

Minutes

Seymour Common Council

February 10, 2025

The February 10th, 2025, Seymour City Council was called to order by Mayor Matt Nicholson at 7:00pm. The invocation was given by Rev. Chris Broughton, 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, Brad Lucas, Bob Beatty, Denny Frey, City Attorney Chris Engleking, Chief Greg O'Brien, Fred and Sally Vogel, Fire Chief Eric Roll, Mark and Diana King, Kevin Kaplin, Tyler Henkle, Parks Director Chad Keithley, WPC Assistant Director Doug Gregory, Fire Chief Eric Roll, roughly 10 other Community citizens.

On a motion made by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Terrel, the amended minutes for the January 27th, 2025, Council meeting were approved.

Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions: None to report

Public Hearing:

- Councilman Beatty touched on the Ad Hoc Committee meeting on 2/5/25 that discussed Resolution #34, CB #70 from 2024. The results of that meeting will be discussed under Miscellaneous Business.
- Councilman Hackney touched on the Finance Committee meeting from 2/7/25. The main topic of that meeting was to discuss some pending State legislation that could have a substantial impact on City finances.
- Councilman Davidson touched on the Industrial Development Committee on 1/28/25. This meeting resulted in establishing a scheduled meeting on Mondays at 9:00am of the committee when tax abatements/compliances will be on the agenda that evening. The committee will present its recommendations at the council meeting.

Old Business

- a. Councilman Hackney introduced Ordinance No. 2, Council Bill No. 2 (2025), seconded by Councilman Lucas for second reading, an Ordinance amending Chapter 35 of the Seymour City Code to create a Stormwater Depreciation Fund 6503. This was recommended by the City's financial advisor Reedy Financial. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Lucas, the ordinance passed second reading 6-0-1.

New Business

- a. Councilman Hackney introduced Resolution No. 1, Council Bill No. 4 (2025), seconded by Councilman Lucas, a Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana, approving transfer from General Fund to the Rainy-Day fund. This will move interest earned in 2024 from CD's, Money Markets, etc. and funds from Indiana Unclaimed to the Rainy-Day fund totaling \$770,836.77. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Beatty, the resolution passed 6-0-1.

- b. Councilman Davidson introduced Ordinance #3, Council Bill #3 (2025), an ordinance amending chapter 150, section 38 of the Seymour City Code: Standards for ERA Evaluation. The goal of this is to encourage tax abatement applicants and recipients to invest in the City and help improve quality of life and thresholds to be considered for abatement/compliance approval. Councilman Beatty felt this was a good first step and supported this ordinance but encouraged expanding abatement requirements. (Application and fees, point scoring system, etc.). On a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Lucas, the ordinance passed first reading 6-0-1.

Miscellaneous Business:

- a. Mr. Beatty asked Police Chief O'Brien to present his quote and discuss the equipment to be purchased in support of Resolution #34, CB#70 (2024). Greg presented a quote for \$60,390 for the purchase of 4 mobile fingerprint readers, software, training, printer, and laptops. 1 reader would be kept at the PD, 2 in the east district, and 1 in the west. This purchase is currently contingent on the County purchasing the sever to build the local database, as they said they would. Greg requested the Finance Committee secure the funds to be prepared to make the purchase.
- b. Reverend Broughton voiced his support for the portable fingerprint scanners, Tyler Hinkle shared his concerns, are we approaching an Orwellian State?
- c. Tyler Hinkle asked City Attorney Engleking if any progress has been made on a code of conduct for elected City officials. Nothing yet.
- d. The Mayor shared his appreciation for the growth in the Rainy Day fund, after passage of today's resolution, the balance will stand at \$1,271,501.71. 3 years ago, the balance was at \$6,190.20 and had been for many years.
- e. The Mayor congratulated the Seymour girls swim team and their unshared sectional championship and perfect season! Awesome job!
- f. The Mayor shared Dispatch averaged 2.16 seconds answering 911 calls for the month of January. Great job!!

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

Matt Nicholson, Mayor

Attest: Darrin Boas, Clerk/ Treasurer