

Minutes
Seymour Common Council
April 27, 2026

The April 27, 2026, Seymour City Council was called to order by Mayor Matt Nicholson at 7:00pm. The invocation was given by Pastor Les Linz, 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, 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, Dan Davis, Amanda Lowery, Building Commissioner Jeremy Gray, Dr. Calhoun, Bill Bremmer, Kevin Gabbard, Dave Eggers, Zach Spicer, City Engineer Bernie Hauersperger, Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Daily, Beth Montgomery, Clarence Cornwell, Steve Gentry, a couple other City residents, and several representatives from the companies represented in the Compliance presentations.

On a motion by Councilman Hackney, seconded by Councilman Davidson, the minutes from the 4/1 3/26 meeting were approved.

Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions:

- A. Councilman Maxie shared a meeting from the Planning and Zoning committee that dealt with the placement of RV's/campers on driveways in front of their home, and the duration allowed for it to be there. After their discussion, it was voted to leave the current ordinance as it is.
- B. Councilman Davidson introduced the State of Benefits for the following companies requesting new tax abatements, seconded by Councilman Lucas:
 - 1. AISIN USA Mfg. Inc., 1700 E. 4th St. (2 Real Estate, 2 Personal Property) – Betsy Cornett
 - 2. Cummins Inc., 800 3rd St. (2 Real, 3 Personal) – Darren Kimmel
 - 3. Valeo North America, Inc., 1231 A. Ave. North (1 Personal) – Brandy Marino
 - 4. Wal-Mart Stores East, LP, 2100 E. Tipton St. (1 Personal) – Ted Soam

JCIDC President Jim Plump discussed each new abatement, what they were for (expansion, new equipment, etc.), and discussed current employment, future employment, wages paid by the companies, along with the amount of taxes paid over the course of the abatements. As there were no comments on a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the statements of benefits were accepted.

- C. Councilman Davidson presented the following Compliances with statements of benefits, seconded by Councilman Lucas:
 - 1. Touchpoint Real Estate, LLC., 2245 Killion Ave. (2 Real, 3 Personal) – Jennifer Penner
 - 2. Premier Ag Co-Op, Inc., 811 W. 2nd St. (1 Real) – David Waskom
 - 3. Cummins, Inc., 800 E. 3rd St. (12 Real, 19 Personal) – Darrin Kimmel

4. Guardian Bikes, 2230 D. Ave. E. (2 Personal) – Sam Markel
 5. Valeo North America, Inc., 1231 A. Ave. N. (9 Personal) – Brandy Marino
 6. AISIN USA Mfg. Inc., 1700 E. 4th St. (14 Real, 24 Personal) – Betsy Cornett
 7. Wal Mart Stores East LP, 2100 E. Tipton St. 1 Personal) – Ted Soam
 8. SBE Property Group LLC., 806 F. Ave. (1 Real) – Glen Sawyer
- Jim Plump went through the operational and employment numbers for the above-mentioned companies, along with the actual dollars spent on their investments. Councilmen Hubbard asked about the employment reduction numbers at Valeo, and what the future looked like. The Valeo rep shared that the employment numbers from 2021 would most likely not return, due to increased automation, but a new project will come online in September bringing employment up to around 1500. They also currently have about 25 job openings. On a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Lucas, the Compliances with Statement of Benefits were accepted 6-0-1, with Councilman Frey abstaining on the Premier Ag compliance, resulting in a 5-0-2 vote.

Public Hearing:

- None

Old Business:

- None

New Business

- Councilman Maxie introduced Ordinance No. 9, Council Bill No. 24 (2026), seconded by Councilman Lucas, an ordinance to rezone property located at 6693 N. County Road 1000E, Seymour, IN 47274. Planning and Zoning Committee. This is to rezone property on the northeast side of the East Side Industrial Park from RS to I-2. This received an unfavorable recommendation from the Planning Commission board. Several residents from the area shared their concerns: increased truck traffic on narrow roads, sharp curves on CR 1000 E, width of Enos road and CR 1000 E, drainage, effects on area wells and septic systems, no one enforcing current truck restrictions on roads, county awareness, unknown plans of the area. As this property is outside of the City limits, but within the 2-mile fringe, it was recommended that residents talk to the County Council and Commissioners regarding the road width and truck traffic enforcement. The property owner's attorney, Bill Bremmer, spoke that the concerns of the citizens pertain to the development plans and the codes a developer would have to follow, not necessarily the legitimacy of this being rezoned. He also shared his client felt there was starting to be a shortage of industrial ground in this area. Councilman Hackney asked if there were development plans for this property, and the response was not at this time. On a motion by Mr. Maxie, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the ordinance to rezone passed first reading 4-2-1.

