

# Minutes

## Seymour Common Council

April 13, 2026

The April 13, 2026, Seymour City Council was called to order by Mayor Matt Nicholson at 7:00pm. The invocation was given by Pastor Jose Fontanez, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A virtual/steaming option was available.

**Members Present:** Mayor Matt Nicholson, Clerk/Treasurer Darrin Boas, Jerry Hackney, Mark Maxie, Seth Davidson, Brad Lucas, Danielle Long, Denny Frey, Chad Hubbard, City Attorney Chris Engleking, the Parkers, Fred and Sally Vogel, Police Chief Greg O'Brien, DPW Director Alan Axsom, Jim Plump, Kevin Kaplan, Whitney Koelling, and several representatives from the companies represented in the Compliance presentations.

On a motion by Councilman Frey, seconded by Councilman Lucas, the minutes from the 3/23/26 meeting were approved.

### Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions:

- A. Councilman Long shared that the Thorofare and Drainage committee had decided not to take any action at this time regarding the parking issue at Trinity Methodist Church with regard to the parking issues on the street between them and St. Ambrose. Their hope is to work it out between the leadership of the 2 churches. The Committee will address later if necessary.
- B. Councilman Davidson introduced the State of Benefits for Spaceguard, seconded by Councilman Lucas, for personal property. Total investment of \$375,000 for manufacturing and IT equipment over a 10-yr abatement period. Councilman Long asked if Spaceguard knew how many of their employees were Jackson County residents. Their representative Angie Morris did not but offered to find out. As there were no other comments, on a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Lucas, the statement of benefits was accepted.
- C. On a motion by Councilman Davidson, Seconded by Councilman Lucas, Mr. Davidson presented the following statements of benefits:
  - 1. Excel Manufacturing, Inc., 1705 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St. Rd. (3 Personal Property) – Brent Kilgas
  - 2. TDAK Development, Inc., 2099 E. Tipton St. (2 Real Estate) – Thom Hayes
  - 3. HiPo Properties, 1471 W. Tipton St. (1 Personal) – Andrew Stauffer
  - 4. Nippon Steel Pipe America, Inc., 1515 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St. (4 Personal) – Noriko Taguchi
  - 5. PSP Distribution LLC, 1510 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St. (2 Personal) – Tammy Barker
  - 6. O&K American Corp., 1625 Bateman Dr. (3 Real, 3 Personal) – Keiko Takeshita

7. Spaceguard Land Holdings, Inc., 711 S. Commerce Dr. (1 Real, 3 Personal) – Angie Morris

- Jim Plump went through the operational and employment numbers for the above-mentioned companies. Councilmen Long asked about the employment reduction numbers at Nippon, and Councilman Frey asked about why some compliances didn't have an assessed value. As there was no other discussion, on a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Lucas, the Compliances with Statement of Benefits were accepted.

**Public Hearing:**

- None

**Old Business:**

- Councilman Lucas introduced Ordinance No. 5, Council Bill No. 7(2026), seconded by Councilman Hubbard, an ordinance to Prohibit Unlawful Use of Public Records for Commercial purposes. Clerk Treasurer Boas shared the type of requests this ordinance will deny, ones that are looking for years of data for things such as Purchase Orders/history, employee information exceeding what is provided in the 100 R report on Gateway, and just data requests from companies that are collecting data for resale purposes. All questionable requests will be funneled through the City Attorney for evaluation. The ordinance was modelled after one similarly adopted by Plainfield. On a motion by Mr. Lucas, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the ordinance passed second reading 7-0.

**New Business**

- Councilman Davidson introduced Resolution No. 4, Council Bill No. 12 (2026), seconded by Councilman Lucas, a resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana approving a tax abatement for Spaceguard Products, Inc. for qualified personal property. This was discussed by Mr. Plump during the earlier reports. This provides a 10-yr abatement for \$375,000 for manufacturing and IT hardware. On a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the resolution passed 7-0.
- Councilman Lucas introduced Resolution No. 3, Council Bill No. 11(2026), seconded by Councilman Davidson, a resolution authorizing the filing of a CY2027 application for a grant under section 5311/5339 of the Federal Transit Act as amended. Whitney Koelling shared this is for the budgeting and grant funding for the City Transit services. On a motion by Mr. Lucas, seconded by Mr. Davidson, the application was approved 7-0.

**Miscellaneous Business**

- The Mayor discussed the change to the agenda to provide more info to council members about current/upcoming events going on with the City.

- The Mayor shared the quarterly department report with the Council.
- On a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Long, the minutes from the 4/8/26 Executive session were approved.

On a motion by Mr. Lucas, 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