

# Minutes

## Seymour Common Council

August 14, 2023

The August 14, 2023 City Council was called to order by Mayor Matt Nicholson at 7:00pm. The invocation was given by Chris Broughton, 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, Dave Earley, Brett Cunningham, City Attorney Chris Engleking, Drew Storey, Chad Hubbard, Police Chief Greg O'Brien, Seth Davidson, Tribune Zach Spicer, January Rutherford, DPW Director Chad Dixon, Steve Sharer, Assistant Fire Chief Eric Roll, Les Linz, and Tyler Hinkle

On a motion made by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the minutes for the July 24, 2023 Council meeting were approved.

### Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions

- Councilman Storey shared a meeting the Thorofare and Drainage Committee held to discuss several requests for "Child at Play" signage in certain areas. This not an approved City sign, and after review of the requests, it was felt there were no changes warranted in the City's sign program.
- Recovery Specialist Steve Sharer gave his Recovery Report detailing ideas, resources, and deficiencies that need addressed in our County. Thank you, Steve, for your hard work on this project.

### Public Hearing

- The Mayor opened the public hearing for the Ordinance for Additional Appropriations for Software and Utilities. This is for electric costs at Fire Station 2 and Mobile Eyes Inspection software. Assistant Chief Roll spoke of the needs and benefits. Councilman Hubbard asked if other area departments used the Mobile Eyes software, and Columbus does. As there were no further questions, the Mayor properly closed the public hearing.

### Old Business

- Councilman Cunningham requested final reading of Ordinance 16, Council Bill No. 30, (2023), seconded by Councilman Wheeler, an Ordinance annexing territory to the City of Seymour, Indiana placing the same within the corporate boundaries thereof, and making the same part of the City of Seymour. East Side Industrial Park Super-Voluntary annexation. On a motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the ordinance passed final reading 7-0

- Councilman Cunningham requested second reading of Ordinance No.14, Council Bill No. 28 (2023), seconded by Councilman Wheeler, an Ordinance amending Seymour City Code to create Chapter 118 to require a Permit for Short Term Rentals and establish Fines and to amend Chapter 36 to Establish a Short-Term Rental permit fee. Tyler Hinkle asked about the final version, and the City Attorney told him he had the final version. Short term is defined as 24 hrs to 30 days. On a motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Storey, the Ordinance passed final reading 6-1.

### **New Business**

- Councilman Cunningham introduced Ordinance No. 17, Council Bill No. 37 (2023), seconded by Councilman Wheeler, an Ordinance amending Chapter 157 of the Seymour City Code to update Zoning permitted uses. This updates Animal Services downtown and what is allowed and what is not. On a motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Storey, the ordinance passed the first reading 7-0.
- Councilman Storey introduced Ordinance No. 19, Council Bill No. 40 (2023), seconded by Councilman Wheeler, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 73 of the Seymour City Code – Parking Regulations. This is to address vehicles of excessive length parking downtown and causing traffic to cross double yellow lines to get past them. There was much discussion regarding fines, signage, out of town guests, etc. On a motion by Mr. Storey, seconded by Mr. Hackney, the ordinance passed the first reading 4-3.
- Councilman Hackney introduced Ordinance No. 18, Council Bill No. 38 (2023), seconded by Mr. Wheeler, an Ordinance for additional appropriations for software and utilities for the Fire Department. This was discussed in the Public Hearing mentioned above. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, the ordinance passed the first reading 7-0.
- Councilman Hackney introduce Resolution No. 21, Council Bill No. 39 (2023), seconded by Councilman Wheeler, a Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana, approving the transfer of Rainy-Day Funds. This involves unclaimed funds received from the state of Ohio. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Storey, the resolution passed 7-0.
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### **Miscellaneous business**

- There was a resident present who had questions regarding the Seymour Housing Authority. The resident was informed the City just leases the office space to the Housing Authority, they are not under the City's management. Mr. Hubbard and Tyler Hinkle offered to provide the resident with contact information.
- Mr. Hackney invited the Council to take a tour of the City Museum in the near future.

- The Mayor shared that Mr. Sharer's Recovery Report will be going out digitally on the 15<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor will also be attending his last Brookings meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>, and a report will soon be released on this program.
- January Rutherford shared the 3 quotes for audio and video updates for Council Chambers. The committee will meet to discuss and offer a recommendation.

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

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Mayor Matt Nicholson

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Attest: Darrin Boas, Clerk/Treasurer