

Minutes
Seymour Common Council
April 10, 2023

The April 10th, 2023, City Council was called to order by Mayor Matt Nicholson at 7:00pm. Invocation was given by Pastor Jon Gibson 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, Matt Wheeler, Jerry Hackney, Seth Davidson, Dave Earley, Brett Cunningham, City Attorney Chris Engleking, Police Chief O'Brien, Chad Hubbard, Drew Storey, City Media January Rutherford, Tyler Hinkle, EDC Jim Plump, Tribune Zack Spicer, DPW Director Chad Dixon, Fire Battalion Chief Roll, Nick Klinger, Les Linz, and Eric Fry.

On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the minutes from the March 27th council meeting were approved.

Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions

- Councilman Davidson presented the following Compliance with Statement of Benefits, seconded by Mr. Hubbard:
 1. Touchpoint LLC dba The Royal Group, 2245 Killion Ave.(1 Real, 2 Personal) – Jennifer Penner
 2. 2. Nippon Steel Pipe America, Inc., 1515 E. 4 th St. (2 Real, 5 Personal) – Noriko Taguchi
 3. 3. Golden Endeavors LLC., 1503 Washington St., Columbus (2 Real) – Tracy Haddad
 4. 4. Martin City Safety Storage LLC. 6013 Elsner Dr. (2 Real Estate)

Jim Plump discussed the compliances, shared the facts and figures of the compliances. On a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the compliances were accepted 7-0.

- Councilman Davidson presented an amended Statements of Benefits, seconded by Mr. Earley, for Cummins, INC, 800 E 3rd St, 1 Real Estate. On a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, the Statements of Benefits were accepted 7-0.

Public Hearing

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing for Additional Appropriations for the Sidewalk Fund. This will be \$15,000 for the updated Sidewalk program to help

provide some reimbursement for homeowners looking to replace their sidewalks and curbs. The Mayor properly closed the public hearing.

Old Business

- A. Councilman Hackney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cunningham for final reading of Ordinance No. 8, Council Bill No. 9, an ordinance amending Chapter 35 of the Seymour City Code regarding the Sidewalk Program. Tyler Hinkle asked again about communicating the program with the general public, and requesting additional channels other than the Tribune and social media. Councilman Storey also shared info regarding the Sidewalk Program of Clarksville. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the Ordinance passed final reading 7-0.
- B. Councilman Storey introduced (untabled) Resolution No. 6, Council Bill No. 15 (2023) (Amended), seconded by Councilman Earley, a Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana Approving a Tax Abatement for Cummins, Inc. for Real Estate Improvements to be Located at 800 E. 3rd Street, Seymour, Indiana 47274. On a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Earley, the resolution passed 7-0.

New Business

- A. Councilman Hackney Introduced Ordinance No. 10, Council Bill No. 17 (2023), seconded by Councilman Wheeler, an Ordinance for Additional Appropriation - Sidewalk Fund. This is the official request for the \$15,000 in unappropriated funds to be placed in the sidewalk fund. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the ordinance passed the first reading 7-0.
- B. Councilman Hackney introduced Ordinance No. 11, Council Bill No. 19 (2023), seconded by Mr. Wheeler, an Ordinance Amending the Salaries of the Appointed Officials and Employees of the City of Seymour, Indiana for the Year 2023 (Amending Ordinance No. 1, Council Bill No. 1, 2023). The purpose of this is to add a probationary police and fireman to help keep staffing levels consistent. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the ordinance passed the first reading 7-0.
- C. Councilman Hackney introduced Ordinance No. 12, Council Bill No. 20 (2023), seconded by Councilman Wheeler, an Ordinance for Additional Appropriation – Police Probationary Officer & Fire Probationary Officer. This ordinance is to move \$60,000 for this year to cover these 2 positions (\$30,000 per dept.). On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the ordinance passed the first reading 7-0.

- D. Councilman Earley introduced Resolution No. 8, Council Bill No. 18 (2023), seconded by Councilman Wheeler, a Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana Adopting the Jackson County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Nick Klinger was present to discuss, stating minimal changes have been made, but the plan must be updated and adopted every 5 years to qualify for FEMA relief if necessary. On a motion by Mr. Earley, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the resolution passed 7-0.
- E. Councilman Hackney introduced resolution No. 9, Council Bill No. 21 (2023), seconded by Councilman Hubbard, a resolution Authorizing CY2024 Grant Application for Transit Authority. Eric Frey was present to answer questions for this annual grant that provides federal and state funding for our transit department. On a motion by Mr. Earley, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the resolution passed 7-0.

Miscellaneous Business

- Councilman Hubbard discussed his attendance to the Park Board meeting and one main topic was the aging filtration system at the City Pool. Cost to replace \$150 - \$300K. The council discussed the need for a plan.
- Councilman Storey discussed his meeting with the City Engineer and the Phaser rating and how the City's rating decreased by 23%. There was some discussion with the Council and DPW Director Chad Dixon regarding road maintenance, crack and seal (doubled the amount for 2023), and perhaps a need for funds outside of CCMG.
- The Mayor thanked Councilman Hubbard for attending the park board meeting.
- The Mayor also shared the Parks Department just approved their 100th program.
- The Mayor reminded everyone next week was Make Seymour Shine week! Put you extra waste (no more than a pickup load) out on you normal trash pickup day.

Adjournment

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

Mayor Matt Nicholson

Attest: Darrin Boas, Clerk/Treasurer

