

Minutes

Seymour Common Council

October 23, 2023

The October 23, 2023 City Council was called to order by Mayor Matt Nicholson at 7:00pm. The 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, Brett Cunningham, Seth Davidson, Dave Earley, Chad Hubbard, City Attorney Chris Engleking, Police Chief Greg O'Brien, Tribune Zach Spicer, January Rutherford, Drew Storey, Brad Lucas, Assistant DPW Director Doug Gregory, DPW Director Chad Dixon, Assistant Parks Director Chad Keithley, Les Linz, Solomon Rust, Building Commissioner Jeremy Gray.

On a motion made by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Storey, the minutes for the October 9, 2023, Council meeting were approved.

Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions

- Councilman Storey discussed a couple of topics from the Thorofare and Drainage committee, first is a request for SPD to do some target enforcement around Ruler warehouse, and a request for a traffic study/plan for traffic around Sunset Parkway. There were also 3 other topics that required no further action.

Public Hearing

- None to report

Old Business

- Councilman Hackney introduced Ordinance 22, Council Bill No. 43 (2023), seconded by Councilman Wheeler, for second reading of an ordinance to appropriate from the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund for the Council Chambers Audio/Video upgrade. There was no new discussion. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the ordinance passed second reading 7-0.

New Business

- Councilman Cunningham introduced Ordinance No. 27, Council Bill No. 48 (2023), seconded by Councilman Wheeler, an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 155 of the Seymour City Code – Flood Plain Management. This is a 10-year update, required by the State and DNR, and is a change in some verbiage. On a motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the Ordinance passed first reading 7-0. Mr. Cunningham then made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Storey, approved 7-0, to do a second reading of this ordinance. Mr. Cunningham then introduced Ordinance 27, Council Bill No. 48 (2023), for second reading,

seconded by Mr. Storey. There was no discussion. On a motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the ordinance passed 2nd reading 7-0.

- Councilman Hackney introduced Ordinance No. 28, Council Bill 49 (2023), an Ordinance Amending the Salary of Temp Employees of the Parks Department for the year 2024. (amending 2023 Ordinance 23, Council Bill No. 44). Temp employees were inadvertently listed at a start rate of \$15/hr., and it should have been \$10/hr. There was no change in total dollars allocated to this payroll line. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Storey, the Ordinance passed first reading 7-0.

Miscellaneous business

- Councilman Cunningham inquired about the Brookings Institute study and would the neighborhoods that might be affected by the study would see a property tax increase. The Mayor stated that it shouldn't.
- The Mayor presented a request to rename North Airport Road from the RR tracks to Stadium Drive Greg Prange Way. It was discussed and then recommended the City abandon/vacate the road from Westgate to Stadium (School currently maintains as it accesses their parking lot), and leave the residential homes alone to keep from changing addresses. The City will still need access to the sewers under the road for maintenance. The Council was OK to move forward with an Ordinance being written for the change.
- The Mayor mentioned it was Red Ribbon Week, this week established 35 yrs ago by Congress, and is recognized locally by the Young Marines.

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

Mayor Matt Nicholson

Attest: Darrin Boas, Clerk/Treasurer