

Minutes

Seymour Common Council

January 13, 2025

The January 13th, 2025, 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, Chad Hubbard, Bob Beatty, Denny Frey, Brad Lucas, City Attorney Chris Engleking, January Rutherford, Chief Greg O'Brien, Fred and Sally Vogel, Fire Chief Eric Roll, Jon Stahl, Mark and Diana King, Mike Wright, Mark Woods, Kevin Kaplin, WPC Director Jarin Gladstein, Assistant WPC Director Doug Gregory, DPW Director Chad Dixon, Parks Director Chad Keithley, Tyler Henkle, and roughly 20 other Community citizens.

On a motion made by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Beatty, the minutes for the December 9th, 2025, Council meeting were approved.

Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions

- Councilman Davidson of the Industrial Development Committee requests the members of the committee come up with a time to meet after the Council Meeting.

Public Hearing:

- None to report

Old Business

- None to report

New Business

- a. Councilman Hackney introduced Ordinance No. 1, Council Bill No. 1 (2025), seconded by Councilman Hubbard, an Ordinance of the City of Seymour, Indiana, amending the 2025 Salary of Certain City Employees (Amending 2024 Ord. No. 32, CB No. 60). This deletes Line #139 under Stormwater, increases line # 138 to \$10,000, and corrects call in pay to match the wastewater rate of \$150/wk. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the ordinance passed first reading 7-0.
- b. The Mayor discussed Council appointments for the Redevelopment Commission. Current members Mark Dennis and Nate Tormoehlen are at the

end of their terms. On a motion by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Beatty, the motion to reappoint these 2 individuals was approved 7-0.

- c. The Mayor requested nominations for the election of the Common Council President for 2025. Councilman Lucas nominated Councilman Hackney for reelection, seconded by Councilman Beatty. Mr. Hackney accepted. The motion was approved 7-0.

Miscellaneous Business:

1. Councilman Hubbard addressed the Social Media Policy approved by the Board of Works and asked to it's origins due to questions from the public.
 - a. City Attorney Engleking discussed the policy she authored and the time she spent researching legalities.
 - b. City Media specialist January Rutherford stated she was the one who requested the policy and the comments to be turned off due to this page being a Public/Local City information page. January shared many other municipalities that do this, and it is legal. The problem comes if you allow comments and then try to delete them, as this has been found illegal. Councilman Beatty stated he understood the reasons behind it, and Councilman Terrell appreciated the new policy as it addresses employee usage of social media.
2. Councilman Beatty asked about the next steps from council to get the Brad's Law resolutions to the appropriate parties, so the Statehouse is aware of the Council's support. The ad hoc committee will work on this.
3. Kevin Kaplin asked for an update on fingerprint readers for the police. Chief O'Brien shared that they would not be able to gain access to the Federal data bank through IMPD, they would only have access to their internal data. The timeframe for fingerprint readers is still undetermined.
4. Tyler Henkle spoke, asking what other social media platforms the City uses as Official Sites. Mr. Henkle also asked for an update on a Code of Conduct of elected officials and is there one in the works. Councilman Hubbard stated he would follow up on this. Mr. Henkle also addressed again the number of "appointed" council members and why not have special elections so the public can have more of a say in their representation. Councilman Hubbard shared his concern that Precinct Committeemen are voting and representing precincts they don't live in. Mr. Henkle questioned whether a document (ordinance or resolution) from the council could change how these things happen.
5. The Mayor distributed 2025 Committee Assignments, 5 year awards for the City Attorney, Councilman Hubbard, and Councilman Davidson, and that soccer signups started today for the Park's department.

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

Matt Nicholson, Mayor

Attest: Darrin Boas, Clerk/ Treasurer