

The Seymour Board of Alderman met for a regular meeting at 6:00 pm on Thursday, February 26, 2015 at Seymour City Hall Board Room, 123 West Market Street.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Dale Bailey.

Roll call: Grady Bennett, William Pogue, Dean Rowe, Jim Ashley.

Also present was City Administrator Sam Burt, Supervisor Mitch Plummer, City Attorney Dani Padgett, Police Officer Jesse Lafferty, City Clerk Leslie Houk.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Pogue/Ashley to approve the minutes as written. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Chamber Commerce

The Chamber was present to ask for the City's help with the cost of the Rock 'n Freedom's fireworks display. A motion was made by Pogue/Ashley to pay \$5,000.00 towards the fireworks at Rock 'n Freedom. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Mayor Bailey asked to amend the agenda so the Park Board can address the Board. Everyone is in agreement to amend the agenda.

Members of the Park Board were present to go over a list of things they would like to see accomplished at the parks.

Replace the basketball nets at the West Park, purchase a slide for the West Park, add dirt to the ball field, they would like to move the scorer stand to the other side. Alderman William Pogue would like to see something done with the restrooms, and the lights replaced at the concession stand.

Supervisor's Report-Mitch Plummer

The guys have been fixing mailboxes that were knocked over from plowing snow.

The snow piles around the square have been removed.

The lights on the grader have been fixed.

Mitch, John and Roger attended training in Neosho.

The tree at Main and Division has been removed.

Mitch asked if Chris and Heidi Young are allowed to install a septic system. Dani looked into this and said that they could but a contract would need to be drawn up. A motion was made by Pogue/Rowe to have Dani prepare the contract. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

City Administrator Report-Sam Burt

See Report

Sam has been researching Building Inspector Training. He found a class that starts March 6th in Kansas City. It is three days training for \$1,350.00. Sam would like to send Chuck Smith. A motion was made by Rowe/Bennett to send Chuck to this training. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Sam has rented out the two bays at the old City Hall for \$250.00 a month to Jason Thompson of Emergency Sight and Sound.

Mayor Report-Dale Bailey

Nothing to report.

Alderman's Report

Alderman Dean Rowe made note that the City employees worked 12 plus hours on the snow removal. Dean thanked them for doing a good job and working through the night.

A motion was made by Bennett/Pogue to go into executive session. Ayes: All. Nays: None. The following roll call vote was recorded. Ayes: Bennett, Pogue, Rowe, Ashley. Nays: None.

The reason for executive session is Personnel and Real Estate.

A motion was made by Pogue/Ashley to go back into open session. Ayes: All. Nays: None. The following roll call vote was recorded. Ayes: Bennett, Pogue, Rowe, Ashley. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Pogue/Ashley to adjourn. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Mayor Dale Bailey

City Clerk Leslie Houk

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT February 26, 2015

Joe Drew – Girl's softball complex

Vicky Talley – owner of Bowling Alley Property

Met on Saturday to view property with Vicky Talley, Joe Drew and David Coutchie

Two dead trees need removed

One tree located in alley removed

One other tree located on private property – still working on it

Electrical Training

Northwest Lineman College

Have began the process of investigation

4 year program – \$520 per year

SB 222/HB662 – Attachment 1

Requires cities to pay relocation cost for telecomm infrastructure in ROW

Sent letter opposing

Contacted Commerce, Energy and Environment Committee via letter

Contacted Telecommunications Committee via email

SB 266 – Attachment 2 & 3

Prohibits municipalities from providing a service provided by a private business within the boundaries of the municipality without a vote of the people - This bill is written by Century Link and would greatly impact our ability to serve this community. Their main focus is to prevent cities from starting or operating community broadband networks.

Sent letter opposing –

Contacted Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government Committee via email

HB 481/Net Metering and Easy Connection Act – Attachment 4

- Removes the 100kW capacity limits, which does nothing to help residential customers and local homeowners but to drive local electric rates up for customers who choose not to or cannot afford the upfront costs of net metering
- Mandates that municipal and cooperative systems pay full retail rates for (renewable) energy that can be purchased or produced at lower wholesale costs
- Allows net metering customers to pass costs to other customers for the fixed costs of the poles, wires, meters, advanced technologies, and other infrastructure that make the electric grid safe, reliable, and able to accommodate solar panels and other renewable distributed generation systems

Contacted by Reps. Joe Adams, Jered Taylor and Mike Cunningham

Better Inspections

Received final report on Food Pantry and invoice for services

Sent reports to Mayor and Alderman

City Building Inspector Training

Have identified 5 possible companies for training

National Home Inspector Training Institute

School begin March 6th

Cost: \$1350 plus expenses

Pioneer Drive

Resident of Pioneer Drive came by church on Sunday

Took a ride to see the road

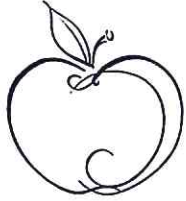
Geographical Information Systems

Cloud Hosting

Next step for streamlining city systems

Presentation pending – week of March 8, 2015

I Pad, I Phone, Laptop, etc.....



