

## May 2013

The following is a compilation of notes Mayor Mundy has taken from the Sycamore City Council Meeting Minutes during the period from 1920 through 1949. It took Mayor Mundy several months to review the minutes, make notations, and present what is seen here for your understanding, education, and enjoyment. City Clerk Candy Smith is credited with having the City Council Minutes available for review as she carefully and accurately records, maintains, and safeguards City records. Not much financial data is included in the minutes, but when there is mention of the Annual Appropriation Ordinance, Annual Tax Levy Ordinance, Treasurer Report, bills approved to pay, or other financial information, it is included here.

### January 12, 1920

Mayor Brown in the Chair. Minutes and bills to pay ok'd. Ok'd proposal of Women's Club to turn over Memorial Park on W State St to City.

**February 9** – Mayor appt Wm Utter night police due to JA Hilcox resignation. Ok'd PW to buy gas engine driven diaphragm pump.

**March 8** – Judges and clerks elected for April City election: 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Judges EM Phelps, Chas Penter, Chas Stevenson, Clerks Wm Sell, John Sprague, WA Herrick, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Judges GW Briggs, TC Jones, F Beckler, Clerks T Bollinger, E Halloran, JR Paddock, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Judges Wm Townsend, W Read, EJ Wheat, Clerks W Walrod, J Wall, I Wetzel, 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Judges E Jessen, H Fieldeth, G Harrington, Clerks A Lindstone, JM Quist, R Lecky.

**April 12** – Petition from Turner Brass Works, Ill Wire & Cable Co, and Ill Thresher Co that Park Ave from High St to the Borden Condensed Milk Co be graded and crushed stone be laid sent to Sts & Wlks Comm. Ok'd addition of Manufacturers Subdivision running between Park Ave and Harvester St north from Edward St to DeKalb Ave into City. Ok'd Ord to license and regulate amusements in City.

**April 29** – Spec Mtg to canvass election: Ald 1<sup>st</sup> Ward CM Harms, 2<sup>nd</sup> C Buell, 3<sup>rd</sup> C Henigan, 4<sup>th</sup> J Quist.

**May 10** – Ok'd proposal of Ill Thresher Co, Turner Brass Works, and Ill Wire & Cable Co for City to provide \$1,000 plus funds from others on Park Ave to grade and repair it with crushed stone from High St to Turner Brass Works. Annual reports from Clerk & Collector, Treas, and PW Supt sent to Fin Comm. Ok'd Mayor empowered to cause means to stop violations of speeding and other auto laws. Mayor appt Standing Comm: Fin, Ald Tisdelle, Cooper, Buell, Sewer, Johnson, Henigan, Wrigley, Ord, Henigan, Buell, Harms, S&W, Henigan, Buell, Harms, Johnson, F&W, Harms, Cooper, Quist, Lic, Tisdelle, Wrigley, Henigan, Electric Lts, Henigan, Harms, Johnson, Health, Harms, Wrigley, Quist, Misc, Quist, Harms, Buell, Printing, Henigan, Johnson, Quist, Bd Local Improv, Mayor Brown, Cooper, Tisdelle. Approved.

**May 31** – Spec Mtg to ok buying a Sterling 2 1/2 ton truck per specs of Richardson & Schroeder, Agents for \$4,200.

**June 14** – Ok'd Holcomb's Addn to City. Many walks ok'd various parts of City.

**July 12** – Ok'd increasing Library annual approp from \$1,500 to \$2,500 with full Annual Approp Ord ok'd.

**August 9** – Ok'd Tax Levy Ord. Workers Comp Insurance contract to WA Herrick agent for Maryland Casualty Co but Mayor voted nay to break tie vote. Ok'd proposal of BJ Snow to bind City and insure same for 30 days through 9-14-20.

**September 13** – Ok'd Ord to prohibit cigarettes and cigarette papers being sold or given to anyone under 18 years of age. Motion to contract with BJ Snow for annual insurance lost on votes. Ok'd Maryland Casualty Co for City insurance for one year. Tax Anticipation Warrants ok'd. Ordered all house have house numbers. Ok'd a 3 in compound water meter for Ill Wire & Cable Co,

**November 8** – Ok'd contract with Butzow Bros Garage to house and store the fire truck and chemical engine and fire equipment for SFD for a year.

**December 8** – Mayor appt Frank Binder to SFD due to resignation of Wm Carroll. Supt PW to install Empire Compound Meter at Chicago Insulated Wire Co.

**December 13** – Spec Mtg to ok Thompson & Keirstein's Addn to City. Small street south of Charles St named West Ave ok'd. Ok'd sale of City owned property on Harvester St.

### January 10, 1921

Mayor appt Emil Jesperson to SFD and Fred Foster as night police due to resignation of Wm Utter.

**February 14** – Ok'd bid of Hero Furnace Co for lot 4, block 7, Waterman & Ellwood South Addn. Property conveyed. Clerks and Judges ok'd for April 19<sup>th</sup> election.

**March 14** – Ok'd \$100 for public restroom maintenance. Ok'd Walter Petrie night police at \$100/mo. Ok'd PW Supt Mr Sargent to buy Fordson Tractor.

**April 11** – Ok'd water main on E Ottawa St after a signed deed from Lindgren Estate for 255 ft long and 10 ft wide strip of land.

**April 29** – Spec Mtg to canvass election: 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Ald Sam Wrigley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thom Tisdelle, 3<sup>rd</sup> EG Cooper, 4<sup>th</sup> John M Johnson, Mayor CB Brown, Clerk JG Betty, Treas CM Conrad. All sworn into office.

**July 11** – Ok'd 7 signs be made and installed on leading roads into City regarding speed limits and cut-out law. Many street gradings ok'd. Ok'd Annual Approp Ord for May through April 30, 1922. Ok'd water main on Mason Ct extended 450 ft.

**August 8** - Many walks ok'd built on newly annexed additions to City. Annual Tax Lavy Ord ok'd.

**September 12** – Ok'd Employers Compensation Insurance for new year to BJ Snow agent for Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co. Mayor sends issue of opening basement on Connart Store to S&W Comm. Ok'd Ord on hawkers and peddlers. Ok'd sewers on Center Ave, Center Cross St, Archie Pl, Roosevelt Ct, and parts of Grant St.

**November 14** – Ok'd Treas issue Spec Assess Vouchers #25 and #26. Ok'd survey of maps of Edward, Charles, Elmwood Sts and South Ave for sewer construction. Ok'd \$150 for public restroom maintenance. Ok'd contract with Butzow Bros Garage to store fire truck and equipment for the year.

**December 12** – Mayor appt Miss Alberta Hills, Mrs FE Lee, and Wm Joslyn to Library Bd. Matter of painting SPD Station and PW Supt Office sent to Misc Comm.

### **January 9, 1922**

Ok'd Tax Antic Warrants.

**February 13** – Ok'd Ord authorizing Dek Co Telephone Co to remove poles, cables, and wires in certain places of City to be placed in underground conduits. Petition from Alma St property owners asking to vacate part of Alma St south of Archie Pl sent to S&W Comm. Ok'd Clerks and Judges for March 14<sup>th</sup> City Primary and April 18<sup>th</sup> City Elections.

**March 13** – Ok's petition to vacate part of Alma St. Ok'd hydrants at S main, W State, and S Maple Sts. Ok'd st light at Somonauk and Elm Sts.

**April 10** – Mayor appt Mrs Floyd Whittemore to Hospital Bd due to resignation of Mrs FE Stevens. Ok'd paving Cross St and Roosevelt Ct. Ok'd sanitary sewer on Dek Ave, Cottage Row, Stark, South Ave, Edward, Elmwood, Charles, Harvester Sts and Prospect Pl.

**April 28** – Spec Mtg to canvass election: 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Ald Geo Fredericks, 2<sup>nd</sup> GE Singer, 3<sup>rd</sup> Chas Henigan, 4<sup>th</sup> John Quist, Police Magistrate ZB Mitchell. Ald Buell and Harms thanked for their service.

**May 8** – Invitation from joint comm. of Sons of Veterans and Post 99 American Legion for Council to attend Memorial Day exercises on May 30<sup>th</sup> accepted. Mayor appt Standing Comm: Fin Ald Cooper, Henigan, Tisdelle, Sewerage Johnson, Singer, Fredericks, Ord Henigan, Quist, Wrigley, S&W Henigan, Tisdelle, Wrigley, Johnson, F&W Cooper, Johnson, Wrigley, Lic Fredericks, Singer, Quist, Elect Lts Fredericks, Quist, Tisdelle, Health Singer, Quist, Fredericks Printing Tisdelle, Cooper, Johnson, Misc Quist, Singer, Fredericks, Bd Local Improv Mayor Brown, Cooper, Tisdelle. Appt LC Shaffer to Hosp Bd.

**June 12** – Ok'd City continue with Smith & Dumas for garbage collection another month at \$83.33/mo.

**August 14** – Mayor appt FC Poust Chief of Police, HH Sargent Supt PW, Walter Petrie night police and Chas Butzow Fire Marshall and Ed Swanson Ass't Fire Marshall.

**September 11** – Ok'd contract with Smith & Dumas for 1 year of garbage collection.

**November 13** – Ok'd Holcomb Bros 2<sup>nd</sup> Addn in City. Ok'd Ord prohibiting tractors, machines, etc having lugs on any wheels from being on City pavement. Ok'd \$150 to Women's Club to maintain public restroom.

### **January 8, 1923**

Ok'd Clerk buy a fire alarm box for Home St. Mayor to appt Comm to find a place for ice skating. Ok'd PW Supt buy equipment for tractor.

**February 12** – Ok'd \$1,000 to BJ Nelson for extra paving work. Ok'd City maps printed with a set of water and sewer cards. Ok'd buying 120 street signs. Clerks and Judges appt for City Election. City maps to contain 2 sets of 40 acre plats in one bound cover.

**March 12** – Ok'd paying \$40 to Carl Eklund due to his fall over a wire at Sycamore and N Maple Sts. Ok'd extending sewer on S California to center of Waterman St with a manhole to be installed.

**April 9** – Ok'd improvements funded Spec Assess to Charles and Elmwood Sts plus all intersections thereof.

**April 30** – Spec Mtg to ok salaries for Mayor, Treas, and Bd of Local Improv except for Chair. Canvassed local election: 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Ald Geo Valentine, 2<sup>nd</sup> SM Henderson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Chas O Lindstone, 4<sup>th</sup> Fred O Larson, Mayor CB Brown, Clerk JG Betty, Treas CB Conrad. Vote of thanks for outgoing Ald for their service.

**May 14** – Mayor appt Standing Comms. Annual reports of Clerk, Treas, Supt PW sent to Fin Comm. Mayor appt Bd of Local Improv. Council accepts invitation from Sons of Veterans and American Legion to be part of the Memorial Day exercises. Ok'd PW Supt buy 160 yards granite chips, 2 cars gravel, a car half in stone, and 1 car screenings. Mayor appt FE Brower City Atty, HH Sargent Supt PW, FC Poust Police Chief, Walter Petrie night police, Chas Butzow Fire Marshall, Ed Swanson Asst Fire Marshall. Mayor appt Mrs Floyd Whittemore to Hosp Bd and SM Henderson to Lib Bd.

**June 23** – Ok'd contract with Ill Power Co for lighting streets and alleys and pumping water in City. Ok'd plat of John Bollinger's Subdivision to City. Ok'd Supt PW buy material to build shed for City machinery.

**July 9** – Mayor appt himself, Ald F Valentine, Quist, and PW Supt Sargent as a Comm to study buying a SFD pumper truck. Ok'd Mayor appt motorcycle police. Ok'd garbage contract to JE Haines at \$100/mo.

**July 18** – Spec Mtg ok'd 600 gal/min pumper for SFD. Ok'd Tarvia for Somonauk and E & W State Sts.

**August 13** – Ok'd Approp Ord and Tax Levy Ord for new year.

**August 17** – Spec Mtg to ok low bid of Stutz Fire Engine Co for 6 cylinder triple combination 600 gal/min pumper fire truck.

**September 10** – Ok'd bill from Stutz Fire Engine Co for \$9,942.50 less 3%. Ok'd Tax Antic Warrants.

**October 8** – Ok'd lights placed at Elm and Somonauk and High and Somonauk Sts. Ok'd PW trim all trees hanging over walks.

**December 10** – Ok'd PW Supt buy materials to connect up with new well to be put down on Harvester St.

#### **February 11, 1924**

Ok'd Spec Assess for Ottawa, High, California, and Waterman Sts. Appt Judges and Clerks for City Election. Ok'd salary increases of Clerk and PW Supt to \$150/mo. Ok'd sectional plats of City be loaned to Circuit Clerk, County Clerk, County Treas, Chamber of Commerce, Park Board, Sycamore Natl Bank, Citizens Natl Bank, Pirece Trust & Saving Bank, City Atty, Mayor and Ald.

**March 10** – Several new street lights ok'd for various parts of City.

**April 14** – Ok'd Adolph Lindstone for pump and gasoline tank at his store on Dekalb Ave. Ok'd vacating portions of Alma St. Ok'd empowering Mayor to employ a motor speed police when necessary. Ok'd licensing all vehicles owned and kept in City. Ok'd \$150 to Women's Club for public restroom maintenance. Ok'd Police Cgief and night police salaries be \$110/mo.

**April 28** – Spec Mtg to canvass election: 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Ald Geo Fredericks, 2<sup>nd</sup> GE Singer, 3<sup>rd</sup> Chas Henigan, 4<sup>th</sup> John Quist, and Bd Loc Improv Mayor and 1 Ald from each Ward.

**May 12** – Ok's salary speed police be \$100/mo. Ok'd SFD Ord be amended to add 5 new members. Mayor appt Standing Comm and City Officers.

**June 9** – Many new walks ok'd various parts of City. Ok'd Supt PW buy steel broom for street sweeper and buy 6 mushroom traffic lights with cables.

**July 14** – Mayor appt Mrs Frank Johnson to Lib Bd.

**August 11** – Ok'd Approp Ord and Tax Levy Ord. Directed PW Supt to cut off all storm water drains draining into sanitary sewers.

**August 18** – Spec Mtg to ok Ord allowing Dek-Syc Interurban Traction Co for tracks, ties, rails, and overhead wires within City streets and 2,000 ft beyond City limits. Ok'd Mayor and Comm to dispose of material received from Interurban Traction Co,

**September 8** – Ok'd City and Chicago Insulated Wire Co to share cost of storm sewer line north side of North Ave from Maple to Sacramento Sts. Ok'd City liability insurance contract to Mrs E Crum. Mayor appt Comm to study signs on roads at City limits.

