

**Minutes**  
**Seymour Common Council**  
**January 23, 2023**

The January 23rd, 2023, City Council was called to order by Mayor Matt Nicholson at 7:00pm. Invocation was given by Pastor Brad Akey, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the nation's flag was recited. A virtual option was available.

**Members Present:** Mayor Matt Nicholson, Clerk/Treasurer Darrin Boas, Brett Cunningham, Matt Wheeler, Jerry Hackney, Seth Davidson, Dave Earley, City Attorney Chris Engleking, Police Chief O'Brien, Les Linz, Zach Spicer, Drew Storey, Chad Hubbard, January Rutherford, Tyler Hinkle, and DPW Director Chad Dixon.

On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the minutes from the January 9<sup>th</sup> council meeting were approved.

**Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions**

- None to report

**Public Hearing**

- None to report.

**Old Business**

- Councilman Hackney introduced for Second Reading Ordinance No. 1, Council Bill No. 1 (2023), seconded by Councilman Wheeler, An Ordinance Amending the Salaries of the Appointed Officials and Employees of the City of Seymour, Indiana for the Year 2023. This was due to the signing of the Police and Fire Contracts in December, and decreasing their raises from 5% to 4%, but increasing their longevity from 20 to 25 years. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the Ordinance passed second reading 7-0.
- Councilman Hackney introduced for Second Reading Ordinance No. 2, Council Bill No. 3 (2023), seconded by Councilman Wheeler, An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana Creating New Fire Department Budget Line Item and Approving Transfer of Fire Department Funds. This moves \$2500 from the telephone budget to a newly created promotional line. Tyler Hinkle asked if other departments had a similar line, which they do. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the Ordinance passed second reading 7-0.

## **New Business**

- A. Councilman Storey introduced Ordinance No. 3, Council Bill No. 4 (2023), seconded by Mr. Earley, an Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana Amending Chapter 30 of the Seymour City Code Regarding Recording of Public Meetings. This ordinance requires the recoding of Public Meetings and making available to the public within 3 days of the meeting. It also requires retention of said meeting for 2 years. There was discussion about Video vs. Audio, cameras, meeting locations, and what meetings this ordinance includes. Tyler Hinkle asked about vision/hearing impaired options (ADA implications). The program must be implemented by 4/1/2023. The committee reviewing this program (Matt, Chad, and Drew) will continue to work out details. On a motion by Mr. Storey, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the resolution was approved 7-0.

## **Miscellaneous Business**

- Clerk/Treasurer Boas presented a copy of the Annual Report for 2022 for those who did not see it in the Saturday Tribune.
- Les Linz Shared his thoughts about the need for some type of tax abatement system for Small Businesses. Councilman Storey and the Mayor spoke of avenues available for Small Business, such as Main Street, Chamber of Commerce, Indiana Small Business Administration, etc.
- Tyler Hinkle wanted to make sure the Council was aware of upcoming Opioid Settlement Webinars (1/24 and 1/26 from 10-11am, and 1/30 from 1:30-2:30 pm) and discussion about a 50/50 matching grant.
- The Mayor mentioned the CCMG 23-1 was submitted, along with the LPA project for the last 3 phases of North O'Brien, north of 4<sup>th</sup> St.

## **Adjournment**

- On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the meeting was properly adjourned.

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Mayor Matt Nicholson

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Attest: Darrin Boas, Clerk/Treasurer