

Minutes
Seymour Common Council
December 12, 2022

The December 12th, 2022, City Council was called to order by Mayor Matt Nicholson at 7:00pm. Invocation was given by Pastor Angel Armstrong, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the nation's flag was recited. A virtual option was available.

Members Present: Mayor Matt Nicholson, Clerk/Treasurer Darrin Boas, Brett Cunningham, Matt Wheeler, Jerry Hackney, Seth Davidson, Dave Earley, City Attorney Chris Engleking (virtually), Police Chief O'Brien, Les Linz, Zach Spicer, Kevin Arthur, Solomon Rust, Drew Storey, Chad Hubbard, Dan Davis, Dan Robinson, and Jerry Johnson.

On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the minutes from the November 28th council meeting were approved.

Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions

- Councilman Storey spoke on behalf of the Thorofare and Drainage committee as they are looking at potential "traffic calming" policy to help guide decision making. Areas that are current topic of conversations are Sunset Parkway and East St. between 6th and 7th St. Neighborhood meetings are being considered to hear the concerns of area residents.
- Councilman Hackney presented a Statement of Benefits for review, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, from Parkland Inc., 636 N. Co. Rd. 760 E (1 real estate). Mr. Davis and Mr. Johnson spoke on behalf of Parkland for a 3-year abatement, heavy on private investment, for a RV and Cabin campground. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Earley, the Statement of Benefits was approved 6-1.
- Councilman Earley brought up the request from a prior meeting of the recording and retention of City Council meetings. The discussion was regarding audio vs. video, costs, etc. Mr. Earley recommended a subcommittee be formed for research. Mr. Hubbard, Mr. Storey, and Mr. Wheeler volunteered to be on the committee, and the Mayor encouraged the committee to involve January Rutherford as she had been researching the topic.

Public Hearing

- None to report.

Old Business

- A. Councilman Cunningham introduced Ordinance No. 46, Council Bill No. 71 (2022) for second reading, seconded by Councilman Wheeler, An Ordinance to Rezone Property Located at 222 Marley Lane, Seymour, Indiana 47274. This takes the zoning from R1 to R3 and came with a favorable recommendation from Planning and Zoning (Jeremy Gray). On a motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Storey, the ordinance passed second reading 7-0.
- B. Councilman Cunningham introduced Ordinance No. 47, Council Bill No. 72 (2022) for second reading, seconded by Councilman Wheeler, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 31.50 of the Seymour City Code to Update Planning Commission Meeting Time. This will change the time from 7 pm to 5 pm. On a motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the ordinance passed second reading 7-0.
- C. Councilman Hackney introduced Ordinance No. 33, Council Bill No. 55 (amended) for second reading, seconded by Councilman Wheeler, an ordinance to amend the City of Seymour's Local ARP Fund Allocation Plan in accordance with the State Examiner Directive 2021-1. This moves the remaining funds after the allocation to Nonprofits and small business into the classifications for municipality use. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the ordinance passed second reading 7-0.
- D. Councilman Earley introduced Ordinance No. 45, Council Bill No. 70 (2022) for second reading, seconded by Councilman Wheeler, an ordinance Amending Chapter 30.50 of the Seymour City Code to Update Council Districts. This is required once Redistricting was passed. On a motion by Mr. Earley, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the ordinance passed second reading 7-0

New Business

- E. Councilman Hackney introduced Resolution No. 29, Council Bill No. 75 (2022), seconded by Mr. Wheeler, a Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana Approving the Transfer of Funds Within Seymour Police Department Accounts. This is to buy bullet proof shields for the Officers to keep in their cars at a cost of about \$8,000 with unused Overtime funds. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Storey, the resolution was approved 7-0.

- F. Councilman Hackney introduced Resolution No. 30, Council Bill No. 77 (2022), seconded by Mr. Cunningham, a Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana Approving a Tax Abatement for Parkland, Inc. for Real Estate Improvements to be Located at 6361 N. CR 760 E, Seymour, Indiana 47274. This was discussed above with the acceptance of the statement of benefits. Mr. Hackney made a motion to amend the resolution to change the abatement from 10 years to 3 years. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the amendment passed 6-1. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the amended resolution passed 6-1.
- G. Councilman Hackney introduced Resolution No. 31, Council Bill No. 78 (2022), seconded by Mr. Wheeler, a Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana Approving the Transfer of Funds for Health Insurance Premiums. This will ensure there are enough to finish out the year and give us a head start on next year's bills. This has been an annual unwritten program. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the resolution passed 7-0.
- H. Councilman Hackney introduced Resolution No. 32, Council Bill No. 79 (2022), seconded by Mr. Wheeler, a Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana Approving the Transfer of Funds Within Department of Public Works Accounts. This is to move some funds into a tire and tube line budget line to finish out the year. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the resolution passed 7-0.
- J. Councilman Earley introduced of Ordinance No. 48, Council Bill No. 76 (2022), seconded by Mr. Storey, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 93 of the Seymour City Code. This is to remove the word "Marshal" from the City code, as this position no longer exists. On a motion by Mr. Earley, seconded by Mr. Storey, the Ordinance passed first reading 7-0. Councilman Cunningham made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Hackney, approved 7-0, to do the second reading of Ordinance 48.
- K. Councilman Earley then requested second reading of Ordinance No. 48, Council Bill 76, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 93 of the Seymour City Code. On a motion by Mr. Earley, seconded by Mr. Davidson, the ordinance passed second reading 7-0.

Miscellaneous Business

- The Mayor announced the Last Council meeting is scheduled for 12/26/22. If no urgent business comes up, the meeting will not be held.

- Councilman Hubbard thanked the Parks & Recreation board for voting to rename the large ball diamond at Shields Park to “Coach Steve Combs” commemorative field.
- Clerk/Treasurer Boas mentioned there would be an Ordinance at the next meeting to amend the Salary Ordinance for 2023 as the Fire and Police contracts have been approved and accepted by the Board of Works.

Adjournment

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

Mayor Matt Nicholson

Attest: Darrin Boas, Clerk/Treasurer