**October 13** – Matter of oil station on CL Adees property at DeKalb Ave and Sacramento St sent to S&W Comm. Ok'd resubdivision of block 11 of Lattin's Addn. Plat of lot A block 15 ok'd into City. Mayor appt Harry Jahns, Tom O'Malley, Wm Ebaugh, Harold Fredericks, and Ed Butzow to SFD. Ok'd ornamental street light west side Somonauk St between State St and alley. Comm and Mayor ok'd to work

with Chamber Comm to erect 3 City limit signs not to exceed \$150 each. Ok'd City joining Ill Municipal League.

**November 10** – Ok'd City deposit \$250 in bank to fund census for City. Ok'd plat of Pike's Addn to City.

**December 8** – Pk'd notes of thanks to those who worked the City census. Ok'd City furnish electricity for Christmas tree lights along business streets. Ok's street light on Alma St at circle intersection.

### **January 12, 1925**

Ok'd Spec Assess to improve Elm, Exchange, Locust, Walnut, High, Ottawa, Home, Somonauk, Chauncey, Edward, Cross, Park Ave, Cottage Row, and Turner Pl.

**February 9** – Ok'd \$350 to maintain public restroom through Apr 30<sup>th</sup>. Ok'd buying 1.000 ft fire hose from FB Spoor at 50cents/ft. Ok'd Clerks and Judges City Election. Amended Annual Approp Ord and Tax levy Ord passed July and August 1924.

**April 13** – Ok'd Geo A Fox be charged \$150 for tapping into sewer. Ok'd City pay 25 cents/ft to pave N Main St from CGW RR tracks to North Ave. Ok'd Supt PW take up 16 rails and ties on DeKalb Ave and to relay brick in street.

**April 30** – Spec Mtg to canvass election: 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Ald CM Harms, 2<sup>nd</sup> JR Paddock, 3<sup>rd</sup> WA Henigan, 4<sup>th</sup> Fred O Larson, Mayor JD Beckler, Clerk Everett Leonard, Treas Mary M Loomis. New mayor Beckler appt Ladimer F Moudry City Atty. Motion for Council to rise and give vote of thanks to retiring Mayor Brown and Ald for their service.

**May 11** – Some local businesses included in bills to pay: Butzow Bros Garage, Ill Printing Co, JI Halcomb Manuf Co, Turner Brass Works, Sycamore Soft Water Laundry, Swanson Bros, CGWRR, Kenyon & Montgomery, Oleson & Walrod, Farmers Grain & Lumber Co, WC Loptien Garage, DeKalb County Telephone Co, Ill Power Co, Chas Harbaugh Lumber Co, Mueller Co, James Clow & sons, Kishwaukee Special Drainage, Wylde & Son, FE Lee & Co, Holcomb Bros, The True Republican, Elmore Oil Co, Ill Threshing Co. Mayor appt officers and Standing Comms. Ok'd various water and sewer connections and that Ill Northern Utility Co be notified to lay gas mains and make connections on various paved streets. Bd Local Improv appt with Mayor and Ald Harms, Singer, Henigan, and Quist to serve.

**June 8** – Ok'd sewer on Fair St and water main in Turner Add'n. Mayor appt JR Paddock to Lib Bd and Jane W Dutton to Hosp Bd. Petition from HB Fargo to widen State St in front of the new Fargo Theater Bldg. Ok'd JL Murphy to erect and operate oil station on DeKalb Ave. Ok'd expenses for Fire Chief Butzow to attend State's short course on fire prevention, control, and extinguishment at U of Ill at Champaign.

**June 23** – Spec Mtg for Council to view State St grade where Mr Fargo to build. Ok'd new sidewalk grade set by Ord not to exceed 17 in at northwest corner of building.

**July 13** – More businesses listed in bills to pay: Union Paint & Varnish Co, H Channon Co, Tyrrell & Wells, Natl Meter Co, Paddock & Sons, The Sycamore Tribune, Ill Office Supply, Star Garage. Atty Moudry reported CGWRR to place wig wag signals at all crossings in City and will remove gates at same. Ok'd new walks on Sacramento, E&W Exchange, Edward, High, Elm, Center Cross, Home, Grant, W Sycamore and Walnut Sts and Washington Pl. Ok'd Annual Approp Ord.

**August 10** – Ok'd Tax Levy Ord. Mayor appt Fred Mitchell City Marshall.

**September 14 – d** Ok'd Tax Antic Warrants in detail to be repaid 4-1-26 with 6% interest. Annual Approp Ord ok'd as follows: Streets \$2,000, Water \$3,000, Officer Salaries \$2,800, S&W \$5,700, Fire Dept \$1,600, Water Main Extension \$1,750, Sewer \$1,075, Spec Police \$275, Printing \$215, Library \$1,875, Hospital \$3,000, Garbage \$1,725, Elections \$160, Insurance \$250, Public Health \$250, Public Benefit Tax Fund \$2,800, City Bldgs \$500, Incidental Expense \$1,850 all totaling \$29,825. More walks ok'd in City. Ok'd Ord regulating parking and operation of vehicles in City with violation provisions.

**October 12** – Ok'd salary of night watchman to \$125/mo on 4 to 3 vote. Ok'd petition of Somonauk St residents to pave with private funds under supervision of PW Supt from Sycamore Township line to section being paved by City. Passed on 4 to 3 vote. Ok'd Supt PW to let contract for 6 ft walk from Fargo Theater west to C & NW RR tracks.

**November 9** – Ok'd plats of DC Cliffe, Waterman, and Sparrow sub divisions into City. Ok'd Supt PW to make a cinder road on Somonauk St from Borden St to City limits. Ok'd street light on Archie Pl and on N California St.

### **January 11, 1926**

Ok'd Resolution changing Rt 23 in City.

**February 8** – Ok'd Ald Harms resignation along with full years pay and thanks from Council for his service. Ok'd Clerks and Judges for election.

**March 8** – Ok'd Dr Thompson erect and operate oil station at Main and Exchange Sts. Ok'd Supt PW to fill the old unused City reservoir. Ok'd Chas Bodeen to tap into water main on DeKalb Ave for \$25 fee.

**April 12** – Ok'd \$200 to Chamber of Comm to maintain public restroom. Request of Firemen for \$25 increase sent to City Atty to prepare Ord. Ok'd Ord for a "connected system of sanitary sewers in and for a portion of the City of Sycamore."

**April 29** – Spec Mtg to canvass election: 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Ald Chas F Koehn, 2<sup>nd</sup> GE Singer, 3<sup>rd</sup> Chas Henigan, 4<sup>th</sup> JM Quist. Council voted to thank Ald Fredericks for his service.

**May 5** – Spec Mtg to ok contract with Rockford Road Const Co to resurface certain streets at cost not to exceed \$5,000 under direction of Supt Streets.

**May 10** – Mayor appts Standing Comm and Officers. Ok'd paying KJ Cormack for debt to Grand Army of the Republic.

**June 12** – Ok'd Dr DO Thompson Health Officer. Ok'd drinking fountain installed in front of Chamber of Comm Rooms. Ok'd Spec Assess to fund street work. Ok'd brick walk on Elm St from Governor to Sabin St.

**July 12** – Ok'd Approp Ord. Ok'd Supt PW to trim all branches over hanging walks and to cut weeds and shrubs near walks.

**July 26** – Spec Mtg ok'd repair of E State St from end of pavement to west gate of Park. Ok'd Tax Antic Warrants. Ok'd repair and painting of City Building on S Maple St. Ok'd directing telephone company to move their poles on Governor St beyond new sidewalk line.

**August 9** – Ok'd Street Supt to remove curbing on State St from California to Sacramento Sts. Letter from merchants on parking in business district sent to Ord Comm.

**September 13** – Ok'd new walk for Somonauk and Elm Sts with new grade at BPOE Elks Club. Ord ok'd regulating parking in City. Ok'd City Marshall to shoot dogs not having tags within 10 days hence. WA Herrick contracted for City insurance for the year.

**October 11** – Ok'd Harry Grahn and H Drayton to erect gasoline storage tanks and station.

**December 13** – Mayor appt Chas Pond and Mrs RM Wheeler to Lib Bd.

### **February 14, 1927**

Ok'd Ord for bids on garbage collection and disposal. Appt Clerks and Judges for next election.

**March 14** – Ok'd lights at Kerr and Somonauk and at Esther and Fair Sts. Tabled request from Harley Chase for popcorn stand at southeast corner of State and Somonauk until after election. Desk and chair for SPD sent to Misc Comm. Ok'd garbage contract with Robt Brown for \$1,188/yr.

**March 28** – Spec Mtg to ok spec Assess to improve parts of DeKalb Ave, State and Sacramento Sts.

**April 28** – Spec Mtg to canvass election: 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Ald Chas Tewksbury, 2<sup>nd</sup> John Paddock, 3<sup>rd</sup> W Henigan, 4<sup>th</sup> Fred O Larson.

**May 9** – Mayor appt Officers and Standing Comm. Ok'd salary at \$165/mo for Sts Supt and Clerk and a raise of \$100/yr for the Mayor.

**June 13** – Ok'd Sam Weeden to build and operate oil station on E State at Governor St. Ok'd day and night police be at State and Somonauk and State and Maple Sts Wed and Sat nights to direct traffic. Ok'd Sts Supt to install wiring for stop and go lights on State, Main, Maple, California, and Somonauk Sts. Ok'd buying 30 water meters.

**July 11** – k'd Annual Approp Ord and ok'd City Marshall expense to Chicago to buy a uniform.

**July 25** – Spec Mtg to ok Tax Levy Ord.

**October 10** – SFD "gifted" City with fire truck #3 the dept had built and equipped with money from the Firemen's Fund. (See printed minutes detailing SFD "gift" to City and bills paid)

**November 14** – Council gave vote of thanks to SFD for fire truck #3. Local chapter of Izaak Walton League petitions City regarding sewer disposal plant. Ok's Sewer Comm to gather specs for new plant. Ok's seeking State Aid for paving E State St.

### **February 13, 1928**

Ok'd polling places City election: 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> WC Loptien Garage, 3<sup>rd</sup> Johnson's Carpenter Shop, 4<sup>th</sup> Hose House #3.

**March 12** – Ok'd Atty send letter to Ald W Henigan that due to continuous absentee from Ald duties, he forfeits office and is required to resign, if he is unable to attend meetings which saves City cost of special election.

**April 26** – Spec Mtg petition of Farmers Grain & Lumber Co and John Marshall that part of N Maple be vacated sent to S&W Comm. Canvassed recent election: 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Ald John T Tyrell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Arthur Gates, 3<sup>rd</sup> Horace Fothergill, 4<sup>th</sup> John Quist. Vote of thanks taken for retiring Ald for their service.

**May 14** – Mayor Beckler appts Officers and Standing Comm. S&W Comm recommends denying petition to vacate portion of N Maple St.

**May 28** – Spec Mtg to ok Kreiner Const Co to resurface certain asphalt streets with repair of others left to later.

**June 11** – Matter of new gas main laid on DeKalb Ave done under supervision of Supt S&W with Ill Northern Utility Co to ensure relaying and maintaining streets above gas mains.

**August 13** – Bill ok'd to Kreiner-Douglas Const Co for asphalt resurfacing. Contract ok'd with Geo Fox for sewer connections in Fox Add'n in City.

**December 10** – Ok'd Community Center Assoc be furnished City water for balance of fiscal year at the cost to pump same.

### **January 13, 1929**

Ok'd CNWRR install 2 50,000 gal oil storage tanks on their property along Sacramento St.

**April 29** – Spec Mtg to canvass election: Mayor JD Beckler, Clerk Everett Leonard, Treas Mary Loomis, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Ald Chas Tewksbury, 2<sup>nd</sup> John Paddock, 3<sup>rd</sup> John M Nelson, 4<sup>th</sup> Fred O Larson.

**May 1** – (See detailed Annual City Treasurer Report with these notes)

**May 13** – Mayor appts Officers and Stand Comm. Ok'd Ord creating Board of Examiners of Electricians and licensing all who are wiring and installing anything electrical in City. Ok'd Atty prepare Ord on City Building Codes to cover all construction. Directed Supt Sts to replace all old hydrants with new. (See printed minutes detailing Standing Comm and the Annual Approp Ord for the new fiscal year.) Note within the Approp the item for \$800 to maintain the "public comfort station."

**June 10** – Ok'd buying Harley-Davidson Motorcycle for SPD. Mayor appts Officers. Ok'd amending Approp Ord to include \$3,000 for Bd of Local Improv for new total Approp of \$87,260.

**July 8** – City Engr to lay out sewer system on E Exchange, E Sycamore, E State, E Elm, and Sabin Sts. Mayor appts Dewey Eklund Chief of Police.

**August 12** – Kreiner-Douglas Const Co to be paid \$4,500 more for street resurfacing.

**October 14** – Mayor appts Bd of Examiners for Electricians: H Sargent, Chas Butzow, H Fothergill, Wm Carroll, and Jos E Johnson. Ok'd new Special Merchants Police Officer for \$50/mo. Repair and repaint of water tower sent to Supt PW.

**November 26** – Spec Mtg ok'd City Service Oil Co for station at State and Sacramento Sts. Ord creating Plan Comm and Ord for contract with City Engr both sent to Ord Comm. Ok'd Police Comm install temporary stop light at State and Main Sts at cost not to exceed \$35.

**December 9** – Mayor appt Mrs Carol Rogers to Lib Bd.

### **February 10, 1930**

Mayor appt Abba Harrington to Lib Bd. Council accepted resignation of Ald Nelson. Ok'd Spec Election **April 15** – and ok'd Clerks and Judges for elections. Ord "providing for the submission to voters of City the adoption of an act permitting cities and villages less than 500,000 people to levy a tax not to exceed 2 mills on the dollar for fire protection purposes" which passed unanimously.

**April 14** – Noted in bills paid is \$150 to Clifford Danielson, Treas of the Grand Army of the Republic. Ok'd petition of Wm Organ for oil station with lunch and soft drink stand on E State St. Deferred buying new truck from low bidder Fred Floto until next mtg.

