

Minutes

Seymour Common Council

June 24, 2024

The June 24, 2024, Seymour City Council was called to order by Mayor Matt Nicholson at 7:00pm. The invocation was given by Pastor Ken Davidson and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kadyn Schill. A virtual/streaming option was available.

Members Present: Mayor Matt Nicholson, Nancy Pulsford, Jerry Hackney, Brad Lucas, Drew Storey, City Attorney Chris Engleking, Seth Davidson, January Rutherford, Brian Terrell, Fire Chief Eric Roll, Police Chief Greg O'Brien, Doug Gregory, Fred and Sally Vogel, Erica Moore with the Tribune, and 25-30 various members of the community.

On a Motion made by Seth Davidson, seconded by Brad Lucas, the minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions:

- A. Mr. Lucas is asking to have the Governmental Affairs committee meet as an executive session on Monday July 8, at 6:00pm. He would like Darrin Boas to be a part of the discussion of the Council's attorney.

- B. Drew Storey asked that the information for the intersection at Laurel and Poplar St. be passed on to the Thoroughfare and Drainage Committee.

Public Hearing: The public hearing was opened to amend chapter 50 of the city code to update the sewer rates. There will be a three phase implementation to raise the sewer rates for a total of one and a half percent over a period of three years. Doug Gregory spoke that the increase would keep them from making a large increase of the sewer rates, keeping them in line with the growing cost of treating the wastewater. No one spoke against the increase and the public hearing was closed.

Old Business: Drew Storey asked for the 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 14, Council Bill No. 34 be read by title only. This was seconded by Mr. Davidson. After no questions, Mr. Storey made the motion to pass the ordinance on the 2nd reading, this was seconded by Mr. Davidson. On a vote of 6-0 Ordinance No 14, Council Bill No 34 was passed.

New Business: None to report

Miscellaneous Business: Mayor Matt announced the new splash pad at Westside Park is now open and chemicals are communicating with the pump, and they are waiting on the water chemicals to balance so the public can use the water park.

Mayor Matt announced the city would be having a food drive. This idea was brought up by one of the City's interns for his summer project.

Mayor Matt wanted to update the discussion regarding jail booking times. Mr. Chris Everhart asked that the mayor share the results of the study. He said there is an average time of twenty minutes for dropping prisoners off at the jail. Mr. Everhart is of the opinion that the average amount of time of twenty minutes is totally acceptable. There was some disagreement with Chief O'Brien regarding these stated booking time averages. Mayor Matt suggested they get together and work out where the discrepancies were.

On a motion made by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Hackney, the meeting was adjourned.

Matt Nicholson, Mayor

Attest: Darrin Boas, Clerk/Treasurer