

# Council Minutes

July 10,2023

**Mayor Matt Nicholson called to order the Council meeting at 7:00 PM.**

Members present at the meeting were Mayor Matt Nicholson, First Deputy City Clerk Treasurer Nancy Pulsford, Mr. Jim Plump, Mr. Kevin Porter, Mr. Hackney, Assistant Police Chief John Watson, January Rutherford, Drew Storey, Seth Davidson, Dave Early, Les Linz, Chris Engleking, Matt Wheeler, Chad Hubbard, Brett Cunningham, Tyler Tolbert, Stacy Finley, Tyler Hinkle, Zach Spicer.

**The invocation was led by Tyler Tolbert, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.**

A motion was made for the minutes of the previous meeting to be approved, first by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, with all members voting yes to accept the minutes of the previous meeting.

**Reports from committees, boards, and commissions:**

Mr. Davidson made a motion to introduce a Statement of Benefits for Walmart Distribution Center, seconded by Mr. Earley. After a brief statement by Kevin Porter on the improvements going to be made at the distribution center, Mr. Davidson asked that they approve the statement of benefits. This was seconded by Mr. Earley. After a vote of 7-0, the motion carried.

**Old business:**

Mr. Storey asked that the second reading of Ordinance #15, Council Bill #29, be read by title only. This was seconded by Mr. Hackney. An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 74, Schedule XI speed limits of the Seymour City Code Thoroughfare drainage. This would change the speed limit from US 50 to 300 feet south of Gaynell Drive to 30 mph, 300 feet south of Gaynell Drive south to the point which 950 E becomes 925 E making that speed limit 45 mph. On a motion made by Mr. Storey, seconded by Mr. Hackney, Ordinance #15 Council Bill 29 passed second reading 7-0.

Mr. Cunningham asked that Ordinance #14 Council Bill #28, that was tabled at the meeting on 6/26 be un-tabled, seconded by Mr. Wheeler. After a vote of 7-0 the ordinance was un-tabled. Mr. Cunningham asked for the second reading of Ordinance #14, Council Bill #28, amending Chapter 118 to require a permit for short term rentals, establish fines, and to amend Chapter 36 to establish a short-term rental permit fee. On a vote of 7-0 the motion to read Ordinance #14, Council Bill #28 carried. After a brief discussion, Mr. Cunningham then made a motion to pass Ordinance #14, council Bill #28 for the first time. This was seconded by Mr. Storey. The Ordinance was passed 6-1.

**New business:**

Mr. Davidson asked for the introduction of Resolution #17, Council Bill #33, to be read by title only. This was seconded by Mr. Earley.

Resolution #17, Council Bill #33 is a resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour to approve a tax abatement for Walmart for real estate. After a vote of 7-0, the resolution was introduced. Mr. Davidson then asked to approve the resolution. This was seconded by Mr. Earley, and after a vote of 7-0, the resolution passed.

Mr. Davidson then asked for the introduction of Resolution #18, Council Bill #34, seconded by Mr. Earley. After a vote of 7-0 the motion was approved. Resolution #18 Council Bill #34 is a resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour IN approving a tax abatement for Walmart for qualified personal property. Mr. Davidson then asked that they approve the resolution. This was seconded by Mr. Hubbard, and the resolution passed 7-0.

**Miscellaneous business: None**

Mayor Nicholson then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Earley and the meeting was adjourned.

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**Mayor Matt Nicholson**

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**Attest: Darrin Boas**