'd. Council invited to attend installation of President James of Illinois University. Ok'd that any vacation of any appt officer not exceed 2 weeks. Ok'd vouchers issued to pay Special Assess at \$6225.07. Ok'd county request to raise walks on south side of court house to grade level. Ok'd setting curb lines on north, east, and west side of court house lot.

August 24 – Spec Mtg Ok'd Ord and contract between City and Dek/Syc Elect Co for pumping water. Ok'd man to mow weeds on DeKalb Ave between Harvestor St and CGWRR tracks. Ok'd cement walks be poured on DeKalb Ave, Maple, California, Ottawa, State and Somonauk Sts. Ok'd tar walks on parts of State, Sycamore, Exchange, Walnut, DeKalb Ave, Cross, and High Sts.

September 11 – Petition from residents near electric light plant received complaining of soot, smoke, and ash sent to Miscell Comm. Petition from City Doctors that City provide heat, lights, gas, and water to Sycamore Hospital for 2 years provided that St Joseph Sisters buy the property to maintain a hospital and old folks home sent to Ord Comm. Ok'd acceptance of telephone franchise of FB Townsend. Ok'd contract with Dek/Syc Elect Co.

October 9 – Significant action and counter action about walks on Main, Somonauk and State Sts with ok to pour cement walks at grade levels set by City Engr Hay.

November 13 – Petition to Mayor by several Ald to stop walks construction. Mayor Smith favors elevating north end of walk on west side of library for drainage to the south with north end raised 6 in and slanted to the south about 20 ft. Ord has tie vote with Mayor voting yea to break tie. Ald Boynton and Ald Anderson move that Mayor does not employ any Engr to set grade levels for any walks in City. Motion lost on 3-5 vote.

November 17 – Spec Mtg to consider bids for fire alarm system. Received letters from several other cities recommending Gamewell Systems. Star Elect Co bids at \$1775 with Gamewell bidding 10 alarms at \$2218. Gamewell bid ok'd. Ok'd motion that hospital no longer be given free water on 4-3 vote. Atty opined that contract for court house sewer was lawful and City ok'd it.

November 21 – Spec Mtg Since 4 parties who would have private alarms backed out, 8 additional alarms ok'd to buy and install. Ok'd turning on water at hospital for balance of quarter to test meter and to return over charges to Dr LA Westgate.

December 11 – Ok'd all water meters to be in a place where they are readable by WWKS Supt. Ok'd that any water user more than 15 days late in payment suffers a 25% increase in amount due. Ok'd combining WWKS and Street Supt into Office of Public Works. Following resolution read and approved: Be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Sycamore II being duly assembled that we recognize the evils existing in public life arising from the unlawful use of money or special privileges to attain private or corporate gain at the expense of the public, that we are opposed to "graft" thereby meaning bribery or receiving or soliciting a bribe in every form. Further that we should insist on the resignation or expulsion of any member of this body found guilty of soliciting or receiving a bribe for the purpose of influencing his vote on any measure coming before this Council. Dated Sycamore Ill December 11, 1905. Moved by Ald Stark, seconded by Ald Hollemebeck that the resolution as read be the sense of the Council."

January 8, 1906

Gamewell Fire Alarm Co payments ok'd in 3 payments: \$916 due on 5-1-06, 5-1-07, and 5-1-08 with 6% interest due with 2nd and 3rd payments. Ok'd Mayor and 2 Ald to secure fire alarm test apparatus for Council room. Ok'd amending water Ord Sect 23 and Clerk to print the entire Ord to be sent with water bills.

February 12 – Ok'd Gamewell Co bill of \$200 for 2 miles of additional wiring. EB Shurtleff offers to do necessary grading to provide suitable drainage at N Walnut and Plymouth Sts if City ok's his 2nd Addition to City which City ok'd. Ok'd \$500 payment toward court house sewer.

March 12 – Petition to remove iron cauldron from alley between Somonauk and Maple Sts. Petition from large number of residents to extend W Exchange St through Walsh property to N Cross St. Ok'd Engr to set grade and curb line on Exchange St. Mr JM Cliffe before Council to settle claim of Peter hart for \$100. Council voted 4-4 but Mayor withheld tie breaker vote until next meeting. Ok'd buying 25 new water meters. Ok'd judges and clerks for next City election. Ok'd requiring Dr Westgate to pay hospital water bill by 3-17-06. Ok'd Dek/Syc Elect Co to erect coal bin at their spur on Center Ave. Ok'd requiring CGWRR to fix their crossings on all streets over which they pass within 15 days.

April 30 – Spec Mtg to canvass election results: Ald 1Ward Boynton, 2nd Tisdelle, 3rd J Ryan, 4th AB Anderson. Various dram shop, druggists, and bottling licenses and permits ok'd.