**April 28** – Spec Mtg to canvass election: 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Ald Frank Ashelford, 2<sup>nd</sup> WM Organ, 3<sup>rd</sup> H Fothergill 2 yr term and Aaron K Stiles to complete 1 yr partial term, 4<sup>th</sup> John Quist. Council voted to thank retiring Ald and to welcome new to office.

**May 12** – Mayor appts Officers and Stand Comm and Ald Stiles to Lib Bd. Ok'd petition of DO Thompson, MD, to build and operate oil station and lunch room on E State St. Ok'd spec election for Jun 18<sup>th</sup> and ok'd petition of Bunge Oil Co to install a tank and pump in front of ES Sims Store on N California St.

**June 9** – Ok'd Wm Bellendorf to SFD and ok'd water mains on E Sycamore, Townsend, and Home Sts. Ok'd pricing 3 ornamental street lights for S Maple St. Ok'd Supt Sts erect 5 speed limit signs at all roads entering City.

**June 30** – Spec Mtg to ok Annual Approp Ord. Ok'd petition of WC Taylor and CL Jackson to build and operate oil station at N Main and Page Sts. Atty to notify CGWRR to repair the crossings at W Exchange St and Cottage Row. Ok'd postponing buying new truck. Ok'd Fred Loptien to inspect City Sterling Truck and estimate costs of repair. Deferred buying billing machine until truck issue resolved.

**July 14** – Tax Levy Ord ok'd. Matter of 3 ornamental lights for S Maple with Mayor Beckler voting no to break 4-4 tie. Ok'd buying Diamond T Truck on 5-3 vote. Ok's Comm formed to investigate past actions of Night Officer Singer.

**August 11** – Ok'd Kreiner-Douglas Const Co S&W bill of \$3,675 and Fred Floto S&W bill of \$1,251. Ok'd that if residents wanted a larger water service, they pay for it to the center of street with tapping fees. Ok'd suspending Night Officer Singer for 1 week without pay. Ok'd American Legion use of Somonauk from State to Elm Sts for a 5 day carnival. Directed Atty prepare Ord creating Police Commission.

**September 29** – Spec Mtg ok'd petition from Anaconda Wire & Cable Co to vacate north end of Sacramento St.

**October 13** – Ok'd Ord creating Police Comm and Ord contracting for City Engr. Mayor appts Walter Petrie Merchants Police. Ok'd Supt PW Sargent costs to attend Road Show in St Louis. Ok'd ornamental lights at Somonauk and Elm Sts.

### **January 12, 1931**

Mayor Beckler appts members to new City Planning Commission AH Holcomb 5 yrs, Geo James 4 yrs, AD Gates 3 yrs, John Nelson 2 yrs, and Lowell B Smith 1 yr.

**March 9** – Ok'd Vehicle Tax Ord. Appt TM White to Zoning Comm due to LB Smith resignation. Mayor forms comm. to study Mr Townsend proposal to move City Clerk Office and public restroom to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Townsend Bldg at 156 W State St. Directed Atty to form Ord creating dog pound and Dog Catcher Officer. Ok'd polling places for City Election: 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Council Chambers in Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> WC Loptien Garage, 3<sup>rd</sup> Johnson's Carpentry Shop, 4<sup>th</sup> Hose House #3 on Park Ave. (Could be square masonry constructed apartment bldg 1<sup>st</sup> block of Park Ave south of W High St) By Ord all revenue generated by vehicle tax to be in separate account dedicated to street and alley repairs.

**April 13** – Ok'd fire alarms at Anaconda Wire & Cable Co, Hospital, and in front of Barker & Sullivan's Store at \$40 per alarm.

**April 30** – Spec Mtg to canvass election: Mayor FE Stevens, Clerk JG Betty, Treas Mary Loomis, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Ald Chas Tewksbury, 2<sup>nd</sup> J Paddock, 3<sup>rd</sup> WP Eddy, 4<sup>th</sup> Fred O Larson. Mayor Beckler thanks Council and Officers for their cooperation during his term of office.

**May 11** – Mayor Stevens appts Standing Comm and Officers. Ok'd garbage contract with Tom Henigan at \$90/mo. Mayor appts Ralph E Curry City Health Officer.

**June 8** – Ok'd Frostkiss Rootbeer Co to build and operate rootbeer stand at State and Sabin Sts. Ok'd Bldg Comm Officer and appts Ralph Wells to Bldg Comm.

**June 15** – Spec Mtg ok'd small street lights south side of "Swedish Church" at Somonauk and Charles, Chauncey St, and an arc light on E State St at City limits.

**July 13** – Ok'd Annual Approp Ord.

**August 10** – Tax Levy Ord ok'd. Ok'd issuing Tax Anticipation Warrants. Numerous new walks ok'd various parts of City. New street lights ok'd on Elmwood, Sabin, Carlson, and E Sycamore Sts. Directed PW Supt have arc lights cleaned and repaired for better light. Ok'd 2 weeks vacation for PW Supt. Junk dealer permit reduced to \$25/yr. Ok'd Burt Sell Dog Catcher for 2 yrs.

**September 4** – Spec Mtg Mayor Stevens forms Comm on specs for stop and go lights. Appts Mrs FC Dean to Lib Bd due to Mrs WH Simpson resignation.

**September 14** – Ok'd holding bill of Ill Power Co until lights are fixed as requested. Ok'd electric siren horn for motorcycle. Ok'd buying and installation of electric stop and go signals in City.

**October 12** – Ok'd adding "Public Benefit Tax" to tax levy. Accepted F&W Comm report on insurance for firemen with City to pay \$70 toward same.

**November 10** – Ok'd contract with State Highway Dept for maintenance of rts 23 and 64 within City. Ok'd Supt PW order battery plates for fire alarm system.

**December 14** – Sent Milk Ord to Health Comm for study.

**January 11, 1932**

Ok'd no parking at 16 ft frontage of Fargo Theater Bldg on W State St.

**February 8** – Mayor appts Dr Carl E Clark Health Officer upon resignation of Dr Curry. Ok'd S&W Comm to set no parking zones on State St near crossings. Ok'd Light Comm get smaller rates for stop and go lights. Ok'd Light Comm study turning off part of ornamental lights. Atty to remind CGWRR to put flashing lights at N Main St crossing.

**March 14** – Ok'd polling places, Clerks and Judges for next election.

4-11 Ok'd petition of Fell and Tucker for gas pumps on DeKalb Ave. Ok'd PW Supt to buy 30 gal of street marking paint from EH Wells.

**April 29** – Spec Mtg to canvass election: 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Ald Frank Ashelford, 2<sup>nd</sup> WM Organ, 3<sup>rd</sup> H Fothergill, 4<sup>th</sup> Henry G Anderson. Vote of thanks extended to retiring Ald Quist.

**May 9** – Ok'd petition of LE Peck to build and operate an oil station on S Maple St between State and Elm Sts. providing it does not interfere with State Law. Mayor appts Standing Comms. Ok'd F&W Comm clean and paint stand pipe.

**June 13** – Mayor appts Bd Local Improv.

**June 20** – Spec Mtg Supt PW put in a “beehive” drain at Park Ave and Ottawa St and that work on Stark Ave walk be resolved by S&W Comm.

**July 11** – Ok'd vacations for Police per Police Comm with power to act. Ok'd Approp Ord and Clerk and Treas reports accepted.

**August 8** – Ok'd Mayor form Comm to meet with 3 smoke nuisance offenders to resolve the nuisance. Ok'd Supt PW report all weed covered lots to Atty. Tax Levy ord ok'd and Tax Anticipation Warrants issued. Ord ok'd the depository for City funds.

**September 12** – Ok'd paying the Aug bill to Ill Power Co which was withheld before. Mayor appts Miss Frances Lattin to Lib Bd due to resignation of LC Shaffer.

**October 31** – Spec Mtg ok'd Clerk and Ex Officio Collector to withdraw Spec Assess from tax sale for delinquent Spec Assess for 1931.

**November 14** – Ok'd water bill of Hub Garage to be corrected to average size of prior bills.

**November 21** – Spec Mtg to ok Ord to control itinerant hawkers, vendors, and peddlers.

**December 23** – Spec Mtg to ok contract with State Highway Dept for maintenance on Rts 23 and 64 in City.

**January 9, 1933**

Ok'd Supt PW install 6 in lead pipe from Somonauk St to Ideal Commutator Dresser Co plant. “Moved by Ald Anderson second by Ald Ashelford that City Council go on record as per buying American goods. Motion carried – all Ald present voting aye on the call of the roll.”

**January 23** – Spec Mtg Ok'd each Ald present give to Mayor Stevens 2 names of citizens to meet with Council on the matter of the City proposal of a municipal owned plant for lighting and pumping water.

**February 13** – Ok'd Mayor's Comm of 4 to act with F&W Comm to hire Engr to survey City.

**March 13** – Set Clerks and Judges for election. Set salaries for Mayor and Officers. Sent issue of stop signs at alleys to S&W Comm with power to act.

**March 27** – Spec Mtg Ok'd Elect Light Comm work with F&W Comm and Citizens Comm on the City owned utility proposal and report back to Council. (See printed minutes from Jan 1933)

**April 28** – Spec Mtg accepted Ald Fothergill resignation. Canvassed election: Mayor AK Stiles, clerk JG Betty, Treas Grace Rachor, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Ald John T Tyrrell, 2<sup>nd</sup> JR Paddock, 3<sup>rd</sup> WP Eddy, 4<sup>th</sup> Arthur C Taylor. Ok'd S&W Comm to act on walks at Fargo property at State and California Sts. New Council met and voted to thank Mayor Stevens and Ald Fothergill, Larson, and Tewksbury for their faithful service to City. Ok'd Standing Comms and Officer salaries. Mayor Stiles appts John Slezak City Engr and Harry Armington Bldg Commissioner.

**May 8** – Mayor Stiles and all Ald present. Mayor appts FB Townsend and LC Shaffer to Hospital Bd. Also to Lib Bd were Mrs Carol Westlake, John T Tyrrell, Isadora Beach, Abba Harrington and Louise Hennis. Appts EA Renfer and Ira Wetzel to Bd Zoning Appeals. Also appts Special Police H Sargent, F Foster, Harry Jahns, Edmund Maeser, Jas L Smith, Forrest Mossholder, John B Ade, John W Ovitz, Carl E Clark, Harry Grahn, Oliver Brown, Fred Loptien. Ok'd Ord on sale and possession of malt and vinous beverages. Ok'd request of WC Loptien for 3<sup>rd</sup> gas pump at his garage on S Maple St.

**May 22** – Ok'd Police Comm to hire dog catcher. Ok'd F&W comm. to act on insurance for fire trucks. Ok'd John J Schneider, Ray Bozell, Jos Schaack, Anton Bleifuss, Claus O Samuelson, Arder Sims, Glen

Aubrey, Atlantic & Pacific Tea co, Harry G Seeley, Otto Fellinger, Ben Solomon, and Carl Gorbet be issued licenses to sell malt and vinous beverages and Weaver and Ashelford wholesale license to sell same.

**June 12** – Painting standpipe sent to F&W comm. with power to act. S&W Comm ok'd to spend balance State funds on Rts 23 and 64 in City. Ok'd Sycamore Hotel Co and Holger C Danielson permits to retail malt and vinous beverages. Ok'd merchants to sell fireworks from July 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>. Carl Kellum ok'd to collect 200 light bills. Mayor appts Fred Larson, RA Lease, PN Peterson, and Ger Myers to Special Police. Council adopts Depository Resol. Ok'd Annual Approp Ord. Ok'd Resol that State Highway Dept construct road that leads north from the west terminus of Rt 64 at Sycamore to connect with the east terminus of Rt 77 (72?)

**July 24** – Ok'd Stan Bergeson permit to retail malt and vinous beverages. Ok'd giving Central Ill Power and Light Co 1 yr instead of 5 yr contract for street lighting and pumping water. Ok'd Utility Comm. to prepare plan of action for next meeting.

**August 14** – Motion to ok power contract failed 3-4. Ok'd Federal Relief offer. Ok'd Tax Levy Ord. Ok'd contract with Central Ill Light Co for electric lights and pumping water. Ok'd vote of thanks to Fred Boynton for his services on Lights and Water Contract.

**September 11** – Ok'd wholesale liquor license to Frank Minihan. Ok'd that Miss Decker, Co Treas, be directed that if nobody else cares to buy City Spec Assess delinquent taxes at the sale Sept 25<sup>th</sup>, that the City will buy them with certificates issued thereon. Finance Comm ok'd new tires fro City trucks.

**November 13** – Matter of hiring an engr for sewer disposal plant sent to Fin and W&S Comms to act. Ok'd Mayor to file application with Federal Emergency Admin of the WPA for purpose of building a sewer disposal plant.

#### **January 8, 1934**

Mayor Stiles and Ald present. Ok'd Mayor to act on Compensation Insurance. Ok'd Ord designating certain streets as arterial. Ok'd Ord establishing a Recreational Board. Mayor appts to Rec Bd: John V Patten, EH Maeser, Evelyn Dolder, Jessie Evans, Cassius Conrad, J Walter Becker, and Emilie Halsted. Ok'd Tax Antic Warrants for Public Library. Ok'd appt CE Peterson to Bd Zoning Appeals.

**February 12** – Ok'd drug store license of \$10 added to alcohol license Ord. Ok'd Ord to regulate the sales of liquor. Ok'd City apply following work projects to CWA: storm water drainage \$150, Sabin St drainage \$205, Harvester St drainage \$115, street signs, \$45, walks from State St to Municipal Park, \$58, fire alarm boxes Somonauk St and Turner Add'n, \$225, and decorating Council Chambers, \$18.

**February 26** – Spec Mtg to ok City applying for 2 projects: overhauling City Hall and Hospital drainage. Ok'd Liquor Ord amendment. Ok'd Bd Zoning Appeals hold hearing on Tyrrell Grocery Store as provided by Ord.

**March 12** – Ok'd Clerks and Judges for election. Ok'd Resol on loan agreement between City and Federal Gov't.

**April 30** – Spec Mtg Ok'd salaries for new year. Motion to reject Bd Zon Appeals relative to Fannie Sabin property and that exception be made on the property so the building can be used for grocery store without altering building. Passed on 5-2 vote. Ok'd issuing \$8,000 water revenue bonds. Canvassed election: 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Ald Frank Ashelford, 2<sup>nd</sup> Frederick Boynton, 3<sup>rd</sup> John Hoffman, 4<sup>th</sup> Henry G Anderson, Police Magistrate ZB Mitchell. Mayor appts Henry J Atwood Police Chief and other City Officers. Mayor appts Chas Pond, Georgia F Lattin, and Mrs Frank Dean to Lib Bd and Mrs Jane Dutton to Hosp Bd. Vote of thanks given to retiring Ald WM Organ for serving the City.

