

Minutes

Seymour Common Council

February 26, 2024

The February 26, 2024 City Council was called to order by Mayor Matt Nicholson at 7:00pm. The invocation was given by Councilman Chad Hubbard and the Pledge of Allegiance to the nation's flag was recited was led by Ms. Zoey Wischmeier. A virtual option was available.

Members Present: Mayor Matt Nicholson, Clerk/Treasurer Darrin Boas, Matt Wheeler, Jerry Hackney, Seth Davidson, Brad Lucas, Clint Blish, Drew Storey, City Attorney Chris Engleking, Police Chief Greg O'Brien, Tribune Erica Malone, January Rutherford, WPC Director Jarin Gladstein and spouse, Bernie Hauersperger, Jane Hayes, Fire Chief Eric Roll, Parks Director Chad Keithley, Talmage Reasoner, Denise Wischmeier, Assistant WPC Director Doug Gregory and spouse, Assistant Police Chief John Watson, Building Commissioner Jeremy Gray, Cindy Lucas, Parks Program Director Tracey Cole, J.D. Roberts, Mainstreet Bri Roll, Rob Millman, Paul Boone, Parks Admin Emily Goens.

On a motion made by Mr. Lucas, seconded by Mr. Storey, the minutes for the February 12, 2024, Council meeting were approved.

Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions

- None to report

Public Hearing

- None to report

Old Business

A. Councilman Hackney Introduced Ordinance No. 4, Council Bill No. 6 (2024), seconded by Councilman Hubbard for a second reading, an Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana, Creating New Police Department Budget Line Item and Approving Transfer of Police Department Funds. This is due to the long-term janitorial employee retiring and going to an outside service for cost savings. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the ordinance passed final reading 7-0.

B. Councilman Hackney introduced Ordinance No. 6, Council Bill No. 12 (2024), seconded by Councilman Blish for a second reading, an Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition, Construction and Installation of Certain Improvements to the Sewage of the City of Seymour, Indiana, the Issuance of Additional Revenue Bonds to Finance the Cos Thereof, the Collection Segregation and Distribution of the Revenues of Such Sewage Works, the Safeguarding of the Interest of the Owners of Such revenue Bonds and Other Matters Connected Therewith, Including the Issuance of Notes in Anticipation of Such Bonds, and All Matters Related Thereto. This is for 9 sewer projects that includes energy

saving upgrades to the plant. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the ordinance passed final reading 7-0.

New Business

a. Councilman Wheeler Introduced Ordinance No. 7, Council Bill No. 19 (2024), seconded by Councilman Blish, an Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana to rezone properties located at 1300 Blk of Colonial Dr., 639 and 641 Barnard Ln., and 643 S Airport Rd., Seymour, IN. This was given a favorable recommendation from Planning and Zoning and moves all properties to I-2 and involves approximately 17 acres. On a motion by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Storey, the ordinance passed first reading 7-0.

b. Councilman Wheeler Introduced Ordinance No. 8, Council Bill No. 20 (2024), seconded by Councilman Blish, an Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana, to rezone property located at 923 E 4th St., Seymour, IN. This is a corner lot and is being converted to C-3 and came to the Council with a favorable recommendation from Planning and Zoning. On a motion by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Hackney, the ordinance passed first reading 7-0.

c. Councilman Wheeler introduced Ordinance No. 9, Council Bill No. 21 (2024), seconded by Councilman Blish, an Ordinance to rezone a portion of property located at 1500 Blk E Tipton & Burkart Blvd., Seymour, IN. This came to Council with a favorable recommendation from Planning and Zoning and converts it to C-3. On a motion by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Blish, the ordinance passed first reading 7-0.

d. Councilman Wheeler introduced Ordinance No. 10, Council Bill No. 22 (2024), seconded by Councilman Hackney, an Ordinance to vacate Airport Road between Stadium Drive and Westgate Road behind the Seymour High School. This was discussed last year, and involved naming this section of the road Prange Way, after the retiring principal Greg Prange. This Ordinance will make the road property of the school system. On a motion by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Hackney, the ordinance passed first reading 7-0.

e. Councilman Lucas introduced Ordinance No. 5, Council Bill No. 10 (2024), seconded by Councilman Storey, an ordinance amending Chapter 96 of the Seymour City Code regarding Park Board duties. This changes the Code to make the Park's Director an appointed position by the Mayor, like all other department heads. This change was approved by the Park Board. On a motion by Mr. Lucas, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the ordinance passed first reading 7-0.

f. Councilman Lucas introduced Ordinance No. 12, Council Bill No. 24 (2024), seconded by Mr. Storey, an ordinance amending Chapters 31 and 157 of the Seymour City code regarding tree regulations. Doug Gregory, President of the Seymour Tree Board, presented updated clearance guidelines for roadways and sidewalks from tree branches and changes in bush diameter regulations. On a motion by Mr. Lucas, seconded by Mr. Blish, the ordinance passed first reading 7-0.

g. The Mayor made a motion to move a piece of Miscellaneous business before the State of the City address, seconded by Councilman Blish, to propose allocating \$240,000 of the remaining ARP funds to the Park's Department for multiple paving projects throughout the parks. Park's Director Chad Keithley spoke of the projects involved – parking lots, pickleball courts, etc. On a motion by Mr. Lucas, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the allocation of the funds was approved 7-0.

h. The Mayor presented his annual State of the City address. He covered multiple topics from growing cash on hand and the rainy-day fund, growing activity of the airport, and hopes of moving forward with the DPW transfer station. The commitment of the City for continuing education for our Fire and Police departments, and continuous improvement and growth of our Parks department. The City saw growth in the number of housing starts, along with increased ridership of our Transit system and solid investment from industry. A bond will be issued this year for WPC for plant upgrades, completion of Snyder Acres sewer, and Pebblebrook updates. The Mayor also touched on the Brookings Study and continued hope for inclusion and growth of our City.

Miscellaneous Business

- Councilman Lucas shared there are warranty roof work repairs the 2nd St. Fire Station are complete.
- City of Seymour Tree City President Doug Gregory presented some of the goals and direction for the Tree Board for this year. This involved the locations and types of trees being planted, the property plans at south O'Brien and the Round-a-bout, Burkart bypass, etc.

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

Mayor Matt Nicholson

Attest: Darrin Boas, Clerk/Treasurer