

Minutes

Seymour Common Council

March 24, 2025

The March 24th, 2025, Seymour City Council was called to order by Mayor Matt Nicholson at 7:00pm. The invocation was given by Rev. Les Linz, 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, Denny Frey, Bob Beatty, Chad Hubbard, City Attorney Chris Engleking, Assistant Chief John Watson, Fred and Sally Vogel, Jon Stahl, Kevin Kaplin, WPC Assistant Director Doug Gregory, WPC Corey Cain, Mayor Admin Jane Hayes, the Parkers, DPW Director Chad Dixon, Amanda Lowery, Mark Gillaspy and son, Dr. Calhoun, Tyler Hinkle, and a few other Community citizens.

On a motion by Councilman Lucas, seconded by Councilman Hubbard, the minutes from the March 10th meeting were approved.

Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions:

- None to report.

Public Hearing:

- None to report.

Old Business

- Councilman Beatty introduced Ordinance No. 5, Council Bill No. 7 (2025), seconded by Councilman Davidson for 2nd reading, an ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana, amending Chapter 75 schedule I of the Seymour City Code – No Parking on Jackson Park Drive between Snyder Ave. and E. Oak Street. There was a motion made by Mr. Beatty to amend this ordinance, seconded by Councilman Hubbard and approved 7-0, to make it no parking from E. Oak St. to the end of the Cul de sac in front of Cummins. On a motion by Mr. Beatty, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the amended ordinance passed second reading 7-0.
- Councilman Hackney introduced Ordinance No. 4, Council Bill No. 6 (2025), seconded by Councilman Hubbard, an ordinance amending the 2025 Salary of certain city employees (amending 2024 ordinance No. 32, Council Bill No. 60). This creates a clothing allowance for WPC plant employees of \$1000 in place of the Cintas uniform rental program they have been part of. Cintas service has been intermittent at best, and the WPC will be discontinuing the Cintas rental service (uniforms and rugs). The WPC will decide when to fully implement and will pro-rate any uniform allowance for 2025. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Beatty, the ordinance passed second reading 7-0.

New Business

- a. Councilman Lucas introduced Ordinance No. 6, Council Bill No. 8, seconded by Councilman Terrell, an Ordinance amending Chapter 30 of the Seymour City Code regarding Council Rules. On a vote of 4 no, 3 yes, this ordinance failed to be read.

Miscellaneous Business:

- Tyler Hinkle spoke regarding City Code and the composition of the City Council. His concern was the 3 of the current council members were installed by caucus vote, not by their district or the overall city in the case of the 2 at large seats, so was this even a legitimate council? It was explained that State Code was followed in filling the 3 vacant seats, and City Code could not override State Code. Tyler would like City Code to reflect the facts – how vacant seats are filled.
- Councilman Hackney asked DPW Director Chad Dixon for an update on the Transfer Station. Chad shared they are awaiting weather cooperation for concrete work, building materials are on site.
- Councilman Frey asked for an update on the fingerprint readers. Assistant Chief Watson said they are waiting on the County to procure the server and get it installed. Councilman Beatty confirmed this was his understanding, too.
- The Mayor shared and thanked DPW Director Chad Dixon and Donovan Blanton for attending Road School last week, and Mr. Beatty also thanked Chad for his spearheading of the 2nd St project. Mr. Dixon then shared they had started road removal on West 2nd St from Community to the fire station and the project was on schedule.

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

Matt Nicholson, Mayor

Attest: Darrin Boas, Clerk/ Treasurer