**May 14** – Motion to buy police car failed 2-6.

**May 25** – Spec Mtg to get bids on water mains and equipment. Ok'd Fox Valley Oil Co for oil station at State and Sacramento Sts.

**November 12** – Ok'd Mayor and Clerk sign grant application for sewer disposal system. Ok'd F&W Comm issue construction account recommended by City Engr and PWA Engr. Denied petition of dram shops to be open til midnight.

**December 10** – Canvass Spec Election of 12-4 on \$60,000 Bond Issue for sewer disposal plant: Yes votes=483, No votes=83, with 2 spoiled ballots. Bond issue passes. Final passage of Resol ok'd. Resol that work be done under Federal Project #4917 ok'd. Mayor appts Geo James to Bd Zoning Appeals. Ok'd taverns to be open until 1 am New Years Eve.

**December 20** – Spec Mtg ok'd writing engrs who contracted for sewer plant be asked for plans and other info for plant and other info to aid City in picking project engrs. Ok'd \$286 to Community Center to be paid in full their annual allotment.

**January 10, 1935**

Ok'd Suhr, Berryman, Peterson, and Suhr for Engr work for plant.

**January 14** – Spec Mtg Tabled request from Ladies of the New Deal League for use of Council Chambers. Ok'd Resol for 2% of IML Foreign Fire Insurance. Ok'd Mayor to seek just a grant, not a loan and grant for plant. Mayor ok'd Comm to buy land for sewer plant.

**February 11** – Ok'd some City officers be paid the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> each month instead of just monthly.

**March 11** – Ok'd Federal Emergency Admin of PW Grant to Sycamore for \$21,500 for sewer plant.

**March 25** – Spec Mtg Mayor appts Ross E Millet for unexpired term. Approved.

4-8 Ok'd \$175 for Memorial Day exercises. Ok'd Latham Castle legal fees for sewer plant of \$1,500 with funds to be drawn against plant fund.

**April 29** – Spec Mtg to amend Plant Bond Issue to \$54,000 instead of \$60,000. Canvassed election: Mayor Frank Ashelford, Clerk Wm Wallmark, Treas Mable Lindstrom, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Ald John T Tyrrell and Chas Tewksbury, 2<sup>nd</sup> Elmer Hansen and WF Lamb, 3<sup>rd</sup> John Hoffman and WA Henigan, 4<sup>th</sup> Emil Jesperson and Arthur Taylor. Ross Millet swore in Wm Wallmark as Clerk and Wallmark swore all others into office.

**May 13** – Ok'd vote of thanks to Mayor AK Stiles for his service. Mayor Ashelford appts Virgil Morgan patrolman, Dewy Harris Police Chief, H Fothergill patrolman, Atty Ross E Millet City Atty, and City Officers and Stand Comm. Recreation Comm members are JV Patten, Mrs Floyd Brower, Evelyn Dolder, Carl Clark, Cassius Conrad, JV Becker, and Emilie Halsted. Mayor ok'd to appt dog catcher.

**May 27** – Spec Mtg Ok'd buying Ford Tudor as police car. Ok'd land for sewer plant. Ok'd Elks and American Legion to use Somonauk from State to Elm Sts for carnival. Ok'd painting hydrants and lamp posts.

**June 10** – Directed Police notify owners of pigs and hogs on North Ave to move them outside City limits to comply with Ord. Several dog complaints. Mayor appts Chas Frederick dog catcher. Weeds and surface water complaints sent to S&W Comm. Retained Tom Henigan as garbage man. Ok'd various parts of streets repaired under MFT funds.

**June 17** – Spec Mtg Ok'd 2% Foreign Fire Insurance via IML. Ok'd taverns open til midnight except Sun. Ok'd \$100 for 4<sup>th</sup> of July exercises and approved Chevrolet and Stutz Fire Trucks in 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.

**June 22** – Spec Mtg to receive bids for sewer plant. 21 bids received and read and adjourned til 6 pm to scrutinize all bids. Upon reconvening meeting Mr Peterson had tabulated bids into 5 lowest bids to consider: Olson & Christianson Chicago \$63,225, Stark Bldg Co Cedar Rapids Iowa \$63,336, B&W Const Co Chicago \$63,181, JE Ericson Co Chicago \$63,860, and J Huntsinger Co Davenport Iowa \$64,070. Ok'd returning checks to high bidders.

**June 27** – Spec Mtg Resol presented with sub contractor bids included: B& W Const Co \$45,633, Chicago Pump Co \$9,692, Chain Belt Co Milwaukee \$3,675, Pacific Flush Tank Co Chicago \$4,207. For contract A and B total of \$63,207 by B&W Const Co Chicago given contract subject to PWA (Public Works Authority) approval. Council unanimously ok'd B&W Const Co for sewer plant work.

**July 8** – Ok'd The National Bank & Trust Co as Depository for Sewer Plant Fund. Ok'd Mayor and Clerk to have the contract for sewer plant project. Ok'd Clarence Schmidt to read, service, and repair water meters 6 days/wk at 9 hours/day for \$80/mo. Spec Comm appt to work with Mayor on plans to remodel City Bldgs. Midwest Brick Co showed Council samples of bricks which Council approved sample #700 to B&W Const Co to be sold through local dealers. Mayor appt Gil Brandenburg and Walter Ehman to SFD. MFT discussed to a consensus that Engr Hay get busy in 10 days or a new Engr would be hired.

**August 12** – IML meeting in Quincy Sept 19-21 and Ald urged to attend. Ok'd tax levy Ord. Ok'd contract with IDOT to repair streets from 1936 funds. Ok'd amending fire district limits to city bldg regs. Community Center contingent present to object to \$80 funding decrease. Objection sent to City Hall Bldg Comm. Atty directed to notify John Tyrrell and IC Dunn to install new walks.

**September 3** – Spec Mtg to ok applying to PWA for loan to remodel city bldgs and ok'd resol of HB Smith for plans. Ok'd Mayor and Atty to apply to PWA for loan to erect a factory bldg.

**September 9** – Ok'd Suhr, Berryman, Peterson, and Suhr stand expense of correcting sludge bed and tile for \$285.64 at new sewer plant. Ok'd Clerk to pay 5% interest on water meter deposits. Ok'd contract with Central Ill Light Co to run line and furnish power to new sewer plant. Ok'd Fire Chief Butzow buy a windshield for the Stutz truck not to exceed \$95.

**September 23** – Spec Mtg on street bids for parts of Somonauk, Elm and Calif Sts. Low bids of \$5,931 and \$2,652 ok'd from Kreiner and Douglas Const Co of Rockford pending ok by IDOT and asked work to be expedited due to the lateness of the road work season. Ok'd the National Employment Service space in

Council Room with phone less toll charges. Ok'd cinders or gravel on CNWRR property between DeKalb Ave and High St.

**October 14** – W H Campbell invited Council members to attend the Chamber of Commerce Banquet in a body Oct 30<sup>th</sup> at Community Center. Ok'd resol by IML to fight sales tax. Petition of property owners approving remodeling Knipp property corner of Maple and W Sycamore Sts into apartments by CJ Swanson was read and left over to next meeting. Atty Millet presented abstract on City Park with all favoring Women's Club paying for the abstract. Ok'd delinquent water bill people to see Clerk in 10 days. Ok'd Crago players to get license for repeat performances at Comm Ctr.

**October 11** – Ok'd resol for Mayor and Clerk to sign deed conveying real estate to State of Ill to be used as an Armory Bldg for the Ill Nat'l Guard. Ok'd Council assisting Amer Legion to build skating rink in City with City furnished water. Mayor reported on license fees collected on taverns with report placed on file.

**November 25** – Spec Mtg to amend Bldg Ord and to deed land. Resol ok'd conveying lots 4 and 5 Block 7 Lattin's Add'n to Ill Armory Board to erect Ill Nat'l Guard Armory. Ok'd amending sect 238 of chpt 22 of Bldg Code. Read invitation from Sycamore Business & Professional Women's Club to banquet Tues, Nov 26<sup>th</sup>, at Fargo Hotel. (See printed minutes from Nov 1935 deeding land to State for Il Nat'l Guard Armory)

**December 9** – Ok'd resol that number of taverns be limited to 12 in the City. Ok'd notice to people at Lucas and N Calif Sts to stop dumping ashes in the street. Denied Skeen's Tavern request to be open 2 hours later New Years Eve. Chief Butzow wants a signal on State St when the SFD goes to fires to warn traffic sent to F&W Comm.

### **January 13, 1936**

Mayor appts Joseph Johnson to Lib Bd for Chas Pond. Complaint read for kids hooking sleds to autos. Directed Police Chief to close W Exchange St behind Court House Sat and Sun for a slide for kids. Walks on vacant lots to be cleared of ice and snow by state relief workers. Mayor reported City paying insurance for 23 men on State Relief. Mr Bartelson, Engr, reported on progress at sewer plant.

**February 10** – Resol ok'd changing certain streets to arterial. Various sections of City code changed but no details in City minutes. HH Sargent resigned as plumbing inspector to be appt operator of new sewer plant at \$135/mo. Rudy Unell appt new plumbing insp. Guarantee read from Suhr, Berryman, Peterson, and Suhr but all except Ald Jesperson favor a change to guarantee the Mayor be empowered to appt arbitrators in place of SBPS for plant work. Appt Geo Lineaur Ass't Supt Sts. at \$100/mo once plant is operating. F&W Comm recommends fire trucks slow down crossing State St to calls and keep sirens on. Mayor presents bill from SBPS for plant work for \$425, but Council recommends not paying same at this time.

**February 21** – Spec Mtg for plant business. Mr Peterson of SBPS told Council their contract expired 2-19-36 and \$671 was due but he proposed they remain on the job for \$425 until the plant is completed which Council ok'd. Then he said extras for \$471 or less than 1% of the project are due and Council ok'd to pay.

**March 9** – Resol presented by SBPS for 32 day extension of plant project due to inclement weather waiving liquidated damages ok'd pending PWA ok. Change request of storage room at plant for \$128, change of inspection manholes on digestion tank for \$55, and change for additional sludge gate at the outlet for \$44, and additional 1 ½ kilowatt transformer for \$50 and correction of guarantee from Chicago Pump Co all ok'd by Council. Ald Hoffman recommended remaining MFT funds be used to resurface DeKalb Ave from CNWRR tracks to Cross St and repair pavement from Cross St and State St to CNWRR tracks and use oil and grade various sts for \$700. All sent to Engr Deuchler to present necessary forms. Ok'd painting and decorating Police Chief's office and to buy paint from Hap Wallace and to buy 20 gal white paint to mark sts. Ira Wetzel resigned Bd Zon App so Mayor appt Tom Jones to same.

**April 13** – Number of change orders ok'd for plant. Request from Commutator Dresser Co for crossing on Borden Ave sent to S&W Comm. HH Sargent thanked Councils, past and present, for cooperation in his 19 years as PW Supt and wished Fred Foster success as new Supt and offered his advice if needed.

**May 11** – Mayor appts officers with Standing Comms to remain the same.

**June 8** – Petition from Bus & Prof Women's Club and Women's Club that canvass cover garbage truck beds ok'd. Complaints of fast driving on Park Ave and other sts sent to SPD. Ok'd sale of fireworks from 7-3 at 7 am til midnight 7-4. Denied funding request for 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Complaints of truck parking, sewer, and kids playing is sts sent to approp comms. Mayor to see School Board on playground for South School. Junk dealer license for Mr Mabel sent to Lic Comm.

**August 5** – Bid accepted of \$5,259 from Geo Kreiner to improve DeKalb Ave. Council mandated that only emergency items be requested with no unnecessary spending for anything.

**September 14** – Complaint of pollution of river by Syc Preserve Wks with Atty to direct SPW to install tanks to remedy same before next pea pack. Ok'd \$20 for Atty Millet to attend the IML meeting in Danville 9-17, 18, and 19. Parts of Central Ill Light Co contract studied relative to low pressure and low level of stand pipe. Mr Dallas of CILC assured a remedy. Mayor appt Andrew Jacobson to SFD. City received \$6,140 grant for City Hall. Fin Comm to devise ways for City to match its share of grant. Gust Deuchler reported cost of W&S in new Park Manor District. Ald Hansen and Ald Hoffman ok'd to go to Chicago to offer Chicago Pump Co to move to Sycamore at City expense. Emil Jesperson to check at plant for shrubs etc. Complaint sent to SPD for burning trash west side of Fargo Garage.

**September 21** – Spec Mtg for Atty to explain city share of City bldg share ok'd at \$7,000 along with PWA Grant of \$6,140. Mayor said 14,000 sq ft of walks to be laid and for Ald contact Geo Holland with preferences in each ward. Ok'd donation of \$100 to new Armory. Motion of \$100 for plant shrubs failed with no 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**November 9** – Ok'd bill of Crum Halsted for \$323 for City Compensation Insurance. Ok'd using same clerks and judges for special Comm Ctr election in Dec.

**November 23** – Spec Mtg to open bids to remodel City bldgs. Ok'd bid of Swan Olson to remodel buildings for \$11,535, Paddock & Son heating and plumbing for \$1,155, and Swanson Bros for electrical wiring and fixtures at \$523 all subject to PWA approval.

**December 14** – Ok'd canvass of Comm Ctr Referendum election of 12-5: 698 ayes and 492 nays to maintain a recreation facility at 419 W State St and to levy 2/3 mill of each dollar of EAV in City. Dr Clark resigns as Health Officer and Mayor appts Dr IS Evans to same post. Ok'd furnishing water to build Armory at cost of pumping it. Railroads directed to repair crossings. Read letter from State Sanitary Engr that water tested safe for drinking.

### **February 8, 1937**

Petition signed by 70 citizens presented by Sycamore Mother's Club relative to kids riding bikes seeking them to be allowed on walks in residential but not downtown sent to Ord Comm.

**March 8** – Ok'd sludge treatment equipment at new plant. Ok'd arterial sts to be repaired with gravel, cinders, and oil for \$725. Agent for Wylde & Son Hardware Bldg opposes Wyatt Jackson request for shoe shine parlor next to their bldg. Ok'd resol for resurfacing DeKalb Ave for \$5,500. Ok'd rescinding acceptance of grant to remodel City bldgs.

