

City of Seymour

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MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
September 26, 2024
George Green Council Chambers, Seymour City Hall
Virtual Option Available

- A. Call to Order
- B. Those Present: Mayor Matt Nicholson, Clerk/Treasurer Boas, Brad Lucas, Dave Earley, Mayor Admin Jane Hayes, Jared Reedy with the Tribune, Fire Chief Eric Roll, Police Chief Greg O'Brien, Public Information Specialist January Rutherford, 1st Deputy Nancy Pulsford, DPW Director Chad Dixon, , City Engineer Bernie Hauersperger, WPC Director Jarin Gladstein, WPC Assistant Director Doug Gregory, Parks Director Chad Keithley, Building Inspector Jeremy Gray, Ordinance Administrator Craig Owens, 1st Deputy Nancy Pulsford, 2nd Deputy Melissa Herndon, and Assistant Fire Chief Anthony Walker
- C. On a motion by Mr. Earley, seconded by Mr. Lucas, the minutes from the 9/12/24 meeting were approved.
- D. Public Hearing – none to report
- E. Old Business – none to report
- F. New Business
- a. The Mayor presented a request for the annual Turkey Trot 8K Run/5 K walk put on for the Girls Inc of Jackson County. This will be held Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 28), from 6:30am to 10:30am. On a motion by Mr. Lucas, seconded by Mr. Earley, the request was approved.
- b. Parks Director Chad Keithley presented a request for Crossroads Park reservations for The Red Ribbon Week Kickoff. October 19th, from 1-3pm. They have requested Firefighter, Police, and the Mayor be in attendance. The Mayor recommends everyone to attend if available for this great event. On a motion by the Mayor, seconded by Mr. Earley, the request was approved.
- c. Fire Chief Roll shared the Merit Board vote on 9/26 at 7am. 37 voted against the Merit Board, 4 for it. The Ordinance declining use of the Merit system stands. The Chief also shared Nick Hampton is stepping down from Shift Inspector back to a 1st class fireman, and 3 firemen have applied for that position. Cody Trowbridge has passed all requirements to hire, and they will seek approval at the next meeting to hire.

d. City Engineer Bernie Hayersperger presented the bids for the Transfer Station at DPW. Low bidder was Teton, coming in at \$2,196,860, with alternate bid 1 at \$11,000. 3 bids were received, and the recommendation will be presented at the next Board of Works of whom to utilize.

- Bernie also touched on CCMG work currently on Vehslage Road, and will soon start on Shields Ave.
- 4th and O'Brien roundabout should be open by the end of the month.
- Utility relocations are dragging along on 2nd Street. Hope to get started on next phase soon.

Miscellaneous Business

- a. The Mayor presented a request by Chick-fil-A for the Farmer's Market Lot on October 1, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28 from 11am to 1 pm. On a motion by Mr. Lucas, seconded by Mr. Earley, the request was approved.
- b. The Mayor shared to anniversaries: Kelly Pifer – 5 yrs and Asencion Ramirez – 5 yrs. Thank you for your service!
- c. The Mayor discussed a request by Scott Olsen, owner of the Vehslage building to allow booths to be set up in his parking lot during the Octoberfest. The Mayor shared that the Octoberfest board does not other vendors within 1 block of the Octoberfest footprint without going through their board and following their guidelines. Mr. Olsen stopped in and shared he had spoken to his attorney, and they felt it should be allowed since it is his private property. The Mayor shared City Code 111.21 regarding prohibited sales areas. This ended conversation during the meeting.
- d. Police Chief O'Brien shared the Merit vote with the PD resulted in 30 opposed to the merit system. And no one for it. The City Ordinance declining use of the Merit system stands.
- e. DWP Director Chad Dixon shared the new 4 way stop at 4th St. and Ewing. This was approved at City Council. New stop signs are in place, along with message boards to alert drivers of the change.
- f. Parks Director Chad Keithley shared work is currently going on with the 2 additional pickle ball courts.
- g. A concerned citizen who lives across from Shield's Park shared her concerns with people staying in the dugouts, and what could be done to get them out of there. City Attorney shared they are working on updated City Parks policies, that will allow people to be barred from the parks for an extended period. The Park's Board will have to approve these updates once complete. Police Chief O'Brien shared they can only bar people from public places (the park) for 24 hours, per the State Supreme Court. And as the parks close at midnight, they do make rounds to make sure the parks are clear of people after that time. It was recommended for the citizen to reach out to our state representative to help with legislation for resolving this type of problem.

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

Mayor Matt Nicholson

Attest: Darrin Boas, Clerk/Treasurer