

# Minutes

## Seymour Common Council

August 26, 2024

The August 26, 2024, Seymour City Council was called to order by Mayor Matt Nicholson at 7:00pm. The invocation was given by Rev. Chris Broughton and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A virtual/steaming option was available.

**Members Present:** Mayor Matt Nicholson, Clerk/Treasurer Darrin Boas, Jerry Hackney, Seth Davidson, Brian Terrell, Clint Blish, Chad Hubbard, City Attorney Chris Engleking, January Rutherford, Police Chief Greg O'Brien, Dana Clark, Erica Moore with the Tribune, Fred and Sally Vogel, Fire Chief Roll, Dan Davis, J.L. Brewer, Kevin Kaplin, Mark and Diana King, Dr. Calhoun, Jeff Shutters, Kevin Gabbard, Tyler Hinkle, Dave and Ann Windley, Jon and Laura Stahl, and roughly 15 other Community citizens.

On a motion made by Mr. Hackney seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the minutes for the August 12, 2024, Council meeting were approved.

### Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions

- a. Thorofare and Drainage representative Councilman Hackney presented 2 recommendations from requests they were asked to look into.
  1. The committee recommends a 4 way stop at Chestnut and Bruce.
  2. The committee recommends a 4 way stop at Poplar and West Oak.
  - 3.

Mr. Hackney also shared an issue brought to the committee's attention, where McDonald St. T's into Kasting, there were no shoulders beside the road, so DPW poured some concrete to help this situation.

### Public Hearing

- a. None to report.

### Old Business

- a. None to report.

### New Business

- a. Councilman Hackney introduced Resolution No. 29, Council Bill No. 51 (2024), seconded by Councilman Hubbard, a Resolution of the City Council of Seymour, Indiana to distribute a portion of Restricted Funds of Opioid Settlement to the Community Foundation of Jackson. This request is for a match for a Lilly grant the Community Foundation is attempting to get for recovery housing in Jackson County. Mr. Davis from the Community Foundation has already secured \$200k in matching funds in support of this grant, and is seeking an additional \$50,000 from Seymour.

They are looking at Level 2 and 3 housing, with part of the grant funds being endowed for sustainability purposes. J.L. Brewer shared that JRAC reviewed and supported this Community Foundation request. There was some discussion/questions from Council and the audience including:

- Addressing the correct problem? Must shut down drug flow into the community first!
- Is this service only for Jackson County residents?
- Service priority – anyone turned away, first come first serve?
- Alcohol and drug recovery services will be offered.

On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the Resolution passed 5-0-2.

### **Miscellaneous Business**

- Bill Bohall shared he was trying to get a taxicab license to provide additional income for his household. Bill has been denied due to 2 OWI's 19 and 11 years ago. City code doesn't allow permits to be issued (Chapter 113, Section 11) if an applicant has had a felony or convictions violating state liquor laws. Councilman Hubbard requested this be assigned to Committee for review, so the Mayor assigned this to the Governmental Affairs Committee.

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

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Matt Nicholson, Mayor

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Attest: Darrin Boas, Clerk/ Treasurer