**April 12** – Ald John Hoffman died at hospital on 4-12. Ok'd salaries of Mayor and officers. Ok'd sending flowers from Council to Ald Hoffman's funeral. Ok'd resol of sympathy to Hoffman family. Council members ok'd to act as honorary pallbearers at Ald Hoffman funeral.

**April 26** – Spc Mtg to canvass City election: Clerk Wm Wallmark 2,188 votes, Mayor Ashelford 1,843 votes, Treas Ida Larson 1,537 votes, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Ald Tewksbury 468 votes and Ald John Tyrrell 495 votes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Ald John Nelson 268 votes and Elmer Hansen 296 votes, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Ald Harry Armington 465 votes and WH Campbell 323 votes, 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Ald Ollie Brown 301 votes and Arthur Taylor 416 votes. All were sworn into office. The Clerk drew from capsules each having 2 and 4 year terms resulting in 4 year terms for Ald Tewksbury, Hansen, Campbell, and Brown and 2 year terms for Ald Tyrrell, Nelson, Taylor, and Armington. Motion passed to thank Atty Millet and Sycamore Tribune for flowers at the meeting. Ald Jesperson thanked Mayor and Council for his 2 year term.

**May 10** – Mayor appts officers and sets salaries, Gust Deuchler City Engr. Standing Comm appts ok'd. Ok'd Geo Kreiner to oil and scarify arterial sts with 13,000 gal oil applied to other sts. Received letter from Ideal Commutator Dresser Co requesting water meter and ok'd PW Supt to buy the meter. Atty to notify Chicago Northwestern Bus Co about fast driving in City.

**May 17** – Mayor appt Fred Townsend Pres Hospital Board and Jos E Johnson Sec'y. Mayor appt Fred Townsend Pres Lib Bd along with Georgia Lattin, JM Nelson, Isadora Beach, Jos E Johnson, Mrs Thom Jones, Lillian Johnson, Mrs James Murray, Jennie Little, and EA Renfer. Ok'd buying Terra Plain from Butzow with trade of old police car and \$400. Ok'd buying Ford pickup truck from H Campbell for \$487. Harris Sibley given garbage contract for \$95/mo. Ok'd Clerk to buy typewriter for \$58.50. Reports rec'd from Hospital, Library, Clerk, and Treas. All ok'd. Ok'd Atty Millet buy "complete law decisions for municipal service" for \$27.50.

**June 1** – Spec Mtg to ok bid of Geo Kreiner as low bid to resurface DeKalb Ave for \$4,782.

**June 14** – Ok'd petition from Elks Club reps Harry Campbell, Mr Hodge, VR Wetzel, American Legion, and Chamber of Comm for City to build platforms and put up flags and close State St July 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> for 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Ok'd resol from IML for 3% foreign fire insurance receipts. Ok'd James Foster to SFD. Atty to

serve notice to Syc Preserve Wks to appear at Council about them being shut out of City sewer services. Ok'd fireworks sales and shooting off from July 1<sup>st</sup> to midnight July 5<sup>th</sup>.

**June 18** – Spec Mtg with Syc Pres Wks reps Tom Roberts, Roy Foster, and John Pigott along with Mr Black of Ill Dept Sanitation. Tom Roberts explained SPW could not acquire enough land to remedy pea pack sewerage. City sewer plant to treat pea pack waste this year at extra cost to SPW based on agreement per the Ill Dept Sanitation.

**July 12** – Annual Approp Ord ok'd and Kreiner ok'd low bidder for street work. Location of speed signs sent to IDOT. Ok'd contract to paint standpipe inside and out for \$290. Resident of W Exchange St protested any more carnivals in the area which is tabled.

**August 3** – Spec Mtg to consider resurface Washington Pl with Colprovia by Ottawa Asphalt Co for \$1,726 with City and 26 property owners to share cost so each owner pays \$33.21 for the job. Ok'd.

**August 9** – Letter from Engr Gust Deuchler and Chicago Bridge & iron Co that no stand pipe repairs needed now. Ok's Tax Levy Ord. Atty to notify Albert Cudden and Nels Hansen to remedy outhouse nuisances from complaint of Arthur Strong. Ground drainage at Anaconda could be remedied by City and plant with a storm sewer for \$2,650.

**August 26** – Spec Mtg to ok funding for storm sewer on North Ave. with Anaconda paying \$1,300 and City \$1,350 with tile to be laid as soon as it arrives.

**September 13** – Numerous street lights ok'd with upgrades to 250 watts and new arc lights for some sts. Boulevard lights near Armory to be repaired. Mayor appt WF Lamb to Lib Bd due to death of Isador Baack.

**October 11** – Ok'd changing Afton St name to Lincoln St. John Slezak notified to remedy weeds on Kellman Manuf property on Park Ave. Ok'd water and sewer for Waterman Hall at their expense and at direction of PW Supt. Atty to notify National Tea Co to put in new walk.

**November 5** – Spec Mtg held at 1<sup>st</sup> Nat'l Bank Bldg to canvass Council vote on Recreation Comm Bd make up. Ok'd City appt 3 of 5 to Park Bd and 2 of 5 to Rec Comm.

**November 8** – Letter from Supt Schools RA Lease asking Howard Dean be appt Special Police at school. Ok'd. Ok'd resurface of Elm St from Calif to Main and S Main from State to Lincoln with Colprovia rolled from 1 ½ in to 1 in from MFT funds. Ok'd vehicle stickers for 1938. Complaints on north alley behind stores as unclean, parking issue by Dr Geo Nesbitt, street lights, and rough railroad crossings.

**December 13** – Letter from WPA that the final requisition for grant for plant being sent to Washington for approval. Tests taken Nov 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> satisfy state water sanitation requirements. Resol ok'd for Mayor and Clerk to accept work and materials for plant as satisfactory. Complete report of sewer treatment plant presented by Plant Operator HH Sargent listing total expense from 5-4-36 to 5-4-37 with all Ald accepting and filing report. Mayor appt I Waldo to SFD. Central Ill Light Co to furnish Christmas street lighting from 5 pm to midnight. Ok'd Mayor and PW Supt buy snow plow when they see fit. Ald Hansen suggests Amer Legion, both School Bds, and Women's Club be asked to provide mayor with names for Rec Comm to work with them at the Community Center. Ok'd.

### **January 10, 1938**

Letter from Rev CH Draper suggesting church layman be on Comm Ctr Bd. Atty advised City to leave alone the matter of cash bonus night at Fargo Theater unless a complaint is raised or until the Atty Gen'l might issue a ruling. Ald brought smoke complaints from laundry, preserve works, and Central Il Light Co power house to which the Atty will respond to the defendants. Complaints on garbage collection that City should be segmented with schedules of pickup so all know when to expect pickups. Mayor to take this up with Mr Sibley, the collector. Money was ok'd to pay on Central Il Light Co leaving balance of \$3,500.

**February 14** – Fin Comm submitted \$3,652 in bills to be approved and paid. Ok'd moving Rt 23 south from State St to Elm St. pending state approval. Police Chief said crackdown on speeders and double parking downtown is underway. Due to Swedish Lutheran Church placing singing tower at the church, Noise Ord passed 9-13-37 amended to exclude churches. Mayor appts Comm Ctr Bd: Emilie Halsted, John Slezak, Art Taylor, Dr JW Ovitz, JV Patton. Ok'd resol that Elm St from Main to Calif and Main from State to Lincoln be improved with sheet asphalt course compacted to 1 in thickness, sub class J-2, J-3, or J-5 30, 40, and 46 ft widths as section 6 sum of \$9,500 MFT funds. Mayor had Clerk send Police Chief Dewey Harris that effective 2-18-38 he is suspended 45 days without pay and a notice to PW Supt Fred Foster he is suspended 15 days without pay with the same effective date.

**March 9** – Ok'd leasing from Eleanor Roberts store bldg at 156 W State St for Clerk's and PW Supt Offices for \$25/mo effective 4-1-38. Mayor appts Fin Comm. supervise changes to the front Clerk's and rear PW Supt's Offices and in the basement of the leased bldg.

**March 14** – Petition from 193 citizens that Rt 23 not be changed from State to Elm St with Tom Ronin, Clifford Johnson, Wm McAllister, and Vince Hillquist speaking to retain Rt 23 on State St. Chas Butzow supported the change. Ok'd considering the petition subject to the position of the State Highway Dept. Ok'd opening gravel pit on grounds of the treatment plant on N Cross St and that Nelson & Co of DeKalb hired at \$5/hr to open pit. Ok'd 2 hour parking Ord for 7 am to 6 pm weekdays and 7 am to 9 pm Sat on State St from Maple to Calif Sts. Ok'd buying 24 parkign signs for \$2.25 each to be placed on lamp posts in the affected area of downtown. Ok's sending flowers to Ald Johnson during his illness. Mayor reported a WPA project could be to clean out ditches, put in walks, remove stumps, and trim trees. Ok'd by all. Stop and go signals changed to comply with state highway dept rules. Ord amended that noise nuisance not include churches or Sunday Schools that have singing towers. Ok'd. Atty to notify Syc Pres Wks that if they fail to remedy sewer issues they will be shut out of the City sewer system effective 6-1-38.

**April 11** – Bids on Elm and Main Sts rec'd ranging from \$10,363 to \$8,643. Low bid of Kreiner Co accepted. Ok'd Ord to establish, maintain, and conduct a playground and recreation system.

5-9 Council met in Library Bldg with Mayor Ashelford presiding. Ok'd paving parking west side of Fargo Hotel funded by Mr Fargo. Ok'd buying Diamond T 1 1/2 ton truck from Floto & DCM Sales Co for \$1,187 and trade in. Council rec'd 20 garbage collection bids and awarded Frank Campbell a one year contract at \$90/mo. Ok'd PW Supt buy crack filler for curbs and sts. Mayor appt officers, set salaries, and rec'd reports. No objection to HH Sargent 2 weeks vacation. Ok'd \$150 for Memorial Day Comm with Drum and Bugle Corps included.

**May 31** – Spec Mtg to consider Lorin Geithman buying a bldg on premises adjoining McGibbons and suggests the bldg be placed at the dump for caretaker Jess Shuey. Ok'd the idea and to pay Shuey \$8/mo to tend the dump.

**June 13** – Ok'd Algert Binder to SFD. Ok'd Approp Ord. Rec Comm members ask for \$800 for rest room at Comm Ctr. No action taken. Mayor said PWA could pay 55% plus City Spec Assess for storm sewer on North Ave. Residents of Turner Add'n could petition to carry sewer into Park Ave sewer. \$1,000 paid on Cent Ill Light Co balance but no more to be paid until the plant smoke nuisance is abated. Asphalt sts in need of repair. Hays Knodle ok'd to have a radio on sidewalk outside his store on certain occasions.

**August 8** – Annual Tax Levy Ord ok'd. Contract for 5 years with Cent Ill Light Co ok'd for the City for electricity and pumping water. Rec'd thanks from Amer Legion for City cooperation with carnival. 20 mph and 25 mph speed signs bought to be placed in City by Police Chief.

**September 12** – Engr Deuchler suggest Turner Add'n sewer be run into east end sewer at cost of \$25,000 and that matter be left with citizens for them to petition. Card of thanks to Mayor from Mrs FB Townsend and Mr & Mrs Thom Roberts for flowers at funeral of Frederick B Townsend.

**October 10** – Ok'd using crack filler on pavement in cemetery. Ok'd WPA to survey mains and sewers with City to provide tracing cloth and instrument at cost of \$75. Sycamore High School asks for surface drain on E Exchange St with school to fund material and labor costs. Ok'd. Mayor appts Mrs Tom Roberts to Lib Bd due to the death of her father Fred B Townsend. Mayor appt CB Townsend to Hospital Bd. Due to his father's death.

**November 8** – Spec Mtg to ok steel for bridges on Charles and DeKalb Ave and that Engr Deuchler oversee the work.

**November 14** – Ok'd street work for 1939 with 2 coats of pea gravel and 2 coats of asphalt funded by estimated \$5,000 MFT. State Sanitary Dept ok'd City water for drinking. Judge Latham Castle on behalf of County Court House asks permission to macadamize parking on north side of Ct House and that parking be used for Ct House employees and officers. Ok'd. CGWRR donated 3 cars of gravel and 1 car sand to use to repair bridge on Dekalb Ave. Ok'd \$25 sewer trap fee. Ok'd trade of Ford pickup truck to Fargo Garage for 1938 GMC pickup and \$250.

**December 12** – Petition rec'd from Farmers Grain & Lumber, Sycamore Fuel Co, Holcomb Bros Lumber Co, Harbaugh Lumber Co, Coal dealers, asking City to license all scales in City for weighing solid fuels and other merchandise sent to Ord and Hlth Comms. Ok'd hiring man and mixer at \$1.75/hr from Bert Nelson for work on the DeKalb Ave bridge.

**January 27, 1939**

Work planned on arterial sts did not meet state standards. Ok'd arterials oiled and sanded. N Calif coat of asphalt and pea graveled. W State St blacktop from Fair St east as far as MFT funds allow. Ok'd buying sewer pump and hose for \$250 and \$1.65/ft for hose.

**February 13** – Engr Deuchler warned of gas and oil from stations and industry being let into sewers and recommends Ord prohibiting sent to Ord and Hlth Comms. Ok'd Ald John Tyrrell Mayor Pro Tem while Mayor Ashelford and Ald Brown and wives drive on vacation for a month to California.

**March 13** – Ok'd resol for proposition on next election ballot to levy tax of  $\frac{1}{2}$  mill on property to fund employment and maintenance of a Municipal Band. Ok'd Ord on rules and regs for sewerage waste.

**March 27** – Spec Mtg to invest \$700 in sewer bonds on North Ave Spec Assess.

**April 10** – Ok'd street work per IDOT ok to scarify and oil Park Ave and Borden St. Ok'd amendment to junk dealer Ord. Speakers to Milk Ord Glen and Brune Dunmore and Cecil Hoffman on matter sent to Ord and Hlth Comms. Request from Geo Mitchell for curb service on Somonauk St for ice cream parlor in Strain Bldg sent to S&W Comm.

**April 28** – Spec Mtg to canvass election: Ald 1<sup>st</sup> Ward John Tyrrell, 2<sup>nd</sup> John nelson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Harry Armington, 4<sup>th</sup> Emil Jespersen, Police Magistrate Harley H Pearce. Band tax issue defeated on ballot.

