

Minutes

Seymour Common Council

July 24, 2023

The July 24, 2023 City Council was called to order by Mayor Matt Nicholson at 7:00pm. The invocation was given by Pastor Teresa Poole, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the nation's flag was recited. A virtual option was available and utilized by Alaina Shonkwiler.

Members Present: Mayor Matt Nicholson, Clerk/Treasurer Darrin Boas, Matt Wheeler, Jerry Hackney, Dave Earley, Brett Cunningham, City Attorney Chris Engleking, Drew Storey, Chad Hubbard, Police Chief Greg O'Brien, Seth Davidson, Tribune Zach Thompson, Main Street Director Bri Roll, January Rutherford, and Tyler Hinkle

On a motion made by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the minutes for the July 10, 2023 Council meeting were approved.

Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions

- Councilman Hubbard asked January about the status of quotes for updating the sound/recording system in Council Chambers. One quote has been received, 2 more are coming.

Public Hearing

- The Mayor opened the public hearing for the Ordinance Annexing Territory to the City of Seymour, Indiana placing the same within the Corporate Boundaries thereof, and making the same part of the City of Seymour East Side Industrial Park Super-Voluntary Annexation. Attorney Braman was present to speak on the annexation if there were questions. As there were no questions, the Mayor properly closed the public hearing.

Old Business

- Councilman Cunningham requested second reading of Ordinance No.16, Council Bill No. 30 (2023), seconded by Councilman Wheeler, an Ordinance Annexing Territory to the City of Seymour, Indiana, placing the same within the Corporate Boundaries thereof, and making the same part of the City of Seymour East Side Industrial Park Super-Voluntary Annexation. This adds approximately 77 acres to the industrial park. On a motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the Ordinance passed 2nd reading 7-0.

New Business

- Councilman Cunningham introduced Resolution No. 20, Council Bill #36, seconded by Councilman Wheeler, A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana adopting the 2023 Downtown Seymour Streetscape Master Plan. This plan will help map out

the future of downtown, including walkability, future development, and appearance standards. Tyler Hinkle asked if there were any immediate next steps that are initiated when this resolution passed. The Mayor shared some things that are already in motion, and Bri shared that she will be working closely with DPW on purchases and visual aspects of the plan. On a motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Storey, the resolution passed 6-0-1.

- Councilman Hackney introduced Resolution No. 19, Council Bill # 35, seconded by Councilman Cunningham, a Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana approving the transfer of Recovery Funds. This is to move funds to the Mayor's Other Services budget line to be used in support of certified Recovery Community Organization. Tyler Hinkle asked if these were Opioid funds, which the Mayor clarified they are not, and Tyler wanted to make sure we are supporting prevention services in addition to the recovery programs we are involved with. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the resolution passed 7-0

Miscellaneous business

- Mr. Storey shared he thought the first estimate on the sound system for the Council Chambers was high, prompting Mr. Hubbard to question January about last year's quotes. The Mayor shared there are new state requirements, pending clarification, set to go into place in 2025.

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

Mayor Matt Nicholson

Attest: Darrin Boas, Clerk/Treasurer