May 14 – Fire Dept invites Council to their dept meeting. Ok'd. Labor unions request use of streets Sept 3rd for Labor Day Parade. Ok'd. Henry Johnson and Emil Nelson ok'd as members of Hook & Ladder Co. Ok'd saloon licenses at \$800 with half payable May 1 and Nov 1.

June 11 – 3 tiles of 4 ft in diameter and 12 ft long ok'd for Charles, Edward, and Exchange Sts. where ditch crosses each street. Massillon Iron & Steel Co bid \$28/ton for tiles with 1 1/4 in wall thickness. Crushed rock bid received at \$1.15/cu yd. Mayor appts Mrs CD Rogers, MF Carlson, and Ald Butzow to Library Board. Petition received from DeK Co Telephone Co to place phone poles on W State St.

July 9 – Ok'd Alma St residents offer to pay for paving if City sets grade and curb lines and provides water for laying straight curb with crushed rock and gravel on street. Ok'd bids to be let for new bridge on Genoa Rd over Kishwaukee River.

August 2 – Ald Butzow voted Mayor Pro Tem. Walter Langlois, FB Townsend, James Branen, Judge Bishop, and HC Whittemore urged Council to comply with request of the Borden Condensing Milk Co to locate here on the condition that City provide water and sewer services necessary for them. Approved.

August 21 – Spec Mtg Ok'd steel bridge with abutments be built to replace unsafe North Bridge over Kish River.

September 10 – Ok'd continuous improvements of walks, water and sewer lines laid in various parts of City. Ok'd making demands of Dek/Syc Elect Co to produce twice the amount of pumped water as is being provided now.

October 8 – Denied dram shop owners request to be open until 11 pm as License Comm recommends to Council that 10 pm is late enough for dram shops to be open. Ok'd to reconsider Bridge Ord and Contract ok'd last meeting. Ok'd new contract with Chicago Bridge Co for new North Bridge over Kish River.

November 12 – Ord Comm recommends ord entitled "Ord providing for the annual approp of a sufficient sum to care for and maintain an ornamental fountain presented to City by Mrs Lucetta Boynton." Ok'd. City approved paying 25% sewer costs along Park Ave.

December 10 – Ok'd Ord for grading curbing with concrete combined curb and gutter with draining by storm water inlets and paving with asphalt of Somonauk from State south to Sycamore Township line.

December 14 – Spec Mtg Mayor and Council ok'd new Sycamore Municipal Board of Directors with members Rev Millar, Dr GW Nesbitt, and Ald Walrod on the Board.

January 14, 1907

Resolution that Sycamore Municipal Hospital under direction of Rev Dr Millar, Dr Nesbitt, John Faissler, WM McAllister, and WJ Fulton be considered a public benefit and worthy of support and confidence of all citizens. Ok'd. Ord Comm recommends number of saloons in City be regulated by number of residents. Ok'd. Ok'd all Ald being provided with stars (badges.)

January 25 – Spec Mtg Parts of Main, Lincoln, and Ottawa Sts ok'd for same curb, gutter, and paving treatment as given Somonauk St.

March 11 – Ok'd paying Geo E Dutton \$500 for his land to extend Park Ave to the Corp City limits. Water meters ok'd for Borden's and Turner Brass Cos. Ok'd Council express sympathy to AB Anderson Family on his passing. Ok'd clerks and judges for City election.

April 30 – Spec Mtg to canvass election of 2 year terms: Ald 1st Ward elected JN Butzow, 2nd Frank Hollenbeak, 3rd Walter Walrod, 4th Chas Parker, Mayor Olin Smith, Clerk EL Springer, Atty Wm J Fulton, Treas Chas Pond. Ok'd licenses and permits for saloons, druggists, and bottlers.

May 13 – Mayor Smith appt Standing Comm.

May 27 – Spec Mtg John Thompson's plat ok'd to become part of City. Arc lights to be installed on Sacramento St at entrance to CNWRR stock yards. Ok'd other new street lights to be installed. Tax anticipation warrants ok'd on Spec Assess #16. Various water and sewer mains approved.

June 10 – Received bids for sewer on Page St. Geo Peter bid \$2.18 to construct trench and \$42.50 per man hole against ST Armstrong bid of \$2.20 for complete trench and \$45 per man hole. Ok'd lower bid. Mr Swan requested sewer access on DeKalb Ave and was ok'd at \$75 tapping fee.

July 8 – Council rescinded vote to allow Dek Co Telephone Co to place poles on W State St and orders all poles removed. Ordered Dek/Syc Elect Co to remove all unnecessary poles from their locations.

July 29 – Spec Mtg vote to reject Chicago Bridge Co bid to remove old North Bridge and erect temporary one for \$475. Ok'd City to remove old bridge at no cost to City or township. Ok'd petition of Hose Co #1 to remove Chas Larson from its service. Ok'd cement walks on State, Locust, DeKalb Ave, California, Sacramento, South Ave, Elm, Exchange, Charles, Mill, Center Ave, Grant, and Maple Sts.

