

Minutes
Seymour Common Council
July 13, 2026

The July 13, 2026, Seymour City Council was called to order by Mayor Matt Nicholson at 7:00pm. The invocation was given by Reverend Les Linz, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A virtual/streaming option was available.

Members Present: Mayor Matt Nicholson, Denny Frey, Danielle Long, Seth Davidson, Brad Lucas, City Attorney Chris Engleking, Cheryl Voyles, Jane Hays, Doug Gregory, Chad Dixon, Fred and Sally Vogel, Police Chief Greg O'Brien, DPW Director Alan Axsom, Dr. Calhoun, Josh and Tessa Patrick, Ashley Grizzle and Katie Covert.

On a motion by Councilman Lucas, seconded by Councilman Frey, the minutes from the 6/22/2026 meeting were approved.

Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions:

- None to report

Public Hearing:

- None to report

Old Business:

- Councilwoman Long introduced Ordinance No. 13, Council Bill No.31 (2026), on second reading, as an ordinance of the Common Council to the City of Seymour to add two handicap parking spots on Walnut St. The Mayor said the spots are currently there, but will have signs added. On a motion by Councilwoman Long, seconded by Mr. Frey the Ordinance passed second reading 4-0.
- Councilwoman Long introduced Ordinance No.12, Council Bill No. 30 (2026), on second reading, as an ordinance of the Common Council to the City of Seymour. The ordinance to rezone property located at 11055 E US Hwy 50, Seymour, IN adds the phrase *Junk Yards* to non-permitted uses. The second reading of this Ordinance had a vote of 3-1, and will be read again on July 27.

New Business:

- Councilman Davidson introduced Ordinance No. 17, Council Bill No.35 (2026), seconded by Councilman Lucas, aa ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Seymour amending the 2026 salary of certain City employees. Chief O'Brien advised the two positions were for Dispatch, with a maximum of 520 hours per year.

On a motion by Councilman Davidson, seconded by Councilman Lucas, the ordinance passed first reading 4-0.

- Councilman Lucas introduced Ordinance No. 14, Council Bill No. 32 (2026), seconded by Councilman Davidson. An ordinance amending Chapter 50 of the Seymour municipal code to add a new section 50.147.1 establishing non-significant categorical industrial user status. Doug Gregory explained the 1972 Federal Clean Water Act and how testing is completed. On a motion by Mr. Lucas, seconded by Mr. Davidson, the ordinance passed first reading 4-0.
- Councilman Lucas introduced Ordinance No. 15, Council Bill No.33 (2026), seconded by Councilman Davidson. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 32 of the Seymour City Code to Update City Property Smoking Restrictions. City Attorney Chris Engleking explained it updates wording to include vaping and to not allow smoking or vaping in all City vehicles. On a motion by Councilman Lucas, seconded by Councilman Davidson the Ordinance passed first reading 4-0
- Councilman Lucas introduced Ordinance No. 16, Council Bill No.34 (2026), seconded by Councilman Davidson. An Ordinance amending Chapter 31 or Seymour City Code to Update Rules and Regulations and Benefits. Chief O'Brien spoke on updating of the rules and regulations to reflect the Police Chief and Fire Chief can update Rules and Regulations when needed. On a motion by Councilman Lucas, seconded by Councilman Davidson, the Ordinance passed first reading 4-0

Miscellaneous Business

- Katie Covert spoke about property at 609 S Beech St. Issues she mentioned include illegal burning, dogs being mistreated, no electric in the home and the stealing of water from the neighbors. The Mayor stated he would get in touch with Josh Fleetwood, Ordinance Administrator, as well as Fire Chief Roll with the concerns. An update will be given at the July 27 City Council meeting.
- Councilman Denny Frey advised he had received complaints that people are not following the rules at the pickleball courts, particularly the time limit and rotating so others will have access. There is signage in place, but Councilman Frey suggested verbiage be added such as "*20 minutes or 1 game and rotate.*" Also, there are young people shooting NERF guns on the courts. The Mayor will get in touch with the Parks Director.
- Ashley Grissle shared her thoughts on an issue with her neighbor stating there are chemicals running from their yard into the alley. The Mayor advised that IDEM had been contacted and investigated the allegation and found no concern.

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

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Matt Nicholson, Mayor

Attest: Darrin Boas, Clerk/ Treasurer