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Sam Burt
City Administrator, Seymour MO

February 17, 2015

The Honorable Scott Sifton
201 W. Capital Avenue
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Senator Sifton:

My name is Sam Burt and I am the City Administrator for the City of Seymour MO.

I am writing today to voice my opposition to SB 222. I can't help but believe that this bill shifts the cost burden from the communications service company to the local taxpayer who may or may not be the customer of that communication company.

SB 222 will increase the cost of public projects, such as widening streets, intersection improvements and moving or laying new water and sewer lines. Even though these are not common occurrences, when they do occur it is for public health and safety reasons and it brings new jobs to town. This increased cost will result in fewer projects, reduced project scope and higher tax and electrical rates because the bill includes all pole attachments.

For a small city like Seymour to be mandated to bear the "cost of doing business" for the communication company and to use a contractor of their choice is ridiculous and makes no common sense.

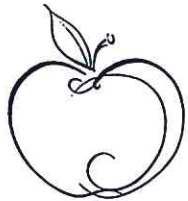
Respectfully, I request that you do not support this bill.

Thank you for your time and considering my request.

Sincerely,

Sam Burt

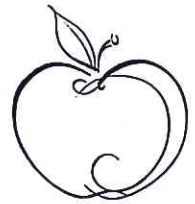
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The Honorable Mike Cunningham
201 W. Capital Avenue
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Senator Cunningham:

My name is Sam Burt and I am the City Administrator for the City of Seymour MO.

I am writing today to voice my opposition to SB 266.

Here are the reasons for my opposition:

This bill impacts more than just broadband networks. It would limit tree trimming, sewer lateral programs, trash service, public-private partnerships, and street maintenance – in essence it limits our town for economic development and competitiveness in all areas.

This bill denies private local companies access to advanced broadband networks and ever advancing technological and commercial needs. Therefore, it prevents local investment to attract high-tech industries.

Furthermore, the bill states that our city may not provide a competitive service that is being provided by at least one private service without a vote of the people. A vote of the people requires a study of the feasibility of the service and financial implications of the service ninety days prior to the vote. Also, a total cost of the project for the next five years must be provided prior to the vote. I see no advantage to this city in the passing of this bill.

Respectfully, I request that you do not support this bill.

Thank you for your time and considering my request.

Sincerely,

Sam Burt

ATTACHMENT 2

Schaefer seeks to block Columbia from creating high-speed Internet utility

By **RUDI KELLER**

Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 2:00 pm Comments (44)

JEFFERSON CITY — Columbia's study of whether to connect its ultrafast fiber-optic network to the Internet and sell access to the service would be cut short under a bill sponsored by Sen. Kurt Schaefer.

At a hearing Wednesday before the Senate Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government Committee, Schaefer, R-Columbia, said he wants cities to focus on their core responsibilities.

"What you have to me is a lot of city managers and city councils who see revenue, so they are getting into" areas beyond municipal government, Schaefer said. "We need local government. But they shouldn't try to do everything for everybody."

Schaefer's bill would require voter approval for a city to provide "a wholesale or retail offering of a good or service, or substantially similar good or service" already offered within city limits by at least one private business. The bill makes exceptions for enterprises already in operation, recreation and services costing less than \$100,000 a year. The legislation is part of a national battle between telecommunications companies, some of which are using state-by-state efforts to block communities from building Internet infrastructure.

In a letter to committee Chairman Eric Schmitt, a coalition of private companies and industry associations said the bill would hinder economic growth, especially in rural areas where private companies are reluctant to invest.

"These communities should be free of artificial barriers, including the cumbersome, time-consuming, expensive, and ambiguous requirements" of Schaefer's bill, said the letter, signed by Google, Netflix, the Telecommunications Industry Association and the American Public Power Association, among others.

Forcing cities to vote on every new service would be unfair, said Ewell Lawson of