

**Minutes**  
**Seymour Common Council**  
**February 27, 2023**

The February 27th, 2023, City Council was called to order by Mayor Matt Nicholson at 7:00pm. Invocation was given by Pastor James Blankenkemper, 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, Matt Wheeler, Jerry Hackney, Seth Davidson, Dave Earley, City Attorney Chris Engleking, Police Chief O'Brien, Les Linz, Zach Spicer, Drew Storey, Chad Hubbard, City Media January Rutherford, Tyler Hinkle, Fire Chief Lucas, Main Street Director Bri Roll, DPW Director Chad Dixon, Assistant Police Chief John Watson, Ordinance Administrator Kelly Pifer, Parks Director Stacy Findley, Mayor's Assistant Jane Hayes, Airport Board President Brian Thompson, Planning and Zoning Director Jeremy Gray, HR Director Dawn White, Parks Admin Tracey Cole, Chamber Dan Robison, Sabrina Nicholson, WWPC Director Jarin Gladstein, Assistant Director Doug Gregory, JCIDC Jackie Hill, Brent Kilgas, State Rep. Dave Hall, and City Engineer Bernie Hauersperger. Approximately 20 other City residents were present for the meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the minutes from the February 13<sup>th</sup> council meeting were approved.

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

- Councilman Davidson introduced a Compliance with Statement of Benefits, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, for Excel Manufacturing, INC., 1705 E 4th St. Rd. for 5 personal property abatements. On a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the Statement of Benefits was accepted 6-0-1.

**Public Hearing**

- None to report.

**Old Business**

- A. Councilman Hackney introduced Ordinance No. 5, Council Bill No. 6 (2023) for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, an Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Seymour to Authorize Borrowing from the Seymour Municipal Sanitation Utility. This has been done annually to support the Parks Department until the next tax distribution comes through. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Storey, the ordinance passed second reading 6-0-1.

## New Business

- A. Councilman Earley introduced Ordinance No. 6, Council Bill No. 7 (2023), seconded by Mr. Storey, an Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Seymour Amending Chapter 31 of the Seymour City Code Regarding Regular Meetings. This updates City Code with times and locations of regularly scheduled meetings. On a motion by Mr. Earley, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the ordinance passed first reading 6-0-1.
  
- B. Councilman Storey introduced Ordinance No. 7, Council Bill No. 8, (2023), seconded by Mr. Wheeler, an Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Seymour to rezone property located at 1341 at 2<sup>nd</sup> St. The zoning is currently R2, and the desire is to move to R3 for the development of duplexes in this area. I was asked if the sewer system could handle the additional volume, and the DPW director Jarin Gladstein stated we are currently operating at about 50% capacity, so no issues exist. On a motion by Mr. Storey, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the Ordinance passed first reading 6-0-1.
  
- C. Mayor Nicholson presented his State of the City Address, covering the financial health of the City (186 days cash on hand), covering accomplishments/facts/figures and future projects of each department, awards won through AIM, and goals for the future.

## Miscellaneous Business

- The Mayor announced the City was working with Healthy Jackson County on a grant to help with the Opioid funds to provide ongoing funding for the Recovery program. Details are still being worked through.

## Adjournment

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

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Mayor Matt Nicholson

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Attest: Darrin Boas, Clerk/Treasurer

