

Minutes

Seymour Common Council

June 22, 2026

The June 22, 2026, Seymour City Council was called to order by Mayor Matt Nicholson at 7:00pm. The invocation was given by Reverend Les Linz, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A virtual/steaming option was available.

Members Present: Mayor Matt Nicholson, Clerk/Treasurer Darrin Boas, Denny Frey, Mark Maxie, Seth Davidson, Brad Lucas, Chad Hubbard, City Attorney Chris Engleking, the Parkers, Fred and Sally Vogel, Jon and Laura Stahl, Police Chief Greg O'Brien, DPW Director Alan Axsom, Dr. Calhoun, Tyler Hinkle, Bob and Sharon Kammon, Ashley Grassle, Building Commissioner Jeremy Gray, Jerry Hackney, The Parkers, Whitney Koelling, and Blair Carmosino with Becknel Industries.

On a motion by Councilman Frey, seconded by Councilman Lucas, the minutes from the 6/8/26 meeting were approved.

Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions:

- Councilman Lucas shared items discussed at the recent Thorofare and Drainage Committee meeting:
 - o Traffic on Springer Rd. No action taken at this time.
 - o 2nd and Poplar parking issues. No action taken at this time.
 - o Redeemer Handicap parking – Ordinance # 13 will be presented tonight.

Public Hearing:

The Mayor opened the 2nd public hearing for the Closeout of the Seymour Owner Occupied Rehabilitation (OOR) program. Whitney Koelling was present to speak on the impact the program had for the local community. 28 homeowners assisted with various repairs from roofing, gutters, heating and cooling, and water heaters. The total project investment was \$400,000. A question was asked what happened if the owner sold the home after the repairs, and Whitney shared that there is a 3-yr amortized payback if they sell. All allotted funds were spent. The Mayor thanked the ARA team for their management and assistance with the program, along with January. The Mayor properly closed the public hearing.

Old Business:

- None to report

New Business:

- Councilman Maxie introduced Ordinance No. 12, Council Bill No.30 (2026), seconded by Councilman Hubbard, aa ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Seymour to rezone property located at 11055 E. US 50, Seymour, IN. This came

- to council with an 8-0 favorable recommendation to rezone from RS to I-2. Mr. Carmosino spoke on and shared a PowerPoint presentation on the project. It would be a Class A, high quality structure, and adhere or exceed all City zoning requirements. Sharon Kammon spoke of her concerns about the project, the effects on the Refuge, birds due to lighting, property values, traffic patterns, etc. Mr. Carmosino spoke on these issues, the studies that will be involved (Endangered Species, wetlands, traffic impact, illumination study, etc.) once a viable tenant is secured. On a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Maxie, an amendment was offered to ban the placement of a junkyard on the property. The new zoning classification would allow this. The amendment passed 5-0-1. A question was raised if the studies came back and the proposed tenant didn't pass all the studies, would the zoning revert back to RS? It would not. Based on infrastructure already in the area, manufacturing returning to the US, and the site location, Becknel Industries feels there will be minimal issues locating the right client. On a motion by Mr. Maxie, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the amended rezone passed first reading 5-0-1.
- Councilman Lucas introduced Ordinance No. 13, Council Bill No. 31 (2026), seconded by Councilman Davidson, an ordinance amending Chapter 75, Schedule III of the Seymour City Code. This is to add 2 handicap parking places on Walnut St. in front of Redeemer Luthern Church. There is already a curb cut and ramp in place. On a motion by Mr. Lucas, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the ordinance passed first reading 5-0-1.

Miscellaneous Business

- Councilman Frey asked about golf carts on City streets. Police Chief O'Brien shared what is allowed – LSV's – Low Speed Vehicles. The state allows these as they are factory equipped with all automotive safety features (turn signals, seat belts, brake lights, mirrors) and include a title. They must be registered and plated by the DMV and only licensed drivers can operate. They can only be driven where the speed limit is 35 mph or less. Golf carts or side by sides cannot be modified to comply. No wrecks have been reported thus far with these units in Seymour.
- Ashley Grissle spoke, requesting that the comments be turned back on the City's Facebook pages. She feels it is important to allow citizens to vocalize, which helps with communication and keeps people from attacking those who share these City posts. The Mayor shared this most likely won't happen.
- The Mayor shared the Free Shields Park swimming on Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 sponsored by the Jackson County Health Department. He also shared all the other 250th United States Anniversary activities going on the upcoming weeks.

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

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Matt Nicholson, Mayor

Attest: Darrin Boas, Clerk/ Treasurer