

Minutes
Seymour Common Council
September 28, 2026

The September 28, 2026, Seymour City Council was called to order by Mayor Matt Nicholson at 7:00pm. The invocation was given by Reverend Angel Armstrong, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A virtual/streaming option was available.

Members Present: Mayor Matt Nicholson, Clerk/Treasurer Darrin Boas, Brad Lucas, Mark Maxie, Chad Hubbard, Denny Frey, City Attorney Chris Engleking, Fred and Sally Vogel, The Parkers, The Stahls, Office Troy Munson, DPW Director Alan Axsom, Tyler Hinkle, Bill Braman, Micheal Maxie, Fire Chief Eric Roll, Mary Winburn, 4 representatives from O&K American, Mr. and Mrs. Farris, Dr. Calhoun, Jim Plump, Trevor Lane, Andy Royalty, Dave Hall Building Commissioner Jeremy Gray, Students from Mrs. Barger's and a few other residents.

On a motion by Councilman Frey, seconded by Councilman Lucas, the minutes from the 9/14/2026 meeting were approved.

Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions:

- Chad Hubbard, Industrial Development Committee, presented the Statement of Benefits for O&K American Corp., 1625 Bateman Dr., Seymour, for 1 personal and 1 real property abatement. Jim Plump shared O&K is requesting 10-year abatement for nearly \$9 million in new investment, maintaining 74 jobs and adding 5 new jobs. Councilman Frey commented he was glad to see the current average wage was \$70K. Tyler Hinkle spoke, asking why O&K would invest and continue to invest in Seymour. Josh Malancuk spoke on behalf of O&K, sharing the reasons including the skilled, hard-working people, partnership with the community, location in the U.S., energy costs, etc. As there was no further discussion, on a motion by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Maxie, the Statement of Benefits was accepted 4-0.

Public Hearing:

- The Mayor opened a public hearing for the Appropriations and Tax Rates for fiscal year 2027. Clerk/Treasurer Boas spoke of the budget numbers for 2027, rates vs 2026, raises, bonds, etc. Tyler Hinkle asked about Wheel Tax, and how that might affect the budget. Boas shared the County had adopted the tax, but the City did not, but the City will receive the dollars from those living within the City limits. Mr. Boas went on to explain how the wheel tax worked in relation to the CCMG funding and grants the City receives from the state and the effects it has on road funding. The Mayor shared that the wheel tax is not part of the budget proposed tonight, as the budget relates to property tax levies and LIT taxes. As there was no other discussion, the public hearing was properly closed.

Old Business:

- Councilman Maxie made a motion to table Ordinance No. 19, Council Bill No. 40 (2026), seconded by Councilman Hubbard, an Ordinance Annexing Territory to the City of Seymour, IN, placing the same within the corporate boundaries thereof, and making the same part of the City in hopes of a full council next meeting. The motion to table by Mr. Maxie, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the ordinance was tabled 4-0-2.

New Business:

- Councilman Maxie introduced Ordinance No. 20, Council Bill No. 41 (2026), seconded by Councilman Hubbard, an ordinance to rezone property located at 1223 E. 4th St, Seymour, IN, 47274. This comes to the council with an 8-0 recommendation from Planning and Zoning committee (with 1 abstention). Mr. Steve Farris is requesting to put up a 4500 sq. ft., 3 business complex on a lot he owns. Steve shared the utilities and draining infrastructure are present and has received no pushback from the area residents. About 50% of the properties along 4th St. are currently commercial. On a motion by Mr. Maxie, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the rezone passed first reading 4-0-2.
- Councilman Hubbard made a motion to table the next 2 orders of business, seconded by Councilman Frey, Resolution 22 and Resolution 23 to approve tax abatements for O&K as discussed in the Committee Reports. The motion failed 3-1-2.
- Councilman Hubbard introduced Resolution No. 22, Council Bill No. 43 (2026), seconded by Councilman Maxie, a resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour approving a tax abatement for O&K American Corp for Qualified Personal Property. The introduction did not receive enough votes to be read, votes were 2-2-2.
- Councilman Hubbard introduced Resolution No. 23, Council Bill No. 44 (2026), seconded by Councilman Maxie, a resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour approving a tax abatement for O&K American Corp for Real Estate Improvements to be located at 1625 Batemena Drive. The introduction did not receive enough votes to be read, votes were 3-1-2
- Councilman Lucas introduced Ordinance No. 21, Council Bill No. 42 (2026), seconded by Councilman Frey, an Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates for the City for 2027. This was discussed in the public hearing. As there was no further discussion, on a motion by Mr. Lucas, seconded by Mr. Maxie, the ordinance passed first reading 4-0-2.

Miscellaneous Business

- Councilman Hubbard asked since Mr. Hackney had made his restitution and made statements to the media that he no longer considered himself a member of Council, did this constitute a resignation? Clerk/Treasure Boas shared that, according to the

- discussion he had with Amanda Lowery on 9/25, she still had to have a letter of resignation, there is nothing she can do.
- The Mayor shared the upcoming road closures for the Octoberfest, and the duties associated with the City departments, and asked for patience from the public through the set up and tear down process.

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

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Matt Nicholson, Mayor

Attest: Darrin Boas, Clerk/ Treasurer