**May 8** – Mayor appts officers and Stand Comms: Fin – Ald Tyrrell, Armington, Hansen, Brown Police – Brown, Tyrrell, Nelson, Armington Utilities – Armington, Tyrrell, Hansen, Brown W&S – Jespersen, Tyrrell, Hansen, Campbell Prt & Publ – Campbell, Tewksbury, Nelson, Jespersen Ord & Hlth – Tewksbury, Nelson, Armington, Jespersen Lic – Hansen, Tewksbury, Campbell, Jespersen Sts & Alleys – Nelson, Tewksbury, Campbell, Brown Bd Local Improv – Ashelford, Tyrrell, Armington, Brown, Hansen. Ok'd buying tar kettle, car of limestone, street paint, Harley Davidson Cycle. Ok'd Amer Legion using Somonauk St June 1,2,3 if merchants on Somonauk ok it. Ok'd officers and salaries for new year.

**May 19** – Spec Mtg for garbage contract to Emil Swanson for \$110/mo. Mayor appts Miss Georgia Lattin Lib Bd Treasurer. Reports from various boards and officers rec'd and filed.

**June 12** – Matter of motorcycle purchase sent to Police Comm. HH Sargent ok'd to buy a microscope for the sewer plant. Ok'd city workers be given 2 weeks vacation to be taken when scheduled by City. Ok'd painting fence at sewer plant.

**June 28** – Spec Mtg to ok buying 6,000 gal of oil from Smith Oil Co to finish road work.

**July 10** – Ok'd Annual Tax Levy Ord. Resol signed by Chamber Commerce Sec'y Fred Deuster relative to lighting on State St is inadequate as was the Mayor's response to the Chamber.

**July 14** – Spec Mtg to award low bid of Geo Kreiner for street work. IDOT agreement to maintain Rt 23 in City for \$1,008/yr ok'd. Request for CGWRR for water tap on Pleasant St for water at their coal chutes at their expense ok'd.

**August 14** – State Sanitary Bd letter rec'd on acid in the sewers with copy sent to Turner Brass Works.

**August 22** – Spec Mtg Resol ok'd to State PW Dept for city to lay sanitary sewer, manholes, and lateral sewer pipes in Rt 23 in City.

**September 11** – Idea of more lights on downtown streets denied due to cost of same. Complaint rec'd from Father Masterson of St Mary's church, school, convent, and rectory on water charges to same resulted in City doing a group reading for all St Mary's Bldgs. Ok'd \$125 for Amer Legion Jr Drum & Bugle Corps to compete at Nat'l Convention in Chicago.

**September 22** – Ok'd new Special Police and S Maple closed for Kids Day.

**October 9** – Atty Millet to rep City at hearing if Ill Commerce Comm on smoke nuisance of Ill Central Power Co.

**November 13** – Atty Millet reported on the ICC hearing on smoke and City is advised to drop the issue for now. S&W Comm to consider which sts are through sts.

**December 11** – Ok'd State St resurface from Center Cross as far east as MFT allows with blacktop 1 in binder and 1 in top to be feathered to curbs. North Ave sewer laid and street scarified and graveled. Pumps hooked up and waiting for brick for lift station bldg all to be done in 30 days. Mayor's idea for naming plate on City Bldgs with officer names to cost \$25 and is ok'd. City to donate water for Anaconda skating rink. Mayor informed Council that the man driving the truck which struck and broke an ornamental light post is in jail and that Mayor would employ man when released and hold back half his wages to pay for the repair of the light pole. Ok'd operating traffic signal 24 hrs/day. Ok'd that taverns close Christmas and New Years Eve and Police Chief to have them clear their front windows so view of inside is open and clear.

**January 8, 1940**

Ok'd Bee Ord must be complied with by 2-15-40 by all bee keepers. Cent Ill Light Co petitioned ICC to discontinue steam heat 7-1-40 but 24 users of steam heat want it until 7-1-41. Cost of broken post for stop light is \$169. Thanked Anaconda for building skating rink used by many. Clerk reported on vehicle stickers is 1,277 passenger cars, trucks 135, exchanges 37, dealers 8, and motorcycles 7 for total rec'd of \$2,771 against \$3,023 spent on sts for a deficit of \$252. Ok'd report.

**January 23** – Spec Mtg on gravel for WPA project. Ok'd hiring Glen Tewksbury to haul 300 yds gravel at 50 cents/ yd from Cortland to sewer project before expiration of the WPA project period. Mr Elmer Larson has the purchase order on this project.

**February 12** – Letter rec'd from Cent Ill Light Co that steam to be discontinued 7-1-41. Ok's Strain & Son parking space for a truck on Somonauk St but only during business hours. Bad toilets in police station issue sent to S&W Comm. Supt PW directed to pint and repair GMC truck and have in top condition.

**March 11** – Ok'd resol for paved highway from Sycamore to DeKalb. Ok'd new toilets installed at police station. 21 bee hives reported destroyed with remaining 2 bee keepers to relocate their bees when warm weather permits. North Ave sewer completed at cost of \$6,970 with \$30 left over.

**April 1** – Spec Mtg on matter of taverns abusing closing hours Ord. Patrolmen directed to arrest tavern owners not complying with closing hours and fines to be imposed. Ok'd PW hire a man for summer to clean sts. Ok'd City buy tools for WPA project.

**April 9** – Ok'd all dirt and arterial sts be given coat of oil and sand and Borden to be graveled before the oil and sand applied. Ok'd shutting off water on delinquent accounts who could pay the past due amounts.

**April 15** – Request denied for license for open air skating rink between Armory and Parkside Gas Station due to 15 neighbors objecting to rink. Complaint that RS Ryan on DeKalb Ave using property for junk yard given to Atty to address with Ryan.

**April 22** – Tavern owners requested decreased license costs with no action taken. Extra patrolmen discussed and ok'd Don Ehrler hired for 6 mos at \$110/mo. Ok'd taking up bricks on State from CNWRR tracks to Calif St and relaying with asphalt.

**May 13** – Ok'd various officer reports, appt officers, Annual Approp Ord ok'd, which is \$1,700 less than last year. Salary Ord ok'd with same wages except Geo Meier paid \$120/mo as patrolman. Mayor appts Boards and Comms ok'd. 20,000 gal oil bought from Smith Oil Co of Rockford and sand from Sycamore Sand & Gravel Co to sand and oil all other than arterial sts and alleys. Ok'd power mower from Wylde & Son for \$77.50 and a pickup cart for \$60 and that as HH Sargent recuperates a helper hired for \$1.50/day. Standing Comm appts ok'd.

**May 28** – Spec Mtg to hire man to oversee WPA project and ok'd Geo Holland at \$50/mo.

6-10 Petition from 8 homes on Commercial and Townsend Sts for water service sent to F&W and S&W Comms. Ok'd bids on new police car and fireworks sales and set off from 6-29 to 7-4.

7-8 Annual Tax Levy Ord ok'd. Bids opened on police car with Art's Garage low bid on 1940 Nash for \$491 plus trade. Directed Atty to draw Ord that no days allowed for sale or discharge of fireworks in future.

**July 23** – Spec Mtg Police Chief Dewy Harris resigned so matter sent to Police Comm. Ald OL Brown died 7-10-40.

**August 6** – Spec Mtg to hire Wm Brennan patrolman as Geo Meier in hospital with broken leg from being hit by car while on police cycle duty. Ok'd paying Meier his salary while off duty but the compensation check of \$17.10 to him to be returned to City.

**August 12** – Resol for deceased Ald Brown read and sent to his widow. Ok'd 2 hour parking on Somonauk from State to Elm Sts.

**October 14** – Ok'd city pay ½ or \$62.50 insurance cost for firemen.

**November 25** – Spec Mtg to buy sewer tile. Bids read on 1,200 ft of 12 in tile and 1,100 ft of 8 in tile. Mayor ok'd to award low bid. Bids on 6,280 lb reinforced steel given to Holcomb Yard for \$229.

**December 9** – Atty Millet thanked Mayor and Council for support in his successful bid for State's Atty and offered City free legal advice for duration of his term as City Atty. Accepted. Vote of thanks given to Atty Millet. Curb and gutter work done on North Ave. Mayor appt Horace Fothergill Police Chief at \$135/mo and raised Patrolman Ehrler to \$120/mo.

**July 13, 1941**

Ok'd resol giving IML power to act in matter of collecting sales tax to the amount of \$91.24 paid to state and which bill declared unconstitutional.

**February 10** – Ok'd MFT used on State St from CNWRR track east as far as MFT funds allow for resurfacing with 1 in binder and 1 in top dressing. Annual reports of sewer plant ok'd. IDOT ok'd 10 in tile on DeKalb Ave from Fair to Cross St.

**April 14** – Ok'd officer salaries and new position of sewer plant operator and that May 1<sup>st</sup> each year is deadline for vehicle sticker purchase.

**April 27** – Spec Mtg to canvass election: Clerk Wm Wallmark, Mayor Frank Ashelford, Treas Pearl Walrod, Ald 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Chas Tewksbury, 2<sup>nd</sup> Elmer Hansen, 3<sup>rd</sup> Oscar Weaver, 4<sup>th</sup> John Malm. Bids ok'd to Smith Oil Co for 10,000 gal oil and Kreiner Co to lay it. City Atty Millet in well chosen words thanked Mayor and Council for cooperation and kindness during his term as City Atty.

**May 12** – (See printed minutes for appt of Officers, Standing Comms, and Boards) Ok'd Ladimir Moudry City Atty. (See printed City Roster 1941-1942)

**June 9** – Dr HJ Trapp requests land be rezoned near the railroad east of property he purchased for his clinic. Request of Meiklejohn Co Ford tractor distributors for permit to erect one story warehouse on land owned by CNWRR on W State St sent to Bd Zoning Appeals. Ok'd cleaning and 1 coat paint on standpipe. Ok'd no parking signs on Somonauk St and a flasher at DeKalb Ave and Center Cross St. Complaints of residents living near Martin's Ditch on State and Exchange Sts of flooding and wanting new bridges and issues of piping, weeds, and thistles in ditch all sent to Supt PW and Bd Local Improv. 6 bids on pickup truck rec'd and awarded to Fargo Garage for \$500 plus trade in.

**July 2** – Spec Mtg due to WPA project to end soon and some street and curb work yet to do under WPA project. Ok'd work to be done by hiring Geo Holland and using City workers to finish. LA Howe Co of Rockford given contract of \$468.50 to clean and paint standpipe.

**July 14** – Ok'd Dr Trapp zoning request to build his clinic on W State St. Ok'd Gilbert Nelson to move his building to build a new one for his business. Ok'd Annual Approp Ord. Ok'd new police car from Art's Garage for \$412. Ok'd accepting 1,100 sacks of cement from WPA to lay as many walks as possible for those who applied for same. Lib Bd report read and filed and Mayor and Council praised Lib Bd and Librarian for the efficient manner in which Lib affairs are conducted. Ok's Resol thanking DeKalb Fire Dept for their help with fire in the garment factory, State St Café, Schneider Tavern, and Schaack Tavern. Costs estimated at \$3,900 for water mains on Kerr, Vance, Commercial, E Sycamore, and Ottawa Sts. 11 Turner Add'n residents offer \$35 each for water mains extended into Turner Add'n. Ok'd request of JE Boyle for mink farm near Sabin St since no neighbors objected.

**August 11** – Mayor reported Engr from Public Health Dept would be here during corn pack at SPW due to investigation of complaints there. Annual Tax Levy Ord ok'd. Water main bids opened with Triangle Const Co of Kewanee low bid of \$3,594 awarded. 20 year franchise agreement with Ill Northern Utility Co ok'd on a 6-2 vote.

**September 8** – Meeting in Council Room at Library with Mayor Frank Ashelford in the chair. (See the City Roster) Outside toilets need remedied at 313 E Elm and Edward and S Cross Sts and weeds on Elmwood St. Ellen St water main extension denied this year. 45 street signs reported missing. 2 new houses on Governor St need sewer extension to property.

**October 13** – State Engr told Eng Walter Deuchler City would have to sue contractor for truck damages on DeKalb Ave from Center Cross to city limits. 203 E State St rezoned for Van Natta Funeral Home and DeKalb Ogle Phone Co rezoned for business at W Elm and S Main Sts. DeKalb Ave repaired with mulching and sand and 90 street signs ordered from Rockford. Motor cycle cop Don Ehrler hired for 6 months.

**November 25** – Spec Mtg on Nat'l Defense with Atty Lad Moudry as US local Defense Director discussing City preparations for war.

**December 17** – Spec Mtg on Civil Defense. Ideal Commutator Dresser Co directed by US Gov't to erect wire fence 6 ft high around factory as Ideal is 100% into Gov't work for the war effort.

**December 22** – Spec Mtg Gov'r Green asks Mayor Ashelford to Springfield to meet 12-30-41.

### **February 10, 1942**

Wartime monthly reports are given to Ill Council of Defense. Barbed wire installed at base of the standpipe.

**March 9** – No parking is ordered west side of Harvester by the Central Ill Power Co transformer.

**March 19** – Spec Mtg Ok'd surface drain on North Ave for Anaconda with City to pay 25% costs.

**April 13** – Swan Olson builds a creamery on W High St.

**May 11** – Phil Hodge appt to Recreation Comm until 1947. 2 outside toilets on Center Ave and at Holy One Church on North Ave condemned with orders for inside toilets to be installed there. Police to handle trouble with trucks unloading on State St. Ok's 1 car load oil and 2 car loads limestone for st repairs.

**May 19** – Spec Mtg Road oil bid of 8 1/2 cents/gal heated and applied by WR Meadows Co of Elgin Ill.

**June 8** – Atty Latham Castle presented petition of residents to vacate part of Alma St. Children's cap guns discussed and Ald said not to bar the kids from using them. Rev Jones of Holy One Church said indoor toilet to be installed there. IML asks for City donation for their Springfield Ill building. More weed complaints rec'd.

**June 22** – Spec Mtg Ok'd 6 in water main to Ideal Indust for 300 ft and hydrant if they install fire alarms which was agreed to.

**August 4** – Spec Mtg City to ok Blackout Ord due to war effort and civil defense.

**September 14** – A man from state came to recommend spraying for mosquitoes earlier in Spring to better combat them. 2 in water main requested for Albert Ave from West St.

**September 23** – Spec Mtg Rec'd petition from 250 residents for canning factory SPW to clean their debris. Motion passed that waste from SPW is unsanitary and a nuisance.

