

## Minutes

### Seymour Common Council

October 10, 2022

The October 10, 2022, City Council was called to order by Mayor Matt Nicholson at 7:00 pm. Invocation was given by Les Linz, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Nation's flag was recited. A virtual option was available.

**Member's Present:** Mayor Matt Nicholson, Clerk/Treasurer Darrin Boas, Drew Storey, Brett Cunningham, Matt Wheeler, Jerry Hackney, Chad Hubbard, Seth Davidson, Dave Earley (virtual), City Attorney Chris Engleking, Don Furlow, Victoria Taylor, Police Chief O'Brien, Parks Director Stacy Findley, WPC Doug Gregory, Dan Davis, January Rutherford, Dan Robison, Michelle Gossett and members of the Mayor's Council.

On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the minutes from the September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

#### Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions

- None to report

#### Public Hearing

- None to report

#### Old Business

- A. Councilman Hackney made a motion to untable and do a Second Reading of Ordinance No. 23, Council Bill No. 44 (2022), seconded by Mr. Wheeler, (approved 6-1), An Ordinance to Appropriate from the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund – Southern Indiana Sports Mall Inc. – Finance – Jerry Hackney. Angie was present from Southern Indiana Sports Mall to answer questions. She confirmed PPE loans were received in an amount of roughly \$9600, but it didn't cover all costs, and a personal line of credit was established to get them through. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Davidson, the request passed second reading 4-3.
- B. Councilman Hackney requested second Reading of Ordinance No. 29 Council Bill No. 50 (2022), seconded by Mr. Wheeler, an Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates – Finance– Jerry Hackney. There was no new discussion. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, the ordinance passed second reading by 7-0.
- C. Councilman Davidson (filling in for Councilman Earley since he was virtual) requested second Reading of Ordinance No. 2, Airport Authority Bill No. 3 (2022), seconded by Mr. Hackney, an Ordinance Setting the Budget of Fiscal Year 2023 for the Seymour Municipal Airport Authority – Dave Earley, Governmental Affairs. There was no new discussion. On a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the ordinance passed second reading 7-0.

## New Business

- A. Councilman Hackney made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 31, Council Bill No. 53 (2022), seconded by Mr. Wheeler an ordinance Setting the Salaries of Elected Officials for the City of Seymour, Indiana for the Year 2023 – Finance – Jerry Hackney. Mr. Earley mentioned he did not feel it was right voting to give himself a raise, so he proposed an amendment, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to remove the Common Council from receiving the 3% raise. Mr. Cunningham asked if Mr. Earley had reviewed other municipalities' pay for comparison, Mr. Earley said no. Mr. Cunningham said his review had shown our city's council pay was low, and Mr. Hackney thought ours was comparable but on the low end. Mr. Earley's proposed amendment was voted down 3-4. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the ordinance passed first reading 4-3.
- B. Councilman Hackney made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 32, Council Bill No. 54 (2022), seconded by Mr. Wheeler, an Ordinance Establishing the Salaries of the Appointed Officials and Employees of the City of Seymour, Indiana for the Year 2023 – Finance – Jerry Hackney. There was discussion why the 5%, the Mayor explained the inflation, and he had Reedy's Financial run the numbers on 3%, 5%, and 9%, and confirmed that the City could sustain the 5%, but not higher. Mr. Cunningham proposed an amendment to reduce the pay raise to 3%, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, to be more cautious in the current economic environment. Mr. Cunningham's proposed amendment was voted down 1-6. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the ordinance passed first reading 7-0.
- C. Councilman Davidson (filling in for Councilman Earley since he was virtual) introduced Resolution No. 1, Authority Bill No. 2 (2022), seconded by Mr. Storey, a Resolution Reducing Unobligated Balances in the Seymour Municipal Airport Authority's Rainy Day Fund for the Year 2022 – Governmental Affairs – Dave Earley. Victoria from the airport explained the resolution. On a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, the resolution passed 7-0.

## Miscellaneous Business

- The Mayor reminded everyone of the open house Tuesday night at 6pm for Chief O'Brien and his presentation from the FBI training academy.
- Mr. Hackney reminded council that at the next meeting we have 5 more ARP fund requests to address.
- Mr. Hubbard thanked January for updating the City web page and for the job she does for the City.

## Adjournment

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

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Mayor Matt Nicholson

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Attest: Clerk/Treasurer Darrin Boas