

Minutes

Seymour Common Council

September 9, 2024

The September 9th, 2024, Seymour City Council was called to order by Mayor Matt Nicholson at 7:00pm. The invocation was given by Rev. Rick Prather, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A virtual/steaming option was available.

Members Present: Mayor Matt Nicholson, Clerk/Treasurer Darrin Boas, Jerry Hackney, Seth Davidson, Brian Terrell, Clint Blish, Chad Hubbard, City Attorney Chris Engleking, January Rutherford, Police Chief Greg O'Brien, Erica Moore with the Tribune, Fred and Sally Vogel, Fire Chief Roll, Kevin Kaplin, Dr. Calhoun, Tyler Hinkle, Jon and Laura Stahl, Bob Beatty, Morgan Bob, Brian Thompson, Collin Smith, DPW Director Chad Dixon, Mike Wright, Bill Bohall, and roughly 5 other Community citizens.

On a motion made by Mr. Hackney seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the amended minutes for the August 26, 2024, Council meeting were approved.

Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions

- a. Councilman Blish spoke of the Public Utilities meeting that was held to discuss Sewer Cap Fees and Review Fees. Some additional information was requested by the Committee from Assistant Director Doug Gregory, and he plans on presenting to the Council in November.
- b. Councilman Lucas spoke on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Committee that a meeting has been scheduled to discuss Taxi Cab licensing. He also stated that a request had been made to review the Noise Ordinance. Lucas also asked if the Committee could look into some immigration status issues, and the Mayor stated that was fine. There was also a question regarding ownership of sidewalks and curbs. Property owners own sidewalks, City owns curbs. This led to some discussion regarding curbs on Sir Lancelot and Vehslage Rd.

Public Hearing

- a. The Mayor opened a hearing for the budget of Fiscal Year 2025 for Seymour Municipal Airport Authority. Airport Manager Collin Smith spoke of the budget, the 5% increase in personnel services, and Airport Board President Brian Thompson spoke of the growth and plans for the airport. There was no further discussion. The Mayor properly closed the public hearing.

New Business

- a. Councilman Hackney introduced Ordinance No. 3 Authority Bill No. 5 (2024), seconded by Councilman Blish, an Ordinance fixing the budget of the Seymour Municipal Airport Authority for the Year 2025. This was discussed in the Public Hearing. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the ordinance passed the first reading 7-0.
- b. Councilman Hackney introduced Resolution No. 1 Authority Bill No. 4 (2024), seconded by Councilman Hubbard, a Resolution reducing unobligated balances in the Seymour Municipal Airport Authority's Rainy Day fund for the year 2024. There was no discussion. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the resolution passed 7-0.
- c. Councilman Storey introduced Ordinance No. 24, Council Bill No. 52 (2024), seconded by Councilman Blish, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 74 Schedule III Table A of the Seymour City Code – S. Chestnut Street and W. Bruce Street. The discussion was to add a 4 way stop at this intersection. There was a lot of discussion, the sharing of a couple area business owners against the 4-way stop, the potential backup of traffic in this busy area, the loss of parking places, etc. There have been 3 accidents since 2018 at this intersection. Mr. Storey made a motion to withdraw the Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, and on a vote of 7-0, the ordinance was withdrawn.
- d. Councilman Storey introduced Ordinance No. 25, Council Bill No. 53 (2024), seconded by Councilman Blish, an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 74 Schedule III Table A of the Seymour City Code – S. Poplar Street and W. Oak Street. This is another 4-way stop that has a favorable recommendation from the Committee and the City Engineer. One corner of this street is a school bus pick up, and traffic has increased with the addition of Crossroads Village on the adjoining block. There have been 2 accidents since 2018 here. On a motion by Mr. Storey, seconded by Mr. Blish, the ordinance passed first reading 7-0.
- e. Councilman Storey introduced Ordinance No. 26, Council Bill No. 54 (2024), seconded by Councilman Lucas, an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 74 Schedule III Table A of the Seymour City Code – Ewing Street and 4th Street. This comes with City Engineer approval, but he plans on digging into this intersection deeper. There have been 28 property damage incidents in this intersection since 2018, and 4th St. traffic volume continues to grow. There was also some concern shared with excessive numbers of cars parking at Kendall's Service causing a potential for blocking the oncoming traffic view. On a motion by Mr. Storey, seconded by Mr. Lucas, the ordinance passed first reading 7-0.
- f. Councilman Storey introduced Ordinance No. 27, Council Bill No. 55 (2024), seconded by Councilman Davidson, an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 74 Schedule III Table A of the Seymour City Code – 4th and O'Brien. This gets the 4 way stop at 4th and O'Brien out of City Code book due to being replaced by a roundabout. On a motion by Mr. Storey, seconded by Mr. Blish, the ordinance passed the first reading 7-0.

Miscellaneous Business

- The Mayor recommended to Chad Dixon to get placement set and locates done on the potential new 4way stop sign placements.
- The Mayor shared an update on the Lacy building. The Court had found in favor of the City, and if Mr. Stacey doesn't bring the property up to standard by 9-18, the City can repair or demolish the building and then bill the owner. The Mayor wanted the Council aware as there may be a request for some additional appropriations in an upcoming council meeting to fund this potential project.

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

Matt Nicholson, Mayor

Attest: Darrin Boas, Clerk/ Treasurer