**November 5** – Jake Thuma, Pres SPW, Mr Thomas, State Sanitary Engr, and Council learned Wisconsin neutralized canning waste with soda of nitrate to keep waste stench to within 50 ft of lagoon. Thuma promised to use the process next canning season.

**November 9** – Spec Mtg Elsie St from Esther to Alber Ave vacated. Proposal to reduce vehicle stickers to \$2.50 trucks, \$1.50 cars, and \$1.50 dealers.

**December 14** – New bowling alley annual permit fee of \$5/lane. E Sycamore St 20 ft wide with walks. Fire Chief Butzow and City agreed City to pay half of firemen's insurance premium. Ald Armington, Chair of Util Comm, notified Cent Ill Light Co that City ornamental street light globes need cleaning.

### **January 11, 1943**

Clerk to notify High School to clean their walks on Exchange St or City does it and bills school.

**February 8** – 100 residents protesting licensing and hours of the bowling alley. Thank you from J Walter Becker for City removing snow and placing cinders at Ideal Commutator Dresser Co. City applies to ICC to have clanging bells removed on the CNWRR. Liability noted.

**March 8** – City to rent "skeeter" sprayer from Township.

**April 12** – Clerks appt for City election. Folks on W State St complain about surface water.

**April 29** – Spec Mtg Anaconda petitioned for a City guarantee of 400 gal of drinking water continuously. Tiling of the Crosby Farm agreed to. City election results approved by the canvass.

**May 10** – Ok'd 10 year contract with Central Ill Power Co. \$125 allowed to the Memorial Day Comm. Bituminous Casualty Co recommends first aid kits for all city vehicles and at the treatment plant. Ok'd. PW bought 2 carloads limestone.

**May 26** – Spec Mtg Ok'd garbage collection and disposal contract to Emil Swanson at \$175/mo.

**June 7** – Spec Mtg Jake Thuma of Syc Pres Wks said US Gov't allowed 60 Jamaicans for pea and corn pack and they are housed and fed on property owned by SPW and if any of them caused trouble in town, they would be moved by Thuma to the country.

**June 14** – Annual Approp Ord ok'd at \$69,985. Ald Paul Swedberg said some sidewalk sections to be replaced by property owners. Turner Add'n folks complain of surface water drainage.

**July 12** – Police Magistrate HH Pearce died in office. Clerk to turn over books of Magistrate to County Clerk. Ok'd new roof on hose house on Park Ave. Bad tree reported on W State St.

**August 9** – Annual Tax Levy Ord ok'd for \$40,315. The Ration Board Office was painted. Window screen vents on bowling alley may be not conforming to code. HW Martin complained of Anaconda workers eating lunch and leaving trash on his lawn on Harvester St and parking in his driveway. Folks from Washington Pl and Stark Ave complain of Martin's Ditch overflow. Cottage Row folks complain of street and walks there.

**September 17** – Spec Mtg Patrolman Don Ehrler asks to be released as Special Police.

10-11 30 in pipe to run along the 36 in line in Martin's Ditch to relieve flooding. Pool hall ok'd to open Sunday pm's from Oct to May. Complaints of motor scooters driven at night with no lights and on walks. CB Townsend, owner of Own Your Own Home Assoc, asked for an arc light on Albert Ave between Fair and West Sts.

**October 22** – Ok'd water main extension in Turner Add'n for \$4,807 for Herr Bros to lay.

**November 11** – Crosswalks and walks ok'd in Ingmanson's Add'n so mail service will begin. Arc light on Albert Ave ok'd.

**January 10, 1944**

Ok'd blacktop on N Main St from State St to railroad for \$12,000.

**January 19** – Spec Mtg to ok water main extensions on Townsend, Fair, and Ellen Sts for \$5,495 for Herr Bros to lay mains.

**February 14** – PW to buy crack filler. New well water tested at Springfield before allowing water to mains. Ok'd paying for shoes and uniforms for nurse's aid.

**March 13** – Resol favoring Rockford Bus Co with service from Sycamore to Milwaukee and Sycamore to DeKalb. Dept Public Health requests blue prints of water main valves to meet any emergency arising.

**April 10** – Letter from Mattie Lobaugh thanking Mayor and Council for privilege of popcorn stand at State and Maple Sts for many years and that Gertrude Fothergill be allowed to continue there. Fred Peterson reported water tower in bad shape. A&P Store wants no parking in front of their store. State approves paving N Main St from State St to RR tracks.

**May 17** – Charles Fraedrich given garbage contract for \$225/mo with advanced City funds to buy truck with amount withheld to repay City for advance from overtime.

**June 12** – Top of standpipe replaced by Chicago Bridge & Iron Co for \$1,985. J Hanlon Co of Skokie won bid of \$1,060 to repair and paint standpipe. Council voted to maintain Military Honor Roll erected 6-14-44.

**June 20** – Spec Mtg to ok Herr Bros to lay storm sewer on N Cross St for \$1,830 and to begin at once.

**July 11** – Sanitary sewer east of Walnut on Ottawa cost estimate \$1,176. Fire Chief Chas Butzow sold bldg and has to resign due to poor health.

**August 29** – Spec Mtg police motorcycle bid to sell needed \$605, but high bid was \$375 so cycle was not sold.

**September 11** – Annual Tax Levy Ord ok'd at \$40,295. Ok'd buying 3 acres from Swan Olson just north of City dump for \$300. Lagoon used by Pres Wks tested to prove it treated with chemicals on canning waste.

**September 26** – Spec Mtg to ask bids to house and maintain SFD trucks and equipment.

**October 9** – Ok'd resurface Somonauk St as far south as MFT funds allow. Amount to buy a street sweeper is \$1,000. More complaints of night driving of scooters.

**October 23** – Spec Mtg Ok'd Bert Nelson to build St Dept Bldg on N Locust St for \$3,670. Ok'd hiring 2 firemen.

**November 10** – Spec Mtg to consider 6 applications for 2 firemen to be hired. Ed Butzow ok'd to hire at \$175/mo. 2<sup>nd</sup> fireman had 7 voting for James Bud Foster and 2 voting for Binder so Foster hired at \$175/mo.

**December 11** – IML meeting in Geneva to be attended by Mayor and Ald. CGWRR objected to water bill for May and claims refund of \$693.05, but Ald reject the claim and disallowed it.

**January 8, 1945**

Rusty water reported and Anaconda denied water rate reduction.

**February 1** – Spec Mtg voted to give all workers except firemen \$25/mo raise in pay.

**April 10** – City dump in bad shape with non residents dumping there too. Fargo Hotel Mgr Dayton Ward asks City for tavern license. City approved telephone install at SFD. Election results: Mayor Frank Ashelford, Ald Tewksbury, Tyrrell, Swedberg, Hansen, Weaver, Malm, Armington, Jespersen, Clerk Bill Wallmark.

**April 23** – Spec Mtg to ok trash pickup twice/wk Jun-Dec and once/wk Jan-May. Jake Thuma, SPW, plans to build German War Prisoner Camp outside City limits and asks to be connected to City sewer and water services. Residents from the planned camp present. Ald denied request. Trash contract given to Chas Fraedrich at \$170/mo. Ok'd SPW resol.

**June 4** – Spec Mtg Sweeper purchase cancelled due to non delivery but one ordered from Austin Western, Aurora, for \$4,207.

**June 11** – Northern Ill Util Co to run lines on Somonauk St in the east side parkways. Bids on 20,000 MC3 asphalt to be heated and applied to WR Meadows Co, Elgin, at low bid of 12 ½ cents/gal. City Atty to advise RR's to fix their crossings in City. Ok'd gravel on South Ave and weed complaints mentioned.

A livery owner is directed to clean his property and to trim hedges and bushes. Ald Swedberg recommends walls be added to Martin's Ditch on Charles and Edward Sts.

**July 9** – 23 service users out of City limits and sewer rental rate discussed. New fire hydrants ok'd on South Cross and Center Ave. J Walter Becker, Pres Ideal Industries, thanks Council for City help for sewer from factory to South Ave sewer. Ideal paid \$3,229 with City paying \$325. Tom "Duner" Henigan appt to Water Dept Head.

**August 13** – Arthur Eddy asks for liquor license and is denied due to 12 license limit rule in city. T Mathews, Atty for IML read letter that IML holds that limits on liquor licenses is lawful and valid that City set at 12 on 12-9-35. Notice to owners to trim trees and smoke at SPW is better now with 2 stokers installed.

**September 10** – Annual Tax Levy Ord ok'd at \$43,350. Resol creating Sycamore Housing Authority Board proposed by Mel Maertz and Mayor Ashelford appt Harry Armington, Chas Townsend, Noble Henderson, Clifford Danielson, and CB Conrad to same. Council approved with all voting aye. Request from JS Muhe, Justice of Peace, for \$5 expense reimbursement denied.

**October 8** – Mr Trethaway, Chicago Pump Co, said it'll cost \$2,220 to repair plant and improve it. Many complaints of street lights out, bad walks, dirty streets, and standpipe overflowing.

**November 21** – Dave Katz, DeKalb, requests permission to build 2 story garage 160 ft long on W State St to sell and service autos and trucks.

**December 10** – Ok'd permit for Katz to build 1 story brick garage 120 ft long to sell and service cars and trucks. Ald Tyrrell brought complaints of speeding and drunken driving at night on E State St after bars and dances at the Armory close down with this given to Police Chief Geo Meier.

#### **January 14, 1946**

State Planning Comm advises that Senate Bill 303 allows Sycamore a \$2,250 capital grant if applied for by 1-20-46.

**January 24** – Spec Mtg bid of Drayton & Frederick ok'd for new police car for \$600.

**February 11** – Ok'd City to join with County as part of Scavenger Act to allow foreclosure on properties who default on taxes and Spec Assessments.

**March 11** – JJ McFarland, Fargo Theater owner, asks for driveway into lot just east of theater for a parking lot at City expense. Denied. JH Stain asks to install stairway to basement on Somonauk facing State St. Denied. City notified ICC that Dart Lines, Inc will operate a bus line between Sycamore and DeKalb.

**March 18** – Spec Mtg to reconsider Strain request for stairway on Somonauk St and is approved on reconsideration.

**April 18** – PW buys 3 carloads of limestone for sts. Letter from Pomona Grange objecting to daylight saving time, but a letter from Chamber of Comm who polled 1,000 people who favor DST so City ok'd DST based on poll results. Complaints of loose dogs, outside toilets, and poor drainage on DeKalb Ave.

**May 13** – Letter from SPW requesting water on their premises on South Ave. Tie vote 3-3 broken with Mayor voting yes to ok the request. Esther Mae Nesbitt ok'd zoning change to business at 827 Somonauk St. Proposal to annex Fox Add'n. Ken Wenger and Murray Jayne asks 130 S Main St be zoned business.

**May 29** – Spec Mtg ok'd paving alley approach N Calif St near Fargo Hotel for \$400. New patrolman ok'd effective 6-1.

**June 10** – Balance of Somonauk St to be oiled with 10,000 gal heated and applied by Meadows, Inc of Elgin for \$1.45/gal. Mrs Eleanor Roberts notified Council that rent for Council Room at Lib to increase to \$50/mo effective 7-1. Fox Add'n annexed. JJ McFarland and Fred O Larson replaced Mrs Hanks and AC Taylor on Recreation Comm.

**July 5** – Spec Mtg The bldg the Clerk's Office in is sold to Lee Hagen on State St so it's recommended to rent office space from Hagen.

**July 8** – Annual Approp Ord ok'd at \$78,125. Park View plat reviewed and ok'd.

**August 12** – Bridge railing on State St over Martin's Ditch unsafe, loose planking at RR crossing on Edward St, and ok'd transfer of 24 demountable dwelling houses to Sycamore Veterans Trust to house vets. Plat of Suter's Subdiv'n given to Bd Local Improv. State Health Officer visited SPW.

**August 26** – Spec Mtg Trash contract to Chas Fraedrich at \$195/mo.

**September 9** – Suter's Subdiv'n ok'd by Council. CGWRR repaired crossing on Edward St. Carload of new water mains shipped and soon here and Engr to site plan the mains. IML Annual Mtg in Spld 9-30 but no one chose to attend.

**October 14** – Clydesdale Fire Truck sold on bids to Lester Maitland for \$102. Fire Chief collected \$136.50 from merchants to repair the incinerator and to build 3 new ones.

**October 31** – Thursday is the day this loyal public servant and compiler of these minutes notes, Mayor Mundy of Sycamore, was born in DeKalb at St Mary's Hospital. Mundy's moved to Sycamore in 1948.

**December 9** – Ok'd Chief Butzow idea to reconvert the inhalator for \$235 to have newer features. Don Ehrler requests permit for retail poultry supply store on north half his property on E Sycamore St. Ok'd. Water mains laid in Park View and Fox Add'ns.

**December 30** – Spec Mtg Ok'd payment of \$3,714 to Herr Bros for main placements. Ok'd taverns open 2 hours longer on Tues night, New Years Eve.

### **January 13, 1947**

Fire Chief read response from Fargo Theater and Sycamore Municipal Hospital that they comply with fire prevention measures. Fargo Hotel asks to install pipe organ in dining room and tap room with no objection from City. A proposal to make Edward and Charles Sts through sts is presented.

**February 10** – Ald Tewksbury resigned due to poor health and blindness. Ok'd. Special election ok'd to fill vacant Ald seat in the 4-15 City election. Judges and clerks to be paid \$7 for Election Day duties. A referendum question on the ballot is whether City to become part of IMRF. Ok'd buying new 3 1/2 ton truck and giving GMC truck in trade. Ok'd increased fire tax question on the ballot.

**March 10** – Folks on Ellen St want a sewer line. Parking on narrow Mason Ct a safety issue.

**April 14** – Ord to set parking meter zones ok'd. Estimated cost of sewer per owner on Ellen St is \$250 to \$275. Ok'd work to be done on downtown ornamental lights by G&G Electric Co.

**April 21** – Spec Mtg to ok purchase of new Diamond T truck from Fred Floto for \$2,771 plus trade in for \$446. New ten cents fire tax and IMRF participation by city ok'd by voters. New Ald Clarion Ross and Henry Carlson joined Swedberg, Armington and Jespersen who were re-elected in the April City election. City denied request from Mr Utley for popcorn stand on Maple St. Fire tax was passed 880 for and 287 against. IMRF was passed 833 for and 355 against.

