

Minutes

Seymour Common Council

August 28, 2023

The August 28, 2023 City Council was called to order by Mayor Matt Nicholson at 7:00pm. The invocation was given by Les Linz, 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, Dave Earley, Brett Cunningham, City Attorney Chris Engleking via Goto Meeting, Drew Storey, Chad Hubbard, Police Chief Greg O'Brien, Seth Davidson, Tribune Zach Spicer, January Rutherford, DPW Director Chad Dixon, Les Linz, Tyler Hinkle, City Engineer Bernie Hauersperger, and Mark Hopkins.

On a motion made by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the minutes for the August 14, 2023 Council meeting were approved.

Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions

- Councilman Hubbard spoke of the committee he and Councilman Storey and Councilman Wheeler are on and their review of A/V quotes to update Council Chambers. This is in preparation for a recently passed Indiana House Bill requiring recording and streaming of City Meetings by mid-year 2025. The quote recommended by the Committee was with AVISystems. On a voice vote proposed by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Storey, the Council voted 6-1 to support the AVI bid. The Clerk/Treasurer requested notes from the committee to support their recommendation of AVI, as it was not the low bidder.

Public Hearing

- **None to report**

Old Business

- Councilman Storey introduced Ordinance No. 19, Council Bill No. 40 (2023), seconded by Councilman Cunningham, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 73 of the Seymour City Code – Parking Regulations. This Ordinance will support part of Mainstreet's Street Scape Master Plan adopted a few weeks back by the Council. This is to address vehicles of excessive length parking downtown and causing traffic to cross double yellow lines to get past them. Councilman Storey shared a Survey he sent out to local businesses and residents. There was continued discussion regarding fines, signage, out of town guests, enforcement hours, weather related enforcement, length of lines, etc. Seymour residents Mark Hopkins and Tyler Hinkle spoke of their concerns with the proposal, and Councilman Earley read a letter from a local contractor. On a motion by Mr. Storey, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, the ordinance was tabled and sent to Thorofare and Drainage Committee for review 7-0.

- Councilman Cunningham introduced Ordinance No. 17, Council Bill No. 37 (2023), seconded by Councilman Hackney, an Ordinance amending Chapter 157 of the Seymour City Code to update Zoning permitted uses. This updates Animal Services downtown and will allow Minor Services in C4 zoning. On a motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the ordinance passed the second reading 7-0.
- Councilman Hackney introduced Ordinance No. 18, Council Bill No. 38 (2023), seconded by Mr. Wheeler, an Ordinance for additional appropriations for software and utilities for the Fire Department. \$10,000 for the software for inspections, and \$20,000 for electricity at Fire Station 2. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Storey, the ordinance passed the second reading 7-0.

New Business

- None to report

Miscellaneous business

- Councilman Hubbard thanked January for her work on collecting the quotes for the Council Chambers AV project.
- Councilman Hackney stated he had a meeting set up for the Council at the museum after the next council meeting for a tour.
- Police Chief O'Brien shared autos can block lanes in Business Districts, as can delivery trucks. This ties back to the parking discussion with Ordinance 19.

On a motion by Mr. Earley, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, the meeting was properly adjourned.

Mayor Matt Nicholson

Attest: Darrin Boas, Clerk/Treasurer