

# Minutes

## Seymour Common Council

July 22, 2024

The July 22, 2024, 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 to the nation's flag was recited. A virtual/steaming option was available.

**Members Present:** Mayor Matt Nicholson, Clerk/Treasurer Darrin Boas, Jerry Hackney, Brad Lucas, Drew Storey, City Attorney Chris Engleking virtually, January Rutherford, Police Chief Greg O'Brien, Kevin Kaplin, Dana Clark, Erica Moore with the Tribune, DPW Director Chad Dixon, Will Everhart and wife, Dr. Charles Calhoun, Tyler Hinkle, Jerry Polly, Building Commissioner Jeremy Gray, Whitney Koelling from ARA and roughly 12 other Community citizens.

On a motion made by Mr. Lucas seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the minutes for the July 8, 2024, Council meeting were approved.

### Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions

- a. Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman Brad Lucas reported that at the next council meeting, August 12<sup>th</sup>, there would be more discussion and a vote on the Council Attorney position when we hopefully have full council in attendance.

### Public Hearing

- a. None to report.

### Old Business

- a. None to report.

### New Business

- a. Councilman Hubbard introduced, in councilman Terrell's absence, Ordinance 22, Council Bill No. 49 (2024), seconded by Councilman Storey, an Ordinance to rezone property located at 5000 N Blk US Hwy 31, Seymour, IN. 47274. This came to the Council with a favorable recommendation from Planning and Zoning and moves zoning RS to C3 for Rose Acres to put a truck shop repair/wash facility in the property behind Jacobi Sales and Service. On a motion by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Storey, the Ordinance passed 1<sup>st</sup> reading 4-0-3.
- b. Councilman Hubbard introduced Ordinance No. 21, Council Bill No. 45 (2024), seconded by Councilman Storey, and ordinance amending Chapter 111 of the Seymour City Code – Application Procedures for Solicitors, Itinerant Merchants, and the like. This cleans up and simplifies the application process. On a motion by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Hackney, the ordinance passed 1<sup>st</sup> reading 4-0-3.

- c. Councilman Lucas introduced Resolution No. 26, Council Bill No. 46 (2024), seconded by Councilman Storey, a resolution of the Seymour City Council authorizing the submittal of Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and addressing related matters. Seymour RDC approved the \$50,000 match for the City to apply for this grant. This grant is to help homeowners who meet certain income requirements get much needed home repairs. A public Hearing will be held August 12<sup>th</sup> at the Library. The City will know in September if we are awarded the grant, and the Resolution authorizes the Mayor to sign for grant submittal. On a motion by Mr. Lucas, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the resolution passed 4-0-3.

### Miscellaneous Business

- Jerry Polly spoke about increased semi traffic on 4<sup>th</sup> Street and asked what could be done. There is an ordinance regarding semi traffic on City streets, so the PD will do some monitoring as to the quantity and where they are going.
- Kevin Kaplin asked if the Brookings study is truly dead, then why is it still up on the City website. The Mayor feels it is important to leave it up. Tyler Hinkle also spoke that he felt it should stay up to provide potential ideas for the future.
- Councilman Storey asked the Mayor about another Economic Development study. The Mayor said he was looking at next year when the monies could be budgeted for such a study.
- Will Everhart asked Council why we need to hire another firm to do the Study, why doesn't the Mayor and Council hold public meetings to find out what the citizens want to see in the community. The Mayor shared he has done this in the past, with department heads, and had minimal attendance. The Mayor also shared this is what those who conduct studies do.
- Will Everhart also shared an experience of pulling off the road on Burkart Blvd to respond to a text, and a police officer pulled up to check if he was OK. He appreciated the stop and commented there are some good people out there. The Mayor also shared the PD providing some water and Gatorade to some needy folks last week. Good job to Seymour PD!

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

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Matt Nicholson, Mayor

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Attest: Darrin Boas, Clerk/ Treasurer

