

Minutes

Seymour Common Council

February 12, 2024

The February 12, 2024 City Council was called to order by Mayor Matt Nicholson at 7:00pm. The invocation was given by Rev. Les Linz and the Pledge of Allegiance to the nation's flag was recited was led by Mr. Jackson Davis. A virtual option was available.

Members Present: Mayor Matt Nicholson, Clerk/Treasurer Darrin Boas, Matt Wheeler, Jerry Hackney, Seth Davidson, Brad Lucas, Clint Blish, Drew Storey, City Attorney Chris Engleking (virtually), Police Chief Greg O'Brien, Tribune Zach Spicer, January Rutherford, WPC Director Jarin Gladstein, Gurpreet Pandher and family, Jim Plump, Bernie Hauersperger, Jackson Davis and family, Jane Hayes (virtually), Brent Kilgas, Bill Rinehart, Fire Chief Eric Roll, Parks Director Chad Keithley, Jack McCory, and Darrin Kimmel

On a motion made by Mr. Lucas, seconded by Mr. Storey, the minutes for the January 22, 2024, Council meeting were approved.

Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions

- Councilman Wheeler spoke on behalf of the Planning Committee and shared they had reviewed the fence issue and recommended no action be taken, and they were still looking into political signs.
- Councilman Davidson presented, and Jim Plump spoke on behalf of the following companies regarding their Statements and Compliances of Benefits:
 - i. Dicksons, Inc., 709 B. Ave. East (1 Personal, 1 Real Estate) – Bill Rinehart
 - ii. Excel Manufacturing, Inc., 1705 E. 4th St. Rd. (4 Personal) – Brent Kilgas
 - iii. Cummins Inc., 800 E. 3rd St. (3 Personal, 2 Real Estate) – Darren Kimmel
 - iv. Cummins, Inc., 800 E. 3rd St. (15 Personal, 11 Real Estate) – Darren Kimmel

On a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Hackney, the Statements and Compliances of Benefits were accepted 6-0-1.

Public Hearing

- None to report

Old Business

- Councilman Wheeler introduced Ordinance No. 2, Council Bill No. 3 (2024), seconded by Councilman Blish, an Ordinance to Rezone a portion of property located at 1100 E US 31, Seymour, IN 47274. This came to council with a unanimous favorable vote from Planning and Zoning commission. This is for the construction of a Truck Wash and Repair facility on about 8 acres of ground and requesting to change zoning to C3. On a motion by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Hackney, the zoning change was approved 6-0-1 on second reading.
- Councilman Hackney introduced Ordinance No. 1, Council Bill No. 2 (2024), seconded by Councilman Blish, an Ordinance amending the 2024 Salary of Certain City Employees (amending the 2023 Ordinance No. 23, CB No. 44). This is due to the Police Contract approval in December, and a change in CDL rates for DPW. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Blish, the ordinance passed the second reading 6-0-1.
- Councilman Lucas introduced Ordinance No. 3, Council Bill No. 4 (2024), seconded by Councilman Wheeler, an Ordinance amending Chapter 97 of the Seymour City Code to update animal control duties. This has to do with the state definition of “Firearm” and will allow the Animal Control Officer to legally carry the tranquilizer gun on his person. On a motion by Mr. Lucas, seconded by Mr. Storey, the ordinance passed the second reading 6-0-1.

