

**Minutes**  
**Seymour Common Council**  
**March 27, 2023**

The March 27th, 2023, City Council was called to order by Mayor Matt Nicholson at 7:00pm. Invocation was given by Pastor Rick Prather, 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, City Media January Rutherford, Tyler Hinkle, Assistant WPC Director Doug Gregory, EDC Jim Plump, Tribune Erica Malone, DPW Director Chad Dixon, Fire Chief Brad Lucas, FPBH Shane Spicer, Strand Travis Maupin, Jorge Manley, and Darren Kimmel.

On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the minutes from the March 13<sup>th</sup> council meeting were approved.

**Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions**

- Councilman Cunningham shared that the Planning and Zoning Committee met and discussed the Air B&B requests that have been submitted. Discussion continues and will be shared as it develops.
- Councilman Davidson presented the following Compliance with Statement of Benefits:
  1. Cummins, Inc., 800 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. (13 Personal, 10 Real Estate) – Darren Kimmel
  2. Valeo North America Inc., 1231 A. Ave. (10 Personal) – Matt Morley and Leah Koznarsky
  3. Rose Acre Farms 1657 W. Tipton St. (2 Real Estate) – Heather Clark
  4. Old Towne Marketplace II LLC, 6520 N. Co. Rd. 1000E. (1 Real Estate) – Jorge Manley
  5. Martin City Safety Storage LLC. 6520 N. Co. Rd. 1000E. (1 Real Estate) – Jorge Manley

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 6-0-1.
- Councilman Davidson made a motion to presented 3 new Statements of Benefits, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, for Cummins, INC, 800 E 3<sup>rd</sup> St, 2 personal and 1 Real Estate. On a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the Statements of Benefits were accepted.

## Public Hearing

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing for the Seymour Wastewater Plant Collection System improvements preliminary Engineering report. FPBH and Stand engineering shared their data and plans for upgrades and replacements in the existing sewers east of town and the processing plant. The Mayor properly closed the public hearing.

## Old Business

- A. Councilman Hackney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wheeler to bring Ordinance No. 8, Council Bill No. 9 off the table, and ordinance amending Chapter 35 of the Seymour City Code regarding Sidewalk Program. Discussion resumed from the last meeting regarding the dollars for the program, time frame to complete the work, and project vetting and approval. On a motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, an amendment was proposed to give recipients 120 days to complete the concrete work, along with a May 1<sup>st</sup> application date. The Amendment passed 5-1-1. Tyler Hinkle asked about “Double Dipping” with the Curb Appeal program and the Sidewalk program, and communicating the program with the general public. The Mayor gave assurances that through project evaluation and approval, double dipping would be avoided, and the City would use the local print media and social media to get the program out there. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, the amended Ordinance passed seconded reading, first vote, 6-0-1.

## New Business

- A. Councilman Wheeler introduced Resolution No. 3, Council Bill No.12 (2023), seconded by Mr. Earley, a Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour requesting Preliminary Engineering Report for the Wastewater Plant and Collection System Improvements. This is in reference to the discussion at the Public Hearing and is the next step to apply to the State Revolving Fund program for financing. On a motion by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the resolution passed 6-0-1.
- B. Councilman Hackney introduced Resolution No. 7, Council Bill No. 16, (2023), seconded by Mr. Wheeler, a Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour for Bond Series Reimbursement. This will allow the Fire Chief to pursue the purchase of a new fire truck, replacing Ladder 3, and to lock in pricing and a timetable for the new truck. Current Ladder 3 is approximately 20 yrs old and is having many costly mechanical issues. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the resolution passed 6-0-1.

- C. Councilman Davidson introduced Resolution No. 4, Council Bill No. 13, seconded by Mr. Earley, a Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana approving a Tax Abatement for Cummins, INC., for qualified personal property. This was discussed earlier in the meeting by Mr. Plump. On a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Earley, the resolution was approved 6-0-1.
- D. Councilman Davidson introduced Resolution No. 5, Council Bill No. 14, seconded by Mr. Earley, a Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana approving a Tax Abatement for Cummins, INC., for qualified personal property. This was discussed earlier in the meeting by Mr. Plump. On a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the resolution was approved 6-0-1.
- E. Councilman Davidson made a motion to table Resolution No. 6, Council Bill No. 15, seconded by Mr. Hubbard due to the wrong municipality being listed. The motion to table was approved 6-0-1.

### **Miscellaneous Business**

- Fire Chief Lucas shared the new Preemption devices are up and operational. Training continues for the general public to help clear up misconceptions.
- Tyler Hinkle asked about repairing the PA/Microphone system in Council Chambers. The Mayor said we would get Ernie Davidson to check it out.
- The Mayor shared the Reedy RDC 2022 financial report for their review.
- The Mayor also shared consideration of a 3 minute limit on comments at Council Meetings. The City is currently reviewing this program from other municipalities.

### **Adjournment**

- 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