

Minutes

Seymour Common Council

June 10, 2024

The June 10, 2024, Seymour City Council was called to order by Mayor Matt Nicholson at 7:00pm. The invocation was given by Pastor Damon Spurgeon and the Pledge of Allegiance to the nation's flag was recited. A virtual/steaming option was available.

Members Present: Mayor Matt Nicholson, Clerk/Treasurer Darrin Boas, Jerry Hackney, Brad Lucas, Clint Blish, Drew Storey, City Attorney Chris Engleking, Seth Davidson, January Rutherford, Paula Hercamp, Brian Terrell, Fire Chief Eric Roll, Police Chief Greg O'Brien, Kevin Kaplin, Dana Clark, Matt Hercamp, Kyke Hercamp, Debbie Fry, Denny Fry, Fred Vogel, John Rust, Bethany Rust, Les Linz, Erica Moore with the Tribune, and 10 various City/County residents.

On a motion made by Mr. Lucas seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the minutes for the May 28, 2024, Council meeting were approved.

Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions

- a. None to report.

Public Hearing

- a. None to report.

Old Business

- a. Councilman Storey introduced for second reading Ordinance No. 19, Council Bill No. 41 (2024), seconded by Councilman Blish, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 150 of the Seymour City Code – Classification of Thoroughfares. This Ordinance authorizes the change to the City Code Chapter 150:16 to align with the INDOT Functional Classification System. On a motion by Mr. Storey, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the ordinance passed the second reading 7-0.

New Business

- a. None to report

Miscellaneous Business

- Councilman Hubbard shared a concern regarding sewer waste at a local residence and requested the council committee investigate tightening the codes/ordinances surrounding these issues. The Mayor assigned this to the Thorofare and Drainage committee. The City Ordinance Administrator has been involved and has cited the property owner and property manager.

- Paula Hercamp then spoke, stating she had 86 families she was helping to relocate, but could not recommend Seymour due to the increasing sewer, trash, and stormwater rates. She distributed a handout to council members.
- Kevin Kaplin then spoke regarding Memorial Day weekend and some people being stopped for driving without ever receiving a license, and not being taken to jail. Police Chief O'Brien said that these people were still cited, and must report to Court, and did not have to be taken to jail due to this charge being a misdemeanor. There was also discussion regarding the need for portable fingerprint scanners, and that Assistant Chief Watson was looking into this currently. This also led to discussion regarding the time it takes to transport arrestees to the County Jail, the booking process, etc. The Mayor asked the County Council President to look into this, and he said he would.

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

Matt Nicholson, Mayor

Attest: Darrin Boas, Clerk/ Treasurer

