

Minutes

Seymour Common Council

June 26, 2023

The June 26, 2023 City Council was called to order by Mayor Matt Nicholson at 7:00pm. The invocation was given by Les Linz, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the nation's flag was recited. A virtual option was available and utilized by Bob Martinolli.

Members Present: Mayor Matt Nicholson, 1st Deputy City Clerk Treasurer Nancy Pulsford, Matt Wheeler, Jerry Hackney, Dave Earley, Brett Cunningham, City Attorney Chris Engleking, Drew Storey, Chad Hubbard, Police Chief Greg O'Brien, Building Commissioner Jeremy Gray, DPW Director Chad Dixon, Seth Davidson, JCIDC Jim Plump, Les Linz, Ed Kern, Tribune Zach Thompson, Jeff Lorenzo, Linsey Sarver, Ben Beatty, Carla Hubbard.

On a motion made by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the minutes for the June 12, 2023 Council meeting were approved.

Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions

Councilman Davidson made a motion for Statement of Compliance for Old Town Market Place, which was approved 03/27/2023, to transfer tax abatement from Old Town Market Place II, LLC to United Pipe and Steel Corp., 6520 N Co Rd 1000 E. This was seconded by Mr. Storey. The motion was passed by all members.

Mr. Davidson made a motion to introduce the statement of benefits for United Pipe and Steel Corp. Mr. Earley seconded this motion. On a vote by all members the motion was passed.

Mr. Plump of JCIDC introduced a new company, United Pipe and Steel, will be in the building at 6520 N Co Rd 1000 E. They will be constructing an office inside the building and later expanding the building to the east by about 30,800 sq feet. Total cost is projected to be approximately \$4,000,000.00; they will be adding nine new jobs. The company is a distributor, not a manufacturer, and will be distributing their products throughout the US.

Mr. Davidson then made a motion to approve the statement of benefits for United Pipe and Steel Corp., Mr. Earley seconded this. All members voted yes to approve the statement of benefits.

Public Hearing

None to report

Old Business

None to report

New Business

Mr. Storey asked for the first reading of ordinance #15 council bill #29. An ordinance to amend chapter 74 schedule 6 speed limits of the city of Seymour code thoroughfare and drainage. This was seconded by Mr. Cunningham. After a vote of 7-0, the motion carried. Mr. Storey then asked that the ordinance be amended from 40 mph to 45 mph at that point south of Gaynell Drive to 925 E. This was seconded by Mr. Cunningham. After a vote of 7-0 the bill was amended. A resident of the area, Mr. Richard Hampton, asked that the speed limit be returned to the previous limit at County Road 475. Upon further discussion it was decided if the ordinance needed to be amended, they would suspend the rules and amend it during the next reading. On a motion made by Mr. Storey, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, with a vote of 7-0, the ordinance passed 1st reading.

Mr. Cunningham introduced ordinance #14 council bill #28 for first reading by title only seconded by Mr. Wheeler. After a vote of 7-0 the motion carried.

This is an ordinance amending Seymour city code to create Chapter 118 to require a permit for short term rentals and establish fees to amend chapter 36. This would be a one-time fee with renewals every year. This would be inspected by the planning and zoning department. After a lengthy discussion of the ordinance Mr. Cunningham made a motion to table the ordinance until the next meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Storey. After a vote of 7-0, the ordinance was tabled.

Mr. Cunningham introduced resolution #14 council bill #27., A resolution establishing a fiscal plan for the annexation of certain territory to the city of Seymour Jackson County Indiana. This was seconded by Mr. Davidson. After a vote of 7-0, the motion carried. This resolution is to annex property purchased by Eastside Industrial Park LLC. They do have an interest for someone purchasing the property, it has not yet been sold as of this time. This property will be farmed for this year and possibly next. On a motion made by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, after a vote of 7-0 the resolution was passed.

Mr. Cunningham introduced Ordinance #16 Council Bill #30 to be read by title only. This was seconded by Mr. Storey, and on a vote of 7-0, the motion carried.

This is an ordinance annexing territory to the City of Seymour IN. placing the same within the corporate boundaries thereof and making the same part of the city of Seymour. After a short discussion Mr. Cunningham asked that ordinance #16 council bill #30 be passed. This was seconded by Mr. Storey. After a vote of all members 7-0, the ordinance passed first reading, after second reading will come up in the next 30 days along with the public hearing.

Mr. Davidson introduced Resolution #15 Council Bill #31 to be read by title only Mr. Earley seconded that motion and a vote to read this resolution was passed 7-0.

Resolution #15 Council Bill # 31 approves the transfer of a tax abatement from Old Town Marketplace II LLC to United Pipe and Steel Corp for real estate located at 6520 N County Road 1000 E Seymour IN. Mr. Davidson then asked that the resolution be passed which was seconded by Mr. Early. On a vote of 7-0 the resolution was passed.

Mr. Davidson introduced Resolution #16 Council Bill #32, to be read by title only. This was seconded by Mr. Earley. On a vote of 7-0, the motion passed. After the resolution was read there was a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Earley. After a vote of 7-0, the resolution was passed on first reading.

Resolution # 16 Council Bill # 32 is a resolution of the common council of the City of Seymour IN, approving a tax abatement for United Pipe & Steel Corp for real estate improvement located at 6520 N Co Rd 1000E Seymour, IN.

Miscellaneous business

Lindsay Sarver, Healthy Jackson County Mental Health & Substance Abuse coordinator spoke on behalf of the coalition updating the public on the coalition's work on substance abuse and mental health issues. The coalition was awarded about a half a million from the state of Indiana and approximately \$100,000. from the County for what is called a low threshold medication for opioid use disorder clinic. This opened the opportunity for them to expand treatment medication for people who experience overdose disorders . Ms. Sarver is hoping that with the upcoming budget committee hearings, the city could use money from the current drug program to appropriate an additional \$50,000 for their coalition. This coalition, after receiving the funding, is expected to be self-sufficient and continue to operate within their own funding. Mayor Nicholson asked that the coalition get their numbers together for their budget, and it would be brought up in Finance Committee to decide when to bring it back before council.

In other miscellaneous business, Mr. Hackney wanted to let members know that he had flyers for the upcoming opening of the City Museum if they were interested in going to that event.

Mayor Nicholson brought up the Special Olympics event in Brownstown to see a documentary called the Kyle Erskine Story on July 21st. This will be at Brownstown Central High School ball diamonds.

With that being all, the meeting was properly adjourned.

Mayor Matt Nicholson

Attest: Darrin Boas, Clerk/Treasurer

