

Minutes
Seymour Common Council
August 10, 2026

The August 10, 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/streaming option was available.

Members Present: Mayor Matt Nicholson, Clerk/Treasurer Darrin Boas, Danielle Long, Brad Lucas, Mark Maxie, Chad Hubbard, Seth Davidson, Denny Frey, City Attorney Chris Engleking, ERC Chad Dixon, Fred and Sally Vogel, The Parkers, The Stahls, The Kings, The Kammons, Police Chief Greg O'Brien, DPW Director Alan Axsom, Mayor Admin Jane Hayes, Dr. Calhoun, Ashley Grizzle, Jim Lucas, Tyler Hinkle, United Way Director Maci Baurle, Rick Zschiedrich, Donna Staley, Mark Patrick, Karen Jones, Chip Everhart, Kevin Kaplan, The Mayfields, The Farris', Jerry Polley, Rachel Taylor, The Huffs, Luke and Jonathan Castellaw, Don Russell, and several other residents.

On a motion by Councilman Lucas, seconded by Councilman Long, the minutes from the 7/27/2026 meeting were approved. Councilman Frey and Davidson abstained due to their absence to the 7/27/26 meeting.

Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions:

- Maci Baurle, Director of the United Way, shared information and results from the Community Conversations and ALICE data. She shared community visions, Issues residents have from housing costs, transportation, mental health, financial struggles, etc. Further details can be found at www.jacsy.org.

Public Hearing:

- The Mayor opened a public hearing for the proposed Super Voluntary Annexation of Certain Territory to the City of Seymour, Indiana. This was for the Trimpe property at US 50 and 31. Mr. Carmisino with Becknell shared the reasons for requesting the annexation. He shared their clients' desire to be within the Corporate boundaries of the City for public services and accessed valuation. Mrs. Grizzle, Mr. Hinkle, Mr. Everhart, Mr. Patrick, Mr. and Mrs. Mayfield, and one other gentleman asked annexation questions regarding what is annexation, why they want to be in the City boundaries, is the City seeking to annex the houses in the area, could these City services be contracted without being annexed, why were questions not asked at Planning Commission and prior council meetings regarding purpose, the difference between Ordinance and Resolution, and traffic/road usage. Once annexation discussion was complete, the public hearing was properly closed.

Old Business:

- Councilman Maxie requesting the 3rd reading of Ordinance No. 12, Council Bill No. 30 (2026), seconded by Councilman Hubbard, an ordinance to rezone property located at E. US Hwy 50, Seymour, IN. Mr. Carmisino gave a summary as to the reason for the rezone, the purchase, etc. The location of the property, proximity to I 65, access to City services, etc. Councilman Long asked about what happens to the house values in the rezone area. Mr. Carmisino shared he has seen both scenarios where property values go up and go down. Councilman Frey asked about current ownership and ongoing ownership of this property. Mr. Carmisino shared they have a purchase agreement with the current owner, and Becknell would be the owners of the property. Several citizens spoke against the rezone, including but not limited to: Mr. Everhart, Mrs. Farris, Mr. Mrs. Zschiedrick, Mrs. Jones, Mr. Kaplin, Mr. Patrick, Mr. Lucas, Mrs. Stanley, Mr. Mayfield, Mr. Polley, Mr. Huff, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Huff, Mr. Russell, Mrs. Dabb, and Mr. Hinkle. Concerns ranged from traffic, noise, property values, affects to wildlife/refuge, entrances to the property via to 50 and 31, quality/pay of jobs, future consequences, spot zoning, utility reliability, strain on schools and public services, stormwater, affects to neighboring wells, why not in our current industrial parks, and lack of overall community involvement by constituents on a continuing basis. There were some heated exchanges, but the discussion finally ended. Mr. Carmisino attempted to answer the questions, but it did not satisfy the constituents. On a motion by Mr. Maxie, seconded by Mr. Davidson, the ordinance was voted down 5-1.

New Business

- Mr. Blair Carmisino with Becknell withdrew the resolution and ordinance to be considered under new business.

Miscellaneous Business

- None to report.

On a motion by Councilman Lucas, seconded by Councilman Maxie, the meeting was properly adjourned.

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Matt Nicholson, Mayor

Attest: Darrin Boas, Clerk/ Treasurer