August 2 – Spec Mtg Ok'd S&W Comm get a passage over the Kish River on the west side of the bridge at once. 8-12 Ok'd water mains laid on Roosevelt Ct and Alma St. Ok'd paying Geo E Dutton \$500 for his land to extend park Ave through it to the south line of Dutton's Addition with land sufficient to build a hose house near Chauncey and Park Ave. Ok'd bond of \$6500 to Thomas J Peter Co for 85% of work done paving Somonauk St.

October 14 – Request from Sycamore Woven Fence Co for water main extended on Park Ave to their plant. Ok'd resolution that since City Ord not reviewed in 10 years, that a Comm be formed to codify, revise, and bind Ord into suitable form. Mayor Smith appt Ald Anderson, Ryan, Boynton, Hollenbeak, and Atty Fulton to address Ord issues. Ok'd resolution that new bond issued for \$15000 of which \$10000 to pay "fifteen twentieths" WWKS note due, and \$5000 to raise funds for new bridge over Kish River on N Main St. with interest on bonds payable at 5%.

November 11 – Report of Ord Comm: "We find that the last revision of City Ord was last made in 1899. That since that time many public franchise Ord such as license to Dek Co Gas Co, the Electric Light Contract & Franchise, Electric Railway Franchise, and others have been passed along with many new Ord. City is required from time to time to meet the demands for new legislation. This condition has caused our Ord to become scattered, incomplete, and entirely unsatisfactory for the needs of the present time." Com reminded Council that \$300 was ok'd in 1899 for revision, binding, and printing, so they ask now for \$200 for Atty fees and \$250 to print and bind 500 volumes of new codified Ord Books. Approved. Ok'd water main to Foy & Stericker Sheep Shop.

December 9 – 1st typed version of "Official Council Proceedings" provided by Clerk EL Spring. Water Main request for S Maple St sent to F&W Comm. Continental Bridge Co seeks final pay on new bridge contract: Base price \$6300, extra for lengthened piers \$366, extra concrete 35 cu yds at \$8.50/cu yd or \$297.50, extra cementing bottom of north abutment, \$25, and extra grading 160 cu yds at 50 cents/cu yd, \$80 for total of \$7068.50. Balance due from City = \$1741.10 and due from Sycamore Township = \$2827.40. Ok'd.

March 9, 1908

Ord vetoed by Mayor on dogs. Veto based on state law of \$1 per dog and that Sect 7 too harsh and would result in indiscriminate killing of dogs. A revised dog Ord ok'd. S&W Comm reported that Mr Wylde will not sell his land to extend Exchange St west for less than \$1800 so extension is on hold.

April 13 – Note of thanks received from Mrs Walrod for Council's get well wishes for her husband and for sympathy resolution upon the passing of former Ald Walter Walrod. Another resolution was issued to the former Ald August W Anderson Family upon his passing. Ok'd Ord to paint all water pipes that are used for fire fighting the color red.

April 30 – Spec Mtg to receive various City reports and to canvass election: Elected Ald 1st Ward Wm Murphy, 2nd Henry Gallup, 3rd JH Ryan, 4th Emil Carlson. New members took oath of office after which Mayor Smith made some pointed and fitting remarks which were well received.

May 11 – Ord granting Exchange Telephone Co rights to build and operate exchange sent to Comm on Lights, Telephone, and Gas. Boies & Resch ok'd as printers for year at \$100 with Ord at 2 cents/line and ads at 4 cents/line. Ok'd Guy Singer Supt Public Wks, Chas Stroberg Police Chief, John O'Connell Night Police, BH Oleson Fire Marshall, and Dr JK Egbert Health Comm. Ok'd connecting Edward St sewer with Park Ave sewer. Ok'd Approp Ord.

June 15 – Ok'd Exchange Telephone Co Franchise for Sycamore service. Many cement walks ok'd for various streets.

July 13 – Ok'd SL Scheidecker to build scales into Maple St to be flush with street level and to fund repair of street if scales are ever to be relocated. Approp Ord ok'd. Mayor Smith vetoed Exchange Co phone franchise since it would make 2nd phone co in City and would discriminate to those on unpaved streets without service there. Council overrode the veto with Ald Beckler, Ryan, Carlson, Gallup, Hollenbeak, and Murphy for and Ald Butzow and Parker against. Exchange Telephone Co Franchise Ord ok'd.

August 10 – Ok'd closing south end of Alma St 10 days for Chautauqua and that City water be free to them.

September 14 – Ok'd Exch. Telephone Co right to string wires on Central Union Telephone Co poles. Ok'd regulating smoke nuisance Ord tabled. Ok'd ord that all telephone, telegraph, and power poles in City be painted at once.

January 11, 1909

Bills for quarantined families ok'd to be sent by City Marshall to Health Comm to be ok'd to pay. Dr Chas Brown appt Health Comm.