- Councilman Davidson introduced Resolution No. 5, Council Bill No. 13 (2026), seconded by Councilman Lucas, a resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana approving a tax abatement for Aisin USA Mfg, Inc. for Real Estate Improvements. This was discussed by Mr. Plump during the earlier reports. This provides a 10-yr abatement for \$1,640,000 for real property improvements. On a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Frey, the resolution passed 6-0-1.
- Councilman Davidson introduced Resolution No. 6, Council Bill No. 14 (2026), seconded by Councilman Lucas, a resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana approving a tax abatement for AISIN USA Mfg., Inc. for Qualified Personal Property at Plant 2. This was discussed by Mr. Plump during the earlier reports. This is for new manufacturing equipment totaling \$4,039,000 in new investment. On a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the resolution passed 6-0-1.
- Councilman Davidson introduced Resolution No. 7, Council Bill No. 15 (2026), seconded by Councilman Lucas, a resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana approving a tax abatement for AISIN USA Mfg., Inc. for Real Estate Improvements to be Located at 500 Burkart Blvd, Seymour, Indiana, totaling \$400,000 at Plant 2. This was discussed by Mr. Plump in the previous reports. On a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Lucas, the resolution passed 6-0-1.
- Councilman Davidson introduced Resolution No. 8, Council Bill No. 16 (2026), seconded by Councilman Lucas, a resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana approving a tax abatement for AISIN USA Mfg., Inc. for Qualified Personal Property totaling \$15,905,880 for Plant 1. This was discussed by Mr. Plump in the previous reports. On a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the resolution passed 6-0-1.
- Councilman Davidson introduced Resolution No. 9, Council Bill No. 17 (2026), seconded by Councilman Lucas, a resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana, approving a tax abatement for Cummins, Inc. for Real Estate Improvements to be located at 800 E 3rd Street, Seymour, Indiana, totaling \$500,000. This was discussed by Mr. Plump in the previous reports. On a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Maxie, the resolution passed 6-0-1.
- Councilman Davidson introduced Resolution No. 10, Council Bill No. 18 (2026), seconded by Councilman Lucas, a resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana approving a tax abatement for Cummins, Inc. for Real Estate improvements to be located at 800 E 3rd Street, Seymour, Indiana, totaling \$2,893,356 for the Hedgehog line. This was discussed by Mr. Plump in the previous reports. On a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Maxie, the resolution passed 6-0-1.
- Councilman Davidson introduced Resolution No. 11, Council Bill No. 19 (2026), seconded by Councilman Lucas, a resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana approving a tax abatement for Cummins, Inc. for Qualified Personal Property – Tech Center totaling \$3,000,726. This was discussed by Mr. Plump in the previous reports. On a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Maxie, the resolution passed 6-0-1.

- Councilman Davidson introduced Resolution No. 12, Council Bill No. 20 (2026), seconded by Councilman Lucas, a resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana approving a tax abatement for Cummins, Inc for Qualified Personal Property – Project GZ04, totaling \$245,966. This was discussed by Mr. Plump in the previous reports. On a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Maxie, the resolution passed 6-0-1.
- Councilman Davidson introduced Resolution No. 13, Council Bill No. 21 (2026), seconded by Councilman Lucas, a resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana approving a tax abatement for Cummins, Inc. for Qualified Personal Property investing \$13,722,502 for the Hedgehog Line. This was discussed by Mr. Plump in the previous reports. On a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Frey, the resolution passed 6-0-1.
- Councilman Davidson introduced Resolution No. 14, Council Bill No. 22 (2026), seconded by Councilman Lucas, a resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana approving a tax abatement for Wal-Mart Stores East LP for Qualified Personal Property investing \$105,000,000. This was discussed by Mr. Plump in the previous reports. On a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Lucas, the resolution passed 6-0-1.
- Councilman Davidson introduced Resolution No. 15, Council Bill No. 23 (2026), seconded by Councilman Lucas, a resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana Approving a Tax Abatement for Valeo North America, Inc. for Qualified Personal Property investing \$15,298,000. This was discussed by Mr. Plump in the previous reports. On a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Lucas, the resolution passed 6-0-1.

Miscellaneous Business

- City resident Trever Daily wanted to speak again after Ordinance No. 9 passed first reading, requesting a “round 2”, but as he had his 3 minutes earlier, he was not allowed.
- Councilman Hubbard made a motion to remove Councilman Hackney from his council seat, seconded by Councilman Davidson, as he has moved out of his district. Mr. Hubbard didn’t want taxpayer dollars wasted on litigation to remove Mr. Hackney, as he is now in violation of Indiana State Code 36-4-6-2 and City code Section 30.50. Mr. Hubbard’s motion failed in a vote 2-4-1.

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

Matt Nicholson, Mayor

Attest: Darrin Boas, Clerk/ Treasurer