

Minutes

Seymour Common Council

June 23, 2025

The June 23th, 2025, Seymour City Council was called to order by Mayor Matt Nicholson at 7:00pm. The invocation was given by Rev. Les Linz, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A virtual/steaming option was available.

Members Present: Mayor Matt Nicholson, Clerk/Treasurer Darrin Boas, Jerry Hackney, Seth Davidson, Brad Lucas, Chad Hubbard, Danielle Long, City Attorney Chris Engleking, Fred and Sally Vogel, Jon and Laura Stahl, Kevin Kaplin, the Parkers, Police Chief Greg O'Brien, DPW Director Chad Dixon, Mayor Admin Jane Hayes, Dr. Calhoun, Information Specialist January Rutherford, Mike Wright, Building Commissioner Jeremy Gray, Todd Smutz – developer for WAWA.

On a motion by Councilman Lucas, seconded by Councilman Hubbard, the minutes from the 6/9/25 meeting were approved.

Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions:

- Councilman Hubbard shared the Retail Development committee had met and the Council should see by the next council meeting the ordinance updates the committee recommended.

Public Hearing:

- None to report

Old Business:

- None to report

New Business

- Councilman Hackney introduced Ordinance No. 13, Council Bill No. 31(2025), seconded by Councilman Hubbard, an ordinance amending the 2025 Salary of City Employees (amending 2024 Ord. No. 32, Council Bill No. 60). This adds the position of ERC (Employee in Responsible Charge) that allows the City to be eligible for federal funds and help with project development and construction. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the ordinance passed first reading 6-0-1.
- Councilman Hubbard introduced Ordinance No. 14, Council Bill No. 32(2025), seconded by Councilman Davidson, an ordinance to rezone property located at 1800 Blk of Tipton Street, Seymour, IN. This came to the council with unanimous approval from the Planning Commission. Councilman Frey asked about the depth of of this property being rezoned in relation to adjoining businesses. Todd Smutz spoke on behalf of WAWA, and presented a Powerpoint showing the history of WAWA, what makes them different from other fuel/convenience stores, along with the property layout and the time frame to develop the 8+acres. This rezones the property from R1 to C3 and is supported by the prior property owners. This property is between Aldi and Arbys. On a motion by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by

Mr. Hackney, the rezone was approved 6-0-1, with Councilwoman Long quantifying her yes vote by sharing her concern about how many gas stations does Seymour need.

Miscellaneous Business:

- Councilman Frey asked about the status on the fingerprint readers for the PD. Mr. Frey asked about the policy mentioned at last meeting, and Chief O'Brien shared it will go to the Board of Works this week and we should go live July 1st. The Chief also confirmed 2 readers had been bought.
- Councilman Frey asked City Attorney Engleking about her participation in a local protest a few weeks ago. Mr. Frey stated he had been approached by some concerned people about this not being professional, and while everyone has a right to their opinion/freedom of speech, with the position Ms. Engleking holds and prior discussions about a Code of Conduct, her participation was something he had a problem with. Ms. Engleking stated she respected his opinion, and attorneys have a Code of Conduct and nothing she did violated her oath of office, code of conduct, or conscious. Mr. Frey asked what Ms. Engleking was protesting, and she stated she was there confirming her commitment to the principles and laws this country was founded on. Mr. Frey went on to ask if her attendance was due to her being against the federal mandate for deportations. Ms. Engleking's responded the answer I just gave you is my complete answer. Mr. Frey reiterated if she was expressing her opposition to a federal mandate, that would concern him. Ms. Engleking then stated she was there supporting her country. This was the end of the conversation.

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

Matt Nicholson, Mayor

Attest: Darrin Boas, Clerk/ Treasurer