

Minutes
Seymour Common Council
November 15, 2022

The November 15th, 2022, City Council was called to order by Mayor Matt Nicholson at 7:00pm. Invocation was given by Pastor Josh Haugen, 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, Drew Storey, Brett Cunningham, Matt Wheeler, Jerry Hackney, Chad Hubbard, Seth Davidson, Dave Earley, City Attorney Chris Engleking, Police Chief O'Brien, Park's Director Stacy Findley, WPC Director Jarin Gladstein, Doug Gregory, January Rutherford, Melanie O'Neal, Kaleb McKinney, DPW Director Chad Dixon, Michelle Gossett, Fire Chief Brad Lucas, Dan Robison, Erin Banks, Les Linz, Zach Spicer and a few ARP request representatives.

On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the minutes from the October 10th council meeting were approved.

Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions

- None to report.

Public Hearing

- None to report.

Old Business

- A. Councilman Hackney made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wheeler to bring Ordinance No. 37, Council Bill No. 59 (2022) to Appropriate from the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund – Sweet Cheeks Diaper Pantry off the table. The motion was approved 7-0. On the next motion Mr. Hackney requested to amend the recommendation from “favorable to unfavorable” by the Finance Council in the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Storey and approved 7-0. The reason for the change is due to the Pantry not existing until this year, so it did not qualify for Covid funding as described by the City's ARP distribution ordinance. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Councilman Cunningham, the ordinance was rejected 7-0.
- B. Councilman Hackney made a motion for the second reading of Ordinance No. 34, Council Bill No. 56 (2022), seconded by Councilman Wheeler and passed 7-0, an Ordinance to Appropriate from the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund for the VFW in the amount of \$20,000. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the ordinance passed second reading 7-0.

- C. Councilman Hackney made a motion for the second reading of Ordinance No. 35, Council Bill No. 57 (2022), seconded by Councilman Earley, an Ordinance to Appropriate from the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund for the ARC in the amount of \$34,503.82. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the ordinance passed second reading 7-0.
- D. Councilman Hackney made a motion for the second reading of Ordinance No. 36, Council Bill No. 58 (2022), seconded by Mr. Earley, and passed 7-0, an Ordinance to Appropriate from the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund for the American Legion Post 89 in the amount of \$50,000. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Earley, the ordinance passed 6-0-1.
- E. Councilman Hackney made a motion for second reading of Ordinance No. 38, Council Bill No. 60 (2022), seconded by Councilman Earley, and passed 7-0, an ordinance to Appropriate from the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund – Immanuel Lutheran Child Care in the amount of \$85,470. The original request was for more, due to adding an additional room for growing childcare needs. A representative was present from Immanuel to speak on the request. On a motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, it was voted to amend the dollar amount to \$100,000 6-0-1. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the amended ordinance passed second reading 6-0-1.
- F. Councilman Hackney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, to bring Ordinance No. 39, Council Bill No. 61 (2022) an Ordinance to Appropriate from the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund – WPC off the table. The motion passed 7-0. Mr. Hackney then made a motion for the second reading of this ordinance, seconded by Mr. Earley, and approved 7-0. There was some discussion on this request because it is going to cost more than the original quote because the scope of work has increased on the Alley discussed in the ordinance. The council felt it was best to pass as written, (\$300,000) and additional funds could be appropriated later if need. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Earley, the ordinance passed second reading, first vote, 7-0. Councilman Storey then made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to do the 2nd vote. The suspension motion failed to receive a unanimous vote.
- G. Councilman Hackney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, to bring Ordinance No. 40, Council Bill No. 62 (2022) an ordinance to Appropriate from the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund – DPW off the table. The motion passed 7-0. Mr. Hackney then made a motion for the second reading of this ordinance, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, and passed 7-0. DPW Director Chad Dixon discussed the detailed request of \$1,500,000.00 for a Transfer Station and how it will benefit the City through cost savings. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the ordinance passed second reading, first vote 7-0.
- H. Councilman Hackney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, to bring Ordinance No. 41, Council Bill No. 63 (2022) an ordinance to Appropriate from the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund -SPD off the table. The motion passed 7-0. Mr. Hackney then made a motion for the second reading of this ordinance, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, and passed 7-0. This is for a new heating and cooling system for the PD, as theirs is failing and at the end of its life

expectancy with a replacement cost of \$240,000. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Earley, the ordinance passed second reading, first vote 7-0.

- I. Councilman Hackney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, to bring Ordinance No. 42, Council Bill No. 64 (2022) an ordinance to appropriate from the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund – SFD off the table. The motion passed 7-0. Mr. Hackney then made a motion for the second reading of this ordinance, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, and passed 7-0. Chief Lucas discussed the request (\$160,000) for Preemption devices for the fire trucks and what intersections they would pertain to. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Earley, the ordinance passed second reading, first vote 7-0.
- J. Councilman Hackney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, to bring Ordinance No. 43, Council Bill No. 65 (2022) an ordinance to appropriate from the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund – Parks Department off the table. – off the table. The motion passed 7-0. Mr. Hackney then made a motion for the second reading of this ordinance, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, and passed 7-0. Park’s Director Stacey Findley discussed the request for funds (\$400,000) for Freeman Field Park’s parking lot, shelter houses, and playground. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Davidson, the ordinance passed second reading, first vote 7-0.
- K. Councilman Hackney requested Reading of Ordinance No. 33, Council Bill No. 55 (2022), seconded by Councilman Cunningham, an ordinance to Amend the City of Seymour’s Local ARP Fund Allocation Plan. It was discussed the numbers/percents need to be finalized as all outside requests (Non-Profits, Small Business, etc.) have been heard and approved. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the ordinance passed first reading 7-0.

New Business

- L. Councilman Cunningham made a motion to introduce Resolution No. 24, Council Bill No. 67 (2022), seconded by Councilman Wheeler, a Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana Approving Certain Matters in Connection with the Establishment of an Economic Development Area and an Allocation Area and the Approval of an Economic Development Plan for Said Area. This motion passed 7-0. This comes with a positive recommendation from the Planning Commission. On a motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the resolution passed 7-0.
- M. Councilman Hackney made a motion to introduce Resolution No. 25, Council Bill No. 68 (2022), seconded by Mr. Wheeler, a Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana Approving Certain Matters in Connection with the Reimbursement of Expenditures Relating to Sewage Works Bonds. The motion was approved 7-0. This sets up the Sewer Department to be able to issue a bond for the sewer work needed at Mutton Creek. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the resolution passed 7-0.
- N. Councilman Earley made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 44, Council Bill No. 66 (2022), seconded by Councilman Wheeler, an ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana Providing for Redistricting in Compliance

with Indiana Code 36-4-6-4. The motion passed 7-0. This is for the redistricting as required by the State and includes the recently annexed areas. On a motion by Mr. Earley, seconded by Mr. Hackney, the ordinance passed first reading 7-0.

Miscellaneous Business

- Dan Robison from the Chamber and Arann Banks from the Visitor's Center spoke of the possible upcoming Ready 2.0 grant program, and the importance to have projects "shelf ready". This may or may not come to fruition, but better to be prepared in case it does.
- The Mayor thanked DPW for their efforts on the double day pickups last week.
- The Mayor also shared the City received 2 awards at the AIM conference, one for the Curb Appeal program (Program Innovation), and Pollinator gardens (Green Project of the Year).
- The Mayor mentioned the Great American Smoke Out November 17th.

Adjournment

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

Mayor Matt Nicholson

Attest: Darrin Boas, Clerk/Treasurer