New Business

- a. Councilman Wheeler Introduced Resolution No. 3, Council Bill No. 7 (2024), seconded by Councilman Blish, a Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana Approving Certain Matters in Connection with the Amendment of an Economic Development Plan and Economic Development Area. This is for amending/adding to the TIF district encompassing Walmart DC. On a motion by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Hackney, the resolution passed 6-0-1.
- b. Councilman Hackney Introduced Ordinance No. 4, Council Bill No. 6 (2024), seconded by Councilman Wheeler, an Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana Creating New Police Department Budget Line Item and Approving Transfer of Police Department Funds. This is due to the long-term janitorial employee retiring and going to an outside service for cost savings. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Blish, the ordinance passed first reading 6-0-1.
- c. Councilman Hackney introduced Ordinance No. 6, Council Bill No. 12 (2024), seconded by Councilman Wheeler, an Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition, Construction and Installation of Certain Improvements to the Sewage of the City of Seymour, Indiana, the Issuance of Additional Revenue Bonds to Finance the Cos Thereof, the Collection Segregation and Distribution of the Revenues of Such Sewage Works, the Safeguarding of the Interest of the Owners of Such revenue Bonds and Other Matters Connected Therewith, Including the Issuance of Notes in Anticipation of Such Bonds, and All Matters Related Thereto. This is for 9 sewer projects that includes energy saving upgrades to the plant. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Blish, the ordinance passed first reading 6-0-1.

- d. Councilman Hackney introduced Resolution No. 6, Council Bill No. 10 (2024), seconded by Councilman Wheeler, a Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana, Approving Transfer from General Fund to Rainy Day Fund. These funds are from revenues earned from Money Market accounts and short-term CD's. On a motion by Mr. Hackney, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the resolution passed 6-0-1.
- e. Councilman Davidson introduced Resolution No. 4, Council Bill No. 8 (2024), seconded by Councilman Wheeler, a Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana Approving a Tax Abatement for Dicksons, Inc for Qualified Personal Property. This is for new logistical equipment and was discussed in reports. On a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Lucas, the resolution passed 6-0-1.
- f. Councilman Davidson introduced Resolution No. 5, Council Bill No. 9 (2024), seconded by Mr. Wheeler, a Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana Approving a Tax Abatement for Templeton Commercial Properties, LLC for Real Estate Improvements to be in Seymour, Indiana. This is the parent company of Dicksons and they are building a new \$3.4 million building in the Freeman Field industrial park. On a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Lucas, the resolution passed 6-0-1.
- g. Councilman Davidson introduced Resolution No. 7, Council Bill No. 13 (2024), seconded by Councilman Wheeler a Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana, approving a Tax Abatement for Cummins, Inc. for Real Estate Improvements to be Located at 800 E. 3rd Street, Seymour, Indiana. This is for Campus renovations. On a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Hackney, the resolution passed 6-0-1.
- h. Councilman Davidson introduced Resolution No. 8, Council Bill No. 14 (2024), seconded by Councilman Blish, a resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana Approving a Tax Abatement for Cummins, Inc. for Real Estate Improvements to be Located at 800 E. 3rd Street, Seymour, Indiana. This is for a capacity extension for the Hedgehog line. On a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Lucas, the resolution passed 6-0-1.
- i. Councilman Davidson introduced Resolution No. 9, Council Bill No. 15 (2024), seconded by Councilman Wheeler, resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana Approving a Tax Abatement for Cummins, Inc. for Qualified Personal Property. This is for their GZ04 project. On a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Blish, the resolution passed 6-0-1.
- j. Councilman Davidson introduction of Resolution No. 10, Council Bill No. 16 (2024), seconded by Councilman Wheeler, a resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana Approving a Tax Abatement for Cummins, Inc. for Qualified Personal Property. This is also for the Hedgehog line. On a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Blish, the resolution passed 6-0-1.
- k. Councilman Davidson introduced Resolution No. 11, Council Bill No. 17 (2024), seconded by Councilman Wheeler, a resolution of the Common Council of the City of Seymour, Indiana Approving a Tax Abatement for Cummins, Inc. for Qualified Personal

Property. This is for the Technical Center expansion. On a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the resolution passed 6-0-1.

New Business

- Councilman Lucas shared there are warranty work repairs going on at the 2nd St. Fire Station.
- Councilman Storey recommended the City should meet with Rick Anderson to look into project savings throughout the City. This was assigned to the Utilities and Drainage committee.

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

Mayor Matt Nicholson

Attest: Darrin Boas, Clerk/Treasurer