

# Minutes

## Seymour Common Council

January 22, 2024

The January 22, 2024 City Council was called to order by Mayor Matt Nicholson at 7:00pm. The invocation was given by Rev. Micheal Hogg and the Pledge of Allegiance to the nation's flag was recited was led by Ms. Ellamae Lewis. A virtual option was available.

**Members Present:** Mayor Matt Nicholson, Clerk/Treasurer Darrin Boas, Matt Wheeler, Jerry Hackney, Seth Davidson, Brad Lucas, Chad Hubbard, Clint Blish, Drew Storey, City Attorney Chris Engleking, Police Chief Greg O'Brien, Assistant Fire Chief Anthony Walker, Fireman Caleb McKinney, Tribune Zach Spicer, January Rutherford, DPW Director Chad Dixon, Assistant WPC Director Doug Gregory, Gurpreet Pandher and family, Jim Plump, Terance Tracey, Bernie Hauersperger, and Ellamae Lewis and family.

On a motion made by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the minutes for the January 8, 2024, Council meeting were approved.

### Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions

- Councilman Davidson presented the Statement of Benefits for SpaceGuard Products, INC., 711 S. Commerce Drive for Personal Property. Jim Plump spoke on their behalf, as they are adding \$401,000 in personal property assets, and adding 1 additional employee. On a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Hackney, the Statement of Benefits was accepted 7-0.
- Councilman Storey shared some issues that the Thorofare and Drainage Committee met and discussed:
  - o Coventry Subdivision – request for repaving - recommend no action due to CCMG paving program.
  - o Coventry – sidewalk request – recommend City Engineer access the feasibility of this.
  - o Coventry – Rumble strips/speed bumps – recommend no action.
  - o Coventry – Stop sign at Kensington Drive – awaiting data collection.
  - o Name change of Katie Drive – no action taken at this time.
  - o The Fish Stand parking requests – asking City Engineer to review parking on 5<sup>th</sup> St. and feasibility of angled vs parallel parking, along with 15-minute parking spot in front of business on Ewing.
  - o 4<sup>th</sup> St and Ewing – committee recommends adding a 4way stop if City Engineer concurs.

### Public Hearing

- None to report

## Old Business

- None to report.

## New Business

- Councilman Wheeler introduced Ordinance No. 2, Council Bill No. 3 (2024), seconded by Councilman Blish, an Ordinance to Rezone a portion of property located at 1100 E US 31, Seymour, IN 47274. This came to council with a unanimous favorable vote from Planning and Zoning commission. This is for the construction of a Truck Wash and Repair facility on about 8 acres of ground and looking to change zoning to C3. On a motion by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Hackney, the zoning change was approved 7-0 on first reading.
- Councilman Hackney introduced Ordinance No. 1, Council Bill No. 2 (2024), seconded by Councilman Wheeler, an Ordinance amending the 2024 Salary of Certain City Employees (amending the 2023 Ordinance No. 23, CB No. 44). This is due to the Police Contract approval in December, and a change in CDL rates for DPW. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the ordinance passed the first reading 7-0.
- Councilman Davidson introduce Resolution No. 2, Council Bill No. 5 (2024), seconded by Councilman Lucas, a Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana, approving a Tax Abatement for SpaceGuard Products, INC. for qualified personal property. This was discussed by Mr. Plump earlier in the meeting. On a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Lucas, the resolution was approved 7-0.
- Councilman Lucas introduced Ordinance No. 3, Council Bill No. 4 (2024), seconded by Councilman Blish, an Ordinance amending Chapter 97 of the Seymour City Code to update animal control duties. This has to do with the state definition of "Firearm" and will allow the Animal Control Officer to legally carry the tranquilizer gun on his person. On a motion by Mr. Lucas, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the ordinance passed the first reading 7-0.

## Miscellaneous business

- Councilman Storey mentioned the Boot Camp put on by AIM last week and thought it was a positive experience for Council members. He also thanked Jane Hayes for making the travel arrangements. He felt it was a great networking/training opportunity.
- The Mayor asked the Planning and Zoning committee to provide some feedback on privacy fences.
- Councilman Hubbard requested that council look at yard signs, especially political signs. Perhaps only allowing them 30 days prior to election day and removed by 10 days after election. This was sent to the Planning and Zoning committee.

On a motion by Mr. Lucas, seconded by Mr. Davidson, the meeting was properly adjourned.

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Mayor Matt Nicholson

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Attest: Darrin Boas, Clerk/Treasurer