

Minutes

Seymour Common Council

February 24, 2025

The February 24th, 2025, Seymour City Council was called to order by Mayor Matt Nicholson at 7:00pm. The invocation was given by Councilman Brad Lucas, 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, Brad Lucas, Bob Beatty, Dennis Frey, Chad Hubbard, City Attorney Chris Engleking, Chief Greg O'Brien, Fred and Sally Vogel, Fire Chief Eric Roll, Kevin Kaplin, Tyler Henkle, Parks Director Chad Keithley, DPW Director Chad Dixon, Airport Director Colin Smith, City Engineer Bernie Hauersperger, WPC Director Jarin Gladstein, WPC Assistant Director Doug Gregory, Fire Chief Eric Roll, Mayor Admin Jane Hayes, Park Board Kendra Zumhingist, RDC Bonnye Good, JCIDC Zach Spicer, Marty Dominique, Jon and Laura Stahl, Building Commissioner Jeremy Gray, County Commissioners Brady Riley and Drew Storey, Fireman Caleb McKinney, Assistant Fire Chief Anthony Walker, Parks Tracey Cole, roughly 10 other Community citizens.

On a motion made by Mr. Frey, seconded by Mr. Beatty, the minutes for the February 10th, 2025, Council meeting were approved.

Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions:

- Councilman Hubbard shared the Retail Development Committee met to discuss Food Truck permitting. There is further work to do, so results will be forthcoming.
- Councilman Davidson shared the Industrial Development Committee will meet 3/10/25 at 9 am to discuss tax abatements.

Public Hearing:

- None to report.

Old Business

- a. Councilman Davidson introduced for second reading Ordinance No. 3, Council Bill No. (2025), seconded by Councilman Hubbard, an Ordinance amending Chapter 150, section 38 of the Seymour City Code: Standards for ERA Evaluation. This was recommended by the Industrial Development Committee and had not been updated since 1989. This is a move toward looking at Quality of Life impacts of abatement recipients. On a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Hackney, the ordinance passed second reading 7-0.

New Business

- a. The Mayor presented the State of the City Address. The Mayor shared:
 1. Revenue growth, rainy day fund growth with City finances.

2. Airport growth, Director Colin Smith's goal of making a Freeman Field a regional airport, and the addition of a new hanger.
3. DPW – upcoming transfer station and cost savings associated with, tonnage of road patching materials, and City image improvements.
4. Fire Department – completion of Station 1 remodel and expansion, new fire truck coming, training center awarded, grant work and awards.
5. Parks and Rec – growth in park visits, opening of splash pad at Westside Park, Community Center Grant for updates, Grants received for 2 additional pickle ball courts and lighting at Freeman soccer fields, pool temporary fixes and plans for major renovations. (Bond issue)
6. Planning and Zoning – continued success of Curb Appeal program, housing and business starts, retirements and staffing changes.
7. Police – Case volume numbers, continuing education of staff and recruits, dispatch call volume and 911 call timeliness answer results. The push for Central dispatch as recommended by the recent County funded study.
8. Seymour Transit – ride volume growth year over 2023 and changes coming to the Transit leadership staff.
9. WPC – SRF funding, completion of Snyder Acres and Mutton Creek sewer expansion/main replacements, updates at the plant – bell presses, ultraviolet treatments, etc. Vincennes University graduate.
10. JCIDC – promised investment of \$198.5 million, partnership with JCLC/JCEC
11. The Mayor ended the speech by touching on Mental health, the status of the Yellow Tulip project.

Miscellaneous Business:

- Councilman Hubbard (Governmental Affairs Committee) is requesting a meeting with the City Attorney and Tyler Hinkle to discuss Code of Conduct for elected officials.
- Councilman Beatty shared the County is getting their quote for the server to run the fingerprint database and making sure it covers all the needs.
- Clerk/Treasurer Boas shared the 2yr old stale check listing that now will go to the Attorney General to anyone who wanted to review.

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

Matt Nicholson, Mayor

Attest: Darrin Boas, Clerk/ Treasurer