**May 5** – Spec Mtg to ok City wages increased by \$25/mo.

**May 12** – Mayor appt new officers, Stand Comm, Lib Bd, Mrs John Moyers, Geo Dutton, Henry Carlson, Hosp Bd, Louis Ferguson, Recreation Comm Phil Hodge, Zon Bd Appeals Martin Rasmussen, garbage contract to Emil Swanson for \$199/mo. Ok'd S&W Comm powers to act in Fox, Park View, and Suter's Subdiv'ns. Cent Ill Light Co proposes system to replace blvd lighting on State St. City Engr is Walter Deuchler, Patrolmen Geo Meier, Walter Clarner, and Paul Hindenburg.

**July 14** – Ok'd study of deepening and widening Martin's Ditch. Mayor appt Arthur Peterson and Albert Hoffman SFD. Annual Approp Ord ok'd at \$109,525. Atty Moudry explained city share of County Zoning at \$5,000, but Council would not commit City funds. Ok'd water taps of 5/8 in at \$50 and 1 in at \$65 and sewer taps at \$25. Ok'd buying 4 SPD uniforms.

**August 14** – Ok'd Annual Tax Levy Ord at \$61,750. Ok'd moving some parking meters to better locations by Police Comm. Ok'd forming special fund for SPD. Ok'd omitting City vehicle tax. Ok'd all users of City water living outside City limits pay 50% more for water. Ok'd Farmers Grain & Lumber spray various places where mosquitoes breed. Ok'd Henry Binder to SFD. Ok'd G&G Electric bid of \$73 to move SFD siren test control to SFD. Ok'd rerouting busses to Sacramento and State Sts.

**September 8** – Ok'd LM Kenyon bid of \$752 for a boiler at sewer plant. Ok'd new water mains on report of Engr Deuchler.

**October 1** – Spec Mtg Patrolman Paul Hindenburg resigned with Mayor to appt replacement. Cinders vs crushed stone on E Exchange St discussed as well as curbs and gutters near Anaconda.

**October 13** – Ok'd moving meters from in front of Court House to theater block from State and Calif to hamburger stand. Ok'd snow plow from Western Equipment & Supply Co fob Ohio at \$551. Mayor has request for package liquor license but no license exists. Ok'd rezoning for 4 more bldgs sent to Atty for Ord. on this. Fire Chief Butzow asks for new hydrants to install and 500 ft of 1 1/2 in hose at 60 cents/ft. Herr Bros seeks 8% increase in labor and were ok'd for water main work but not sewer drain work.

**October 16** – Spec Mtg to review blvd lighting with Engr Deuchler recommends new system with cement light poles. Clerk to check MFT funds for this and will call in Retail Div of Chamber Comm on this.

**October 31** – Spec Mtg to enter agreement with Midlands Security Co for \$15,000 water bonds payable from water revenue at 3 1/2 % interest.

**November 10** – Bldg Comm reported permits issued for \$155,300 and for Sept \$25,450. Ald Ross suggested Ord to enable sts to be cleaned of snow when cars must be off sts to do a better job by St Dept.

Suggestion that for better safety downtown State and Calif Sts be stop streets. Complaints rec'd that on Thurs afternoons meters should not be fed when stores closed.

**November 22** – Spec Mtg to clarify minutes from Annual Approp Ord of \$78,125 for 5-1-46 to 4-30-47 that Ord passed unanimously due to a claim that prior minutes were unclear and needed to be amended.

**December 1** – Spec Mtg to ok \$20,000 water revenue bonds to fund wworks system extension, operations, and maintenance of the system.

**December 8** – Health Officer Dr Evans reported the DX bulk plant lacked running water and toilet to be remedied for sanitary reasons. Also unclean conditions are reported at 913 and 925 Esther Ave and 529 Park Ave all to be remedied. Ok selling old snow plow to Park Dist for \$100. Police Chief directed to remedy manure pile at Loptien Shop on E State St. Bldg Chas Bodeen has complaint against Lester Griswold for running wholesale meat market without license sent to Bd Zon Appeals.

### **January 12, 1948**

Bldg permits were \$55,250 for Nov and Dec.

**March 8** – Ok'd contract with Cent Ill Light Co for lighting system downtown. Complaint of parking abuse at Taylor Garage with parking blocking Hudson's DX Service Station sent to Police Chief to resolve.

**April 12** – Many requests for water, sewer, and street lights in various parts of City. Recommend that SPD work 10 hour shifts ok'd. Ok'd \$8,000 MFT be used for sts. Ok'd \$15,000 MFT for lights on State St. Ald Jespersen reported complaints of punch boards and bookies.

**May 3** – Spec Mtg to give \$15/mo increase to salaried and \$1/hr increase to laborers ok'd.

**May 10** – Bids opened on street work and Stahl Const Co given bid of \$6,310 per IDOT ok. Mayor appt Bds, officers, Stand Comm, and Council ok'd salaries. Trash contract to Will Clawson for \$225/mo. Ok'd Fairland and Fox Add'ns into City.

**June 9** – Annual reports of officers, Depts, and Bds accepted and filed. Noted that hospital rates seem higher than others yet hospital in the red financially. IDOT pays City to maintain Rt 23 and 64 in City for \$1,038. Bids opened for 10,000 gal oil given to Stahl Const Co at 14 ½ cents/gal. as low bid. Offer from Veterans Trust for lots 26 and 27 in Park View Subdiv'n to be used for park space rejected by City. Stevens Trust asking for \$500 rent and \$300 insurance from Rec Comm for Comm Ctr sent to Atty Moudry. Speeding and fast driving complaints sent to SPD. Request for parking meters south side at 400 W State St and from Dayton Ward and from Roscoe "Choppy" Lee of Fargo Hotel for them on west side of hotel. No action taken. Manure pile issue behind Loptien Shop sent to Health Comm. Outdoor privy on Park Ave complaint sent to Hlth Comm. Dr Payne requested 2 hour parking on W Elm St due to business parking there. Jensen & Son on N Maple St asking for parking privileges.

**June 14** – IDOT ok'd new street lights.

**July 12** – City Council opinion is that rural fires are answered by one fireman and volunteers with other firemen in backup mode at station. Number of volunteers to answer fires matter sent to F&W and W&S Comm.

**July 20** – Spec Mtg to rezone hospital property at Somonauk and Edward Sts to business to affect current and expanded hospital there. Bd Zon Appeals Chas Bodeen present to support new zoning with Hospital Bd ok. Also present from the Hospital Bldg Comm: Louis Ferguson, Chas B Townsend, Tom Roberts, Clifford Danielson, and Dr John Ovitz Jr. Chas Townsend thanked the Mayor, Council, and Bd Zon Appeals for cooperation in the matter. (See printed minutes about Sycamore Municipal Hospital)

**August 9** – Annual Tax Levy Ord ok'd at \$65,040. Chief Butzow prefers both firemen and volunteers answer rural fires, but Ald Jespersen prefers one fireman remain in the station. Ald Carlson, Lib Bd member, asks Council to help fund redecorating Council Room in Lib so ok'd \$50 for same.

**September 13** – Council wants work done on Wild, Victor, Fairlands, and Fox Add'n sts so sent issues to S&W Comm. Ald Jespersen said one monthly Council meeting is not enough to get the City business done so is recommending 2 meetings with issue sent to Ord Comm. Chief Butzow asks City to fund moving SFD kitchen to 1<sup>st</sup> floor with firemen to do the work sent to F&W and S&W Comms.

**September 28** – Ok'd bid to replace ornamental light posts with new light posts downtown. Clifford Danielson and Earl Wetzel present for the Chamber Commerce and convey Chamber is pleased with project and that Chamber has funds to include N&S Maple Sts in lights project and that Chamber would fund Engr services costs too. Approved.

**October 11** – Bids opened for street light project with G&G Electric low bid of \$18,555 and is ok'd. Ok'd zoning change from residential to business in Loomis Add'n. Ok'd \$250 for SFD station alterations. G&G Electric bid checked by Engr and found to be in order subject to IDOT approval.

**December 13** – Boy Scouts offer to build bike racks for N&S California Sts if Council ok's.

**January 10, 1949**

A hand written note at end of the minutes: "Ald Hansen passed away at Hines Hospital Feb 7, 1949 and was buried in Elmwood Cemetery Feb 10<sup>th</sup>. His term would expire Apr 30, 1949 and he served 14 years as Ald. I conducted the Odd Fellows service."

**February 14** – Ald Jespersen resigned. Ok'd special election to fill the vacancy and asked Ord Comm for Resol of Memorial for Ald Hansen with a copy of it sent to Widow Hansen. Salary Ord to be drawn and ok'd Resol for Ald Hansen for his 14 years service to Sycamore as Ald.

**April 25** – Spec Mtg Clerk absent so Atty acting Clerk. Mayor offers to trade furniture in his and Clerk's offices to City for \$116 and old cement mixer. Fin Comm to review furniture, fix price, accept or reject it, and no trade on the mixer. Mayor said order of water mains cancelled.

**April 28** – Spec Mtg Police Chief Geo Meier resigned. Canvassed recent election: Clerk Wm Wallmark, Treas Pearl Walrod, Police Magistrate Jack Eddy, Ald 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Clarion Ross, 2<sup>nd</sup> ET "Tug" Juday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Oscar Weaver, 4<sup>th</sup> Harold Johnson (Red's 1<sup>st</sup> term) Arthur Montgomery to fill unexpired 2 year Ald term and Mayor Emil Jespersen. Mayor Ashelford thanked Council and City officers, depts, and citizens for their support in his terms. (See printed minutes from April, 1949)

**May 2** – Spec Mtg salaries to be unchanged from prior year. Proper bonds of officers to be secured. Ok'd that Dept Heads can spend to \$25 on their own, \$25 to \$100 with Mayor ok, and \$100 to \$300 or emergencies ok'd by Mayor, Fin Comm, and Chair of Comm in charge of each request.

**June 13** – Ok'd bid of Fargo Garage for \$1,000 for new Pontiac police car. Ed Hoffman asked to connect to sewer on W Exchange St. from his property on May St sent to F&W and W&S Comms.

**July 11** – Annual Approp Ord ok'd at \$112,805. When new street lights completed a celebration with Chamber Comm to be conducted.

**July 25** – Spec Mtg upon the death of Clerk Wm Wallmark with Everett Penrod's name given to Mayor Jespersen and Penrod appt as Clerk to fill Wallmark's term. Approved. Castensen Sales & Service given bid for ½ ton pickup truck.

**August 8** – Resol ok'd to memorialize services of Wm Wallmark as Clerk. Annual Tax Levy Ord ok'd at \$67,380. Petition from DeKalb Bus Co to change routes adding Cortland and routes within DeKalb. July bills of \$9,001 ok'd to pay. Parents complain of kids playing punch boards so all boards are ordered removed. Thanks to Lion's Club for cleaning lots of brush and weeds on Park Ave. VFW asked to open walk to allow basement entrance for the new VFW Memorial Hall on S California St.

**September 12** – Bills ok to pay at \$12,172. Standpipe painting deferred due to low funds. Saul Levin asks for City help with drainage on N Main St where he wants to build a garage sent to S&W Comm to act. Businesses ask for punch boards to be reinstated since clubs, lodges, and others have them. Mayor ruled no boards in businesses. Contract with Swan Olson for City dump sent to S&W Comm to act. Ok'd first aid kits in trucks, SFD, and sewer plant. Ok'd zoning of Larson Bros Greenhouse on W Sycamore St from residential to business. Patten's Add'n ok'd as industrial zoning from residential. Howard Dean's land rezoned from residential to business. CGWRR ok'd to build a tower between Main and Calif Sts to operate warning flashers and gates at crossings.

**October 10** – Ok'd bills to pay at \$8,707. Ok'd contract with Swan Olson for City dump at \$500 from 8-1-49 to 8-1-50. More street lights ok'd in parts of City. VFW basement entrance ok'd to be built by City Code. Number of properties near downtown asking to be rezoned from residential to business.

**October 26** – Spec Mtg on audit of Clerk's books by DM Shaffer with discussion and audit report ok'd. Ok'd writing off Treas books \$1,100 spec assess notes so Treas reports to show only liquid assets going forward. Clerk and F&W and S&W Comms to meet to settle delinquent water and meter issues. Ok'd Clerk to establish new set of books and to alter accounting methods to comply with auditor suggestions. Ok'd \$10,035 for street lights from MFT funds. Ok'd Bd Local Improv to study suggested ideas to form a City Planning Comm.

**November 14** - Ok'd \$8,473 bills to pay. A number of 2,500 and 4,000 lumen ok'd for various parts of City. As old light circuits disconnected the matter of what to do on the Military Honor Roll in Memorial Park on W State St was discussed. It was ok'd that Mayor and Ald Juday represent City on any planning meetings to be held by interested groups.

**December 12** – Bills ok'd to pay at \$9,751. Resol to install stop and go signal at State and Calif Sts and funded by MFT. IDOT ok'd new street lights. Letters of thanks rec'd from Ideal Industries and Rev Michael for new street lights. Letter of thanks from Boy Scout Troops 216 and 316 for use of City truck

during paper drive. Many old street lights ok'd to be removed since new lights give better light anyway. More zoning requests rec'd seeking zoning changes from residential and apartment to business and industry zoning.

This ends some notes of interest from Sycamore City Council Minutes dated from 1920 through 1949.

This document is intended for use by those interested in the history of Sycamore City Council Meeting Minutes. All of the notes were taken by Mayor Mundy directly from City of Sycamore City Clerk Candy Smith's Records and are edited neither for English grammar rules, spelling, punctuation, nor for political correctness. It has been a pleasure to gather notes of interest from Sycamore's history, and the Mayor plans to record, compile, and make available notes from other City Council Meeting Minutes over time. The notes present a snapshot in time of how Sycamore grew from a frontier settlement of rustic cabins to the beautiful vibrant and economically sustainable community she is today. Even though some notes deal with minutia of everyday complaints and issues from the citizens and businesses, they reflect the care and concern which each Mayor and Council took to remedy each care and concern of the people of Sycamore. There were many good and faithful public servants who guided Sycamore through her infancy, Industrial Revolution, laying of streets, sidewalks, water, sewer, and gas mains, erection of a standpipe, street lights, telephone poles, homes, businesses, churches, schools, library, a jail, World War II, post War prosperity and growth, and historic actions and events which impacted Sycamore from 1920 through 1949. Enjoy.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Ken Mundy