

Minutes

Seymour Common Council

September 11, 2023

The September 11, 2023 City Council was called to order by Mayor Matt Nicholson at 7:00pm. The invocation was given by Pastor Chris Broughton 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, Drew Storey, Chad Hubbard, Police Chief Greg O'Brien, Seth Davidson, Tribune Zach Spicer, January Rutherford, DPW Director Chad Dixon, Tyler Hinkle, Colin Smith, Victoria Taylor, Assistant WPC Director Doug Gregory, Lenny Hauersperger, and Caden Harriss

On a motion made by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the minutes for the August 28, 2023, Council meeting were approved.

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Public Hearing

- The Mayor opened a Public Hearing for the 2024 Seymour Municipal Airport Authority for their Fiscal Budget. Airport Manager Colin Smith spoke about the budget, the increases associated with it, and the movement of Rainy Day funds. After minimal discussion, the Mayor properly closed the Public Hearing.

Old Business

- **None to report**

New Business

- Councilman Hackney introduced Ordinance No. 2 Authority Bill No. 2 (2023), seconded by Councilman Wheeler, an Ordinance Fixing the Budget of the Seymour Municipal Airport Authority for the Year 2024. This was discussed in the public Hearing. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the ordinance passed on first reading 7-0.
- Councilman Hackney introduced Resolution No. 1 Authority Bill No. 4 (2023), seconded by Councilman Wheeler, a Resolution Reducing Unobligated Balances in the Seymour Municipal Airport Authority's Rainy-Day Fund for the Year 2023. This was touched on in the public Hearing. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Storey, the resolution passed 7-0.
- Councilman Wheeler introduced Ordinance No. 20, Council Bill No. 41 (2023), seconded by Councilman Storey, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 50: Water and Sewers, of the Seymour City Code. Doug Gregory spared this is done about every 5 years, updating verbiage on the

City Code for Stormwater as required for the IDEM permit. On a motion by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the ordinance passed on first reading 7-0.

- Councilman Earley introduced Ordinance No. 21, Council Bill No. 42 (2023), seconded by Councilman Davidson, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 31 of the Seymour City Code to Update Reserve Police Officer Program Requirements. Chief O'Brien spoke to the decision to move to 5 reserve officers (10% of current staff) from the current number of 1. They will be required to perform 12 hours of service per month. Councilman Cunningham asked how this compared to the County reserves and staffing. O'Brien shared the levels were similar, and the county is challenged to keep their reserve positions staffed. O'Brien felt we would have some retirees interested in filling these positions. On a motion by Mr. Earley, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the ordinance passed on first reading 7-0.

Miscellaneous business

- Councilman Storey offered an apology for the Parking Ordinance that he introduced at the last council meeting without prior committee/council discussion. It was tabled and moved to committee for review due to concerns from council. The apology was well received by the council.
- Tyler Hinkle shared with the council the upcoming event (September 19) at Harmony Park – The Addict's Wake, a video screening of how Brown County is addressing addiction and recovery issues. Rain date will be the 26th. The video starts at dusk. Tyler encouraged everyone to attend.

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

Mayor Matt Nicholson

Attest: Darrin Boas, Clerk/Treasurer