

**Minutes**  
**Seymour Common Council**  
**April 10, 2023**

The April 24th, 2023, City Council was called to order by Mayor Matt Nicholson at 7:00pm. Invocation was given by Pastor Brad Akey 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, Media January Rutherford, Tyler Hinkle, EDC Jim Plump, Tribune Zack Spicer, DPW Director Chad Dixon, Les Linz, Parks Director Stacy Findley, Assistant WPC Doug Gregory, and City Engineer Bernie Hauersperger.

On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the minutes from the April 10<sup>th</sup> council meeting were approved.

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

- Councilman Wheeler discussed the work of the committee he is on, along with Councilman Hubbard and Storey, and their request for the RFP's for the updates to the sound/recording system of Council Chambers.
- Councilman Davidson presented the following Compliance with Statement of Benefits, seconded by Mr. Earley:
  1. Premier Ag Co-Op, Inc, 811 W. Second St., (1 Real Estate)
  2. Silgan Plastics Corporation, 3779 N. Co. Rd 850 E (2 Personal)

Jim Plump discussed the compliances, shared the facts and figures of the compliances. Mr. Hinkle asked about environmental compliances at Silgan as housing is expanding on the Southside. The Silgan representative stated there were filters and monitoring in place, and there have been no issues. On a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Earley, the compliances were accepted 6-0-1.

**Public Hearing**

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing for Additional Appropriations for Ordinance No. 10, Council Bill No. 17 (2023), and ordinance adding 2

probationary employees, 1 Fire and 1 Police, at the cost of \$60,000. The Mayor properly closed the public hearing.

## **Old Business**

- A.** Councilman Hackney Introduced for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Ordinance No. 10, Council Bill No. 17 (2023), seconded by Councilman Wheeler, an Ordinance for Additional Appropriation - Sidewalk Fund. This is the official request for the \$15,000 in unappropriated funds to be placed in the sidewalk fund. Mr. Hinkle asked again about promoting/communicating the program. The Mayor shared in addition to the Newspaper and social media, it has been discussed on local radio. Mr. Hinkle also asked about translating into Spanish, and it was agreed to be. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the ordinance passed the second reading 6-0-1.
- B.** Councilman Hackney introduced for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Ordinance No. 11, Council Bill No. 19 (2023), seconded by Mr. Wheeler, an Ordinance Amending the Salaries of the Appointed Officials and Employees of the City of Seymour, Indiana for the Year 2023 (Amending Ordinance No. 1, Council Bill No. 1, 2023). The purpose of this is to add a probationary police and fireman to help keep staffing levels consistent. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the ordinance passed the second reading 6-0-1.
- C.** Councilman Hackney introduced Ordinance No. 12, Council Bill No. 20 (2023), seconded by Mr. Hubbard, an Ordinance for Additional Appropriation – Police Probationary Officer & Fire Probationary Officer. This ordinance is to move \$60,000 for this year to cover these 2 positions (\$30,000 per dept.). On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the ordinance passed the second reading 6-0-1.

## **Miscellaneous Business**

- Councilman Hubbard thanked January and Chris for putting together the RFP for updating the recording/sound system for Council Chambers.
- Councilman Hubbard also congratulated Parks Director Findley on her recent certification.
- The Mayor shared the recent ISO ratings of the Fire Department of 76.47, and increase from 70.98. Plans are already underway to improve the next rating. Good Job!
- The Mayor also thanked January and Chris for the FRP.

## **Adjournment**

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

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Mayor Matt Nicholson

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Attest: Darrin Boas, Clerk/Treasurer