

Minutes

Seymour Common Council

March 11, 2024

The March 11, 2024 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 to the nation's flag was recited was led by Mr. Garrett Kindred. A virtual option was available.

Members Present: Mayor Matt Nicholson, Clerk/Treasurer Darrin Boas, Matt Wheeler, Jerry Hackney virtually, Seth Davidson, Brad Lucas, Clint Blish, Drew Storey, City Attorney Chris Engleking virtually, Police Chief Greg O'Brien, Tribune Erica Malone, January Rutherford, Fire Chief Eric Roll, Parks Director Chad Keithley, Assistant WPC Director Doug Gregory, J.D. Roberts, Rob Millman, Les Linz, and Dave Stark.

On a motion made by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Blish, the minutes for the February 26, 2024, Council meeting were approved.

Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions

- None to report

Public Hearing

- None to report

Old Business

a. Councilman Wheeler Introduced Ordinance No. 7, Council Bill No. 19 (2024), seconded by Councilman Blish for second reading, an Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana to rezone properties located at 1300 Blk of Colonial Dr., 639 and 641 Barnard Ln., and 643 S Airport Rd., Seymour, IN. This was given a favorable recommendation from Planning and Zoning and moves all properties to I-2 and involves approximately 17 acres. On a motion by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Blish, the ordinance passed second reading 6-0-1.

b. Councilman Wheeler Introduced Ordinance No. 8, Council Bill No. 20 (2024), seconded by Councilman Blish for second reading, an Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana, to rezone property located at 923 E 4th St., Seymour, IN. This is a corner lot and is being converted to C-3 and came to the Council with a favorable recommendation from Planning and Zoning. On a motion by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Blish, the ordinance passed second reading 6-0-1.

c. Councilman Wheeler introduced Ordinance No. 9, Council Bill No. 21 (2024), seconded by Councilman Blish for second reading, an Ordinance to rezone a portion of property located at 1500 Blk E Tipton & Burkart Blvd., Seymour, IN. This came to Council with a favorable recommendation from Planning and Zoning and converts it to

C-3. On a motion by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Blish, the ordinance passed second reading 6-0-1.

d. Councilman Wheeler introduced Ordinance No. 10, Council Bill No. 22 (2024), seconded by Councilman Blish for second reading, an Ordinance to vacate Airport Road between Stadium Drive and Westgate Road behind the Seymour High School. This was discussed last year, and involved naming this section of the road Prange Way, after the retiring principal Greg Prange. This Ordinance will make the road property of the school system. On a motion by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Blish, the ordinance passed second reading 6-0-1.

e. Councilman Lucas introduced Ordinance No. 5, Council Bill No. 10 (2024), seconded by Councilman Storey for second reading, an ordinance amending Chapter 96 of the Seymour City Code regarding Park Board duties. This changes the Code to make the Park's Director an appointed position by the Mayor, like all other department heads. This change was approved by the Park Board. On a motion by Mr. Lucas, seconded by Mr. Storey, the ordinance passed second reading 6-0-1.

f. Councilman Lucas introduced Ordinance No. 12, Council Bill No. 24 (2024), seconded by Mr. Wheeler for second reading, an ordinance amending Chapters 31 and 157 of the Seymour City code regarding tree regulations. Doug Gregory, President of the Seymour Tree Board, presented updated clearance guidelines for roadways and sidewalks from tree branches and changes in bush diameter regulations. On a motion by Mr. Lucas, seconded by Mr. Storey, the ordinance second reading 6-0-1.

Miscellaneous Business

- Councilman Storey made a motion to have an executive report be prepared to inform Council of the Burkart Opportunity Zone Agenda and presented to Council in a public forum where the Mayor could provide clarity on the process of the report development, the intent of the agenda, and relevant actions the City of Seymour plans to take as a result. This was seconded Mr. Hackney. The motion passed 5-1-1. The Mayor offered to do it right then, as this is in regards to the Brookings Study which was made public months ago, and we were in a public forum. The Mayor's offer was declined. The report will be forthcoming.
- Councilman Davidson asked about employee campers/RV's being allowed on the Schneck campus during the eclipse, as someone from Schneck had reached out to him. The Mayor said he would talk to Planning and Zoning Tuesday and reach out to the hospital.
- Clerk/Treasurer Boas discussed a Rate Study conducted by Reedy's for Sewer, Stormwater, and trash service. An ordinance will be coming in the near future recommending the following increases: Sewer 1.5% increase over 3 years (.5% per year), Stormwater \$2 monthly increase over 3 years (Yr 1 \$.67, Yr 2 \$.67, Yr 3 \$.66), and trash rate monthly increase of \$4 over 3 years (Yr 1 \$1.33, Yr 2 \$1.33, Yr 3 \$1.34). This is due to increasing costs with equipment/supplies and maintenance/growth of stormwater collections. The City is

trying to minimize increases by making minimal increases in a timely manner vs. waiting extended periods of time and hitting the citizens with large increases.

- The Mayor asked the council if they wanted to move the Memorial Day Council meeting. On a motion by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Bliss, the May 27th Council meeting was moved to May 28th. Vote was 6-0-1.
- The Mayor shared he had a request from Council members for a key to City Hall. 4 members (Blish, Wheeler, Storey, and Hackney) requested keys. The request is for committee meetings. Clerk/Treasurer Boas shared that Council members would be responsible for rekeying City Hall if the keys were lost, and no one voiced a concern.

On a motion by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Storey, the meeting was properly adjourned.

Mayor Matt Nicholson

Attest: Darrin Boas, Clerk/Treasurer