February 8 – Ok'd \$150 paid for the band. Ok'd order to Dek Co Tel Co to stop wires and cross arms on State St west of California St.

March 9 – Council received complaint against Officer John O'Connell that asks Mayor to seek O'Connell's immediate resignation. Voted all for.

April 30 – Spec Mtg Officer annual salaries set: Mayor \$160, Clerk \$250, Atty \$200, Treas \$75, Ald \$80. Ord Comm reports on revised Ord and recommend passage of same. Revised City Ord ok'd and ordered to be printed and bound. City election canvassed: elected Ald 1st Ward AE Richardson, 2nd MS Rogers, 3rd JD Beckler, 4th John M Nelson, Mayor Olin Smith, Clerk EL Spring, Atty FE Brower, and Treas Geo A James. All new officers sworn in.

May 10 – Officer reports accepted. Ok'd lowering grade level of W State St from paved part and covering with crushed stone as it extends to City limits. Sycamore Tribune given printing contract for year. Desk request for Treas sent to Finance Comm.

May 19 – Spec Mtg Ok'd Approp Ord fro \$30360 for year. Many more cement walks ok'd all over City.

June 14 – More cement walks ok'd at 4 ft widths except for 8 and 10 ft widths downtown. Ok'd all bills against City must be in Clerk's hands 24 hours prior to Council meetings. Ok'd that any property owner laying cement walks are entitled to older walks material. Ok'd license for posting and distributing advertising materials.

July 12 – Many residents petition for open ditch on west side be abated as a nuisance. Cleaning Page St sewer sent to S&W Comm. Ok'd Supt Public Wks to lay a macadam road on N Main St from CGWRR tracks 16 ft wide to North Ave, then 12 ft wide from North Ave to North Bridge. Ok'd Sycamore Wagon Works to connect stand pipes in their factory with water main. Ok'd sanitary sewer on parts of Page, Walnut, Sycamore, Exchange, State, Elm, Locust, and High Sts. More cement walks ok'd.

September 14 – Ok'd Treas desk not to exceed \$40.

November 8 – Petition from Woodstock – Sycamore Traction Co to lay tracks on streets sent to Railroad Comm. F&W Comm recommends water mains laid on Governor, Sabin, and State Sts of 4 in line at \$.85/ft for 1689 ft at \$1435 also mains on Locust and Lincoln Sts for 760 ft costing \$646. Ok'd. Council accepted 80 ft by 2.5 ft strip of land from Spafford Smith Estate and strip same size from Frank B Doty and his wife which made possible extension of High St easterly. Ok'd buying land from John Wylde to extend Exchange St westerly for \$500.

March 14, 1910

Franchise of DeKalb – Sycamore & Interurban Traction Co calls for them to maintain spaces between and around tracks since settling and operations have damages streets where tracks are and they must repair damages or City will repair and bill company.

April 11 – Final pay of \$1956.80 ok'd to Chicago Bridge & Iron Co for stand pipe. Billed Dek/Syc Traction & Inter. Co \$296 for City repairs to raise tracks and make streets right.

April 26 – Spec Mtg Mayor Smith and Ald Beckler, Richardson, Rogers, Gallup, Carlson, Murphy, Nelson, and Sanford in attendance. Mayor appts Standing Comm: Finance, S&W, Sewer, Ord, Health & Police, F&W, Printing, Licenses, Railroads, Electric Lights Telephone & Gas, Miscell, Local Improvements, Supt PW Guy Singer, Fire Marshall BH Oleson, Health Comm Dr Chas Brown. Annual salaries of \$160 for Mayor and \$80 for Ald ok'd. Dram shop, druggist, and bottling licenses and permits ok'd.

May 9 – Mayor appts Mrs SM Henderson, Miss Sarah Robinson, and Mrs DJ Carnes to Library Board for 3 year terms. True Republican given printing contract for the year at \$100. Townsend & Andrews Addition plats ok'd into the City. Ok'd laying 4 in water mains on Pleasant St to serve 4 cottages built by FB Townsend. Resolution of thanks to Chas Stroberg for his 7 years service as City Marshall ok'd.

June 13 – Ok'd buying 4000 ft of 4 in water pipe, hydrants, and gate valves from the Massillion Iron Co. 8-8 Owners of factories on south side of City request fire alarm boxes near their plants. Sent to F&W Comm.

March 3, 1911

Petition by large number of citizens for 2 mill tax levy be passed for hospital maintenance. Clerk to give lawful notice to voters on the levy request.

April 27 – Spec Mtg Canvassed election: Elected 1st Ward Ald EF Boynton, 2nd Frank Hollembeak, 3rd James Ryan, 4th John Nelson, Clerk John Betty, Mayor JD Beckler, Atty FE Brower, Treas LJ Chatfield.

May 8 – Mayor appts Marshall Jos Ogden, Policeman Harvey Orton, Supt PW Guy Singer, Fire Chief BH Oleson, Health Comm Dr Brown. Appt DA Syme, FB Townsend, Wm Murphy, and Mrs CC Boynton to Library Board. Annual salaries ok'd for Supt PW \$1000, Marshall \$1000, Policeman \$900.

July 10 – June City Council Minutes appear in newspaper column form for the first time. Ok'd new walks on Esther Ave for lots 2-12 Block 1, Ingmanson's Addition. More water and sewer lines ok'd for City. Complaint received from Health Comm that a privy on the premises of Mary Stroberg had become a nuisance to her neighbors and that it's to be abated by the City Marshall. Many new walks ok'd.

August 14 – Mayor Beckler appts Adam Cliffe to Library Board due to death of David Syme. Ok's auditing City books for period of 1908 to May 1911. Mayor appt Ald Murphy, Sanford, and Boynton to Audit Comm.

September 12 – Ok'd plans and specs on file for City ornamental lighting system.

September 22 – Ok'd ornamental lighting on State St from Main to California Sts. and directed all 3 phone companies to remove all poles and wires on State St from Main to California.

October 9 – Mayor appt Miss Ethel Pond to Library Board due to death of Mrs CO Boynton. Ok'd Supt Streets test hydrants and fire alarms monthly.

November 13 – Directed City Treas to attend and report at every Council meeting. Ok'd arc lights at Roosevelt Ct and Alma St, Cottage Row and Harvester St, and Cross and Exchange Sts.

January 8, 1912

Mayor appt WM McAllister, FB Townsend, and John Faissler to Sycamore Hospital Board.

February 12 – Ok'd 5 year water contract with Borden Milk Condensing Co.

April 8 – Ok'd Mr Peterson to erect an air dome on the Doyle property in accordance with fire code Ord.

May 13 – Many walks ok'd on various streets. Ok'd on a 5-4 vote with Mayor in favor 2 new water fountains with 1 at court house and the other at State and California Sts. Ok'd Marshall to arrest all train crews holding crossings over the time allowed for same.

June 10 – Ok'd Ord to remove ornamental fountain at State and Main Sts made in motion by Ald Richardson seconded by Ald Harmes with motion passing on a 7-1 vote with Ald Brown voting nay. Ok'd suspending the blowing of the curfew whistle at 8:45.

July 8 – Ok'd paying \$2750 on the contract for a new lighting system and more water mains ok'd to be laid.

October 14 – Ok'd creating Office of City Clerk & Collector to be paid \$800/yr and to have Clerk's Office in Council Chambers at the Public Library. Office effective date is Oct 15, 1912.

November 11 – Woman's Club proposes new garbage boxes and Mayor sends idea to Health Comm. Ok'd extending Ottawa St from Locust to Walnut St. Letter from Woman's Club recommending donated gas from gas co be donated to Sycamore Municipal Hospital sent to Elect Light Comm.

December 9 – Ok'd donated gas be given hospital except enough for 2 lights at Waterman Hall. Ok'd Farmers Club to erect tent on State St from City Hotel to Main St and to close State St for 3 days for the mid winter fair in Feb, 1913. Ok'd Mayor appt Light Comm to meet with DeKalb Council on matter of reduction in gas rates.

May 12, 1913

Mayor Beckler in Chair. Ok'd Grand Army of the Republic Women's Relief Corps given use of Council Chambers for their meetings. Ok'd grading Somonauk south to Cortland Township line with S&W Comm oversight. Mayor appt Supt PW Axel Stroberg, City Marshall Jos Ogden, Night Police Fred Mitchell, Health Comm Dr JH Nesbitt, Library Board Dr CB Brown, Miss Sarah Robinson, Mrs HJ Stark, Miss Nina Gabel, and Fire Chief BH Oleson who declined appt.

June 9 – Mayor appt WS Loomis Fire Chief. Ok'd Elmer Stroberg to Hose Co #3. Many walks ok'd various parts of City. Power contract ok'd with Dek/Syc Electric Co for electricity and water pumping. More brick ok'd for walks and crossings. Another fire alarm ok'd for W State St. Ok'd 2 new water fountains to be installed by F&W Comm.

July 14 – Ok'd 1 block of water main laid on Esther Ave west of Fair St. Fred Sibley ok'd to Hose Co #2. Ok'd water mains for the Rumely Factory and Turner Brass Works. Ok'd Clerk send a letter of sympathy to Ald Sanford due to his illness.

August 13 – Ok'd Ord regulating traffic upon and along the streets, avenues, and public places in the City. Ok'd that liability insurance be left to Fin Comm and City Atty.

August 18 – Spec Mtg Ok'd \$200 from Township Highway Comm to fix E State Rd and that City pay all other costs. Ok'd F&W Comm to repair hose houses and calaboose.

September 9 – Ok'd bills paid except \$175 on light bill withheld for poor service. Ok'd bill of BJ Snow for \$253.73 for liability insurance. Ok'd Supt S&W to hire horse and wagon to assist State St paving. Ok'd Mayor and F&W Comm survey water rates of other cities regarding raising rates here.

November 10 – Ok'd reporting all cases of pulmonary tuberculosis. Ok'd filling old wells and selling old machinery at old pumping station. Mayor appt Ald Gallup, Brown, and Nelson to bring a new City Hall site proposal.

January 12, 1914

Ok'd Bureau of Charities with Mayor appt CB Brown, Geo Walrod, CM Conrad, Rev Ben J Rist, Uno Anderson, Mrs Maria Briggs, Rev GH Ashworth, and Chas Norris to bureau.

February 9 – Ok'd Paul Nehring to act as Arbitrator for City in settlement of wire due City from Dek/Syc Elect Co. Petition for free lunch in saloons sent to Health and License Comms.

April 13 – Ok'd changing Holland St name to Mason Ct.

April 28 – Spec Mtg Ok'd City to provide free water to build "hard road" west of City on DeKalb Road with county providing piping. Mayor appt Standing Comm: Finance Ald Brown, Nelson and Walrod, Licenses Brown, Henigan, Gallup, Sewerage Walrod, Sanford, Henigan, Electric Lights Walrod, Nelson, Brown, Ordinance Carlson, Harmes, Gallup, Health Brown, Sanford, Nelson, Railroad Sanford, Harmes, Walrod, Miscell Harmes, Sanford, Carlson, S&W Henigan, Harmes, Carlson, Printing Nelson, Brown, Walrod, F&W Gallup, Carlson, Harmes, Local Improv Beckler, Brown, Carlson. Several dram shop, druggist, bottling, and wholesale liquor sales licenses and permits issued.

May 11 – Ok'd Boies & Resch as printers for the year. Ok'd Supt PW pay increased to \$1200/yr.

June 18 – Mayor appt FB Townsend, AC Cliffe, Miss Ethel Pond, Mrs OH Smith, and CB Brown to Library Board. Ok'd notice to all property owners who did not construct walks a year ago that 10 days from receipt of City notice City will contract for walks to be constructed and the owner will be billed for same. Ok's Supt Stroberg to fix ditch through Walter Lovell property.

July 13 – Ok'd Supt Streets get oil for streets and property owner to pay for oil.

October 12 – Ok'd rescinding action against Sycamore-Woodstock Traction Co since Genl Mgr Ryan told Council company would repair tracks and street per Supt PW oversight. Ok'd CGWRR to have closet lavatories and drinking fountain installed by company with free water by City.

November 9 – Ok'd smoke house to be built by Chas Michaelson at rear of Bollinger Bros Barber Shop under direction of the Fire Marshall. Ok'd repairing City calaboose.

February 8, 1915

Ok'd transfers of \$1249.84, \$378.88, and \$429.08 from surplus in Spec Assess accounts to Genl Fund to repay it for advanced funds for work done. Ok'd buying more water meters.

March 8 – Directed Atty to research matter of soliciting and delivering merchandise without a license. Ok'd Walter Lovell to run a popcorn stand at State & Somonauk in 1915. Ok'd Jay Gould to remove the iron clad building on S Main St and to erect a brick building and for City to grade an alley from Main to Maple St.

April 12 – Ok'd Atty to attend public utilities Comm meeting in Chicago to protest rate increase of phones by Dek Co Telephone Co. Directed Atty to draft Ord to tax every utility pole in City.

April 26 – Spec Mtg to canvass election: Elected Ald 1st Ward Geo Walrod, 2nd John Bollinger, 3rd EG Cooper, 4th JM Johnson, Mayor JD Beckler, Atty FE Brower, Treas CB Conrad, Clerk JG Betty.

May 10 – Mayor appt Standing Comm and Supt PW Axel Stroberg, Night Police John Thompson, Fire Marshall WS Loomis, Library Board Mrs OH Smith, Miss Minnie Nelson, and CB Brown. Ok'd bond issue of \$12000 to "pay and fund the floating indebtedness of the City represented by outstanding and unpaid City warrants issued prior to May 1, 1915." Ok'd Mr Faissler to lay water main from City to his farm under Street Supt oversight.

May 14 – Spec Mtg Ok'd Spec Election on June 10, 1915 for Bond Referendum of \$12000 to address debt. Matter of buying horse, harness, and wagon sent to Fin Comm. No action taken on reduction of firemen in City.

June 14 – Ok'd Illinois Northern Util Co to connect gas line to Lovell's popcorn stand at State and Somonauk. CO Pike ok'd as City printer. Ok'd \$12000 Bond Referendum vote of 282 for and 271against. With 11 votes in the majority, 12 \$1000 bonds will be issued. Ok'd Supt PW place water meters on 5 school houses and that they be charged regular water rates. Ok'd water meter placed on drinking fountain at CGWRR depot to be charged regular water rates. Ok'd 2 Clow drinking fountains that shut off be placed at State and Maple and in front of Campbell & Allen's Store on State St and to remove fountain at State and California.

July 12 – Ok'd suitable office be found for City Clerk by Health Comm. Ok'd Ord combining PW Supt with Police Chief to be presented next meeting. Ok'd Supt PW install 10 to 20 garbage and waste boxes on City streets. Ok'd including in Approp for next year: \$2000 S&W, \$500 water main extension, \$200 sewers, and \$1500 Miscell.

October 21 – Spec Mtg Council met with Chamber of Commerce to act on improving south end of Somonauk St.

November 24 – Spec Mtg to ok tax anticipation warrants. Approved unanimously.

December 13 – Ok'd Lovell's popcorn stand another year at State and Somonauk.

February 14, 1916

Mayor and Council appt judges and clerks for both primary and general elections for March and April: 1st Ward judges WS Loomis, WF Sell, EM Phelps, 2nd CH Buell, Henry Gallup, CH Beach, 3rd John Young, Wm Read, Wm Townsend, 4th Thom Holland, John M Quist, Geo Harrington. 1st Ward clerks Richard Ingram, Roy Montgomery, Paul Nehring, 2nd Geo Briggs, Fred Beckler, John Paddock, 3rd Ed Halleran, James Wall, Wm Walrod, 4th Gust Swanson, Albert Stohl, Guy Watson.

April 27 – Spec Mtg Ok'd City providing 1 team for City clean up week. Canvassed election: Ald 1st Ward CM Harms, 2nd CB Brown, 3rd Chas Henigan, 4th Frank Bexell. Ok'd cooperation with Chamber of Commerce in repairing road at south end of Somonauk St to the end of City limits. Ok'd Atty to prepare wheel tax Ord for next meeting.

May 8 – Ald Geo Walrod resigned. Eat School sewer sent to Sewer Comm. Motion to combine fire and Police Chief positions. Motion not put to Council. Several firemen resigned. Ok'd having Fire Marshall meet with Fire Captains to trim each Co to 10 men which would mean 4 resigned and 4 dismissed firemen.

June 12 – Dog licenses increased but no amount in minutes. Ok'd tax on fire insurance companies. Ord on City fire dept ok'd but wording not in minutes. EI Boies given printing contract. Supt PW to order 20 barrels tar and 2 car loads crushed stone to repair streets.

September 11 – Ok'd Chamber of Commerce offer of 8 cars of crushed stone in order for City to repair south end of Somonauk St under direction of Supt PW.

October 9 – Ok'd Standard Oil Co to build an oil station in City. Ok'd allowing \$450 to Chicago Insulated Wire Co to lay 8 in sewer line from the factory to the Sacramento St sewer. Ok'd fee of \$1.50/hr to use City gas engine and pump.

December 11 – An American flag presented to Council by Women of the Relief Corps. Ord on tax anticipation warrants ok'd. Ok'd City donation of \$50 toward the community Christmas tree.

January 8, 1917

Ok'd concessions including closing streets, use of Library, Police, Water, etc for the mid winter fair assoc.

January 11 – Spec Mtg in order to take steps necessary for an election to vote on adoption of a Commission form of Municipal Government.

January 15 – Spec Mtg Ok'd judges and clerks for Spec Election on Referendum on Commission form of Government to be held Sat, Feb 3, 1917.

February 12 – Ok'd canvass of Special Election where 258 voted for and 359 voted against Commission form of Government. Referendum failed. Polling places ok'd for March 13th City Election: 1st Ward Library, 2nd Ryan Bros Feed Barns, 3rd Johnson's Carpenter Shop, 4th Hose House #3.

April 26 – Spec Mtg to canvass election: Elected Ald 1st Ward Sam Wrigley, 2nd for short term Buell and John Bollinger regular 2nd term, 3rd EG Cooper, 4th John M Johnson, Mayor Chas B Brown, Clerk JG Betty, Treas CM Conrad, Atty FE Brower. A “rising vote of thanks” given former Mayor JD Beckler. Mayor Brown appt Standing Comm: Finance Cooper, Bollinger, Buell, Sewerage Johnson, Henigan, Wrigley, Ordinance Henigan, Buell, Harms, S&W Cooper, Henigan, Bollinger, F&W Harms, Cooper, Buell, Licenses Bollinger, Wrigley, Henigan, Elect Lights Henigan, Harms, Johnson, Health Harms, Bexell, Wrigley, Miscell Bexell, Harms, Buell, Printing Henigan, Johnson, Bexell, Local Improv Brown, Cooper, Buell.

May 14 – Ok'd printing contract to Stevens & Resch. Mayor appt Frank Poust Police Chief, Ed Harris Night Police, Homer Sargent Supt PW, Dr John Nesbitt Health Comm WS Loomis Fire Chief.

November 17 – Ok'd tax anticipation warrants. Ok'd Clerk notify Wm Foy on Ord on driving sheep, cattle, etc through City streets. Ok'd alley between Main and Maple be graveled into good condition funded by \$125 from each resident on the alley and that City pick up any excess related costs.

December 10 – Ok'd cutting out all lights on ornamental poles except the top light. Ok'd removing light middle of block on Exchange near Maple and California and that lights be installed corners of Exchange and California and Exchange and Maple.

February 11, 1918

Ok'd clerks and judges for the March 12th Primary and April 16th General Elections.

April 29 – Ok'd canvass of election: Elected Ald 1st Ward CM Harms, 2nd CH Buell, 3rd Chas Henigan, 4th Frank Bexell, Police Magistrate ZB Mitchell.

June 10 – Ok'd Approp with increase for Public Library from \$1200 to \$1500.

October 14 – Ok'd salary of City Clerk/Collector at \$90/mo or \$1018/yr.

January 13, 1919

Ok'd salary of City Marshall and Night Watchman at \$80/mo or \$960/yr.

February 10 – Ok'd vacating section of Sycamore St from Maple to Main St.

March 10 – Ok'd Commission of Chicago & Iowa Trail be allowed to mark poles on north side State St.

April 14 – Ok'd Claude Bennett and Chas Butzow be in Hose Co #1 replacing Robt Holmes and Arthur Powell.

April 28 – Spec Mtg to canvass election: elected Ald 1st Ward Sam Wrigley, 2nd Thom L Tisdelle, 3rd EG Cooper, 4th John M Johnson, Mayor CB Brown, Clerk JG Betty, Treas CB Conrad, Atty FE Brower.

May 12 – Ok'd Stevens & Resch for annual printer contract. City ok'd paying Womens Club \$180 for care of the rest room. Ok'd F&W Comm to authorize Mayor to enter into contract with Butzow Bros to buy fire truck and equipment in accordance with specs and proposals. Ok'd Supt PW to buy 25 barrels of tarvia x and 1 car of coarse and 1 car of crushed stone to repair pavements.

June 9 – Ok'd vacating Waterman St from Park Ave to CNWRR right of way. Mayor Brown appts Standing Comm: Finance Ald Cooper, Tisdelle, Buell, Sewerage Johnson, Henigan, Wrigley, Ordinance Henigan, Buell, Harms, S&W Buell, Henigan, Harms, Johnson, F&W Harms, Cooper, Bexell, Licenses Tisdelle, Wrigley, Henigan, Elect Lights Henigan, Harms, Johnson, Health Harms, Wrigley, Bexell, Miscell Bexell, Harms, Buell, Printing Henigan, Johnson, Bexell, Board Local Improv Mayor Brown, Cooper, Tisdelle, Hospital Board FB Townsend, Mrs Eliz Gross, LC Shaffer. Ok'd contract to Butzow Bros to house fire truck and to furnish firemen.

July 14 – Ok'd salary Supt PW to \$110/mo and of Night Policeman at \$90/mo. Ok'd Clerk to buy new typewriter for his office.

August 11 – Ok'd Sewer Comm empowered to act on cleaning ditch on W State St. Ok'd raising Clerk and Police Chief pay by \$10/mo.

September 8 – Ok'd tax anticipation warrants. Ok'd new city maps and new gong for fire alarm system. Mayor appt Ald Cooper, Bexell, and Buell to Census Comm, Chas Butzow Fire Marshall, Ed Swanson Asst Fire Marshall, Firemen Wm Brennan, Geo Jesperson, Joe Ogden, Tom Allen, Earl Wylde, Wm Carroll, Fred Foster, Claude Bennett, Albert Dennis, Fritz Loptien, Ed Swanson, Wm Lossman, Al Butzow, and Henry Butzow. Mayor appts Mrs FE Stevens to Hospital Board.

November 10 – Ok'd paying Volunteer Firemen ½ year salary and honorably discharging them.

This ends some notes of interest from Sycamore City Council Minutes dated from 1900 through 1919.

This document is intended for use by those interested in the history of Sycamore City Council Meeting Minutes. All of the notes were taken by Mayor Mundy directly from City of Sycamore City Clerk Records and are edited neither for English grammar rules, spelling, punctuation, nor for political correctness. It has been a pleasure to gather notes of interest from Sycamore's history, and the Mayor plans to record, compile, and make available notes from other City Council Meeting Minutes over time. The notes present a snapshot in time of how Sycamore grew from a frontier settlement of rustic cabins to the beautiful vibrant and economically sustainable community she is today. There were many good and faithful public servants who guided Sycamore through her infancy, Industrial Revolution, laying of streets, sidewalks, water, sewer, and gas mains, erection of a stand pipe, street lights, telephone poles, homes, businesses, churches, schools, library, a jail, and historic actions and events which impacted Sycamore from 1900 through 1919.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Ken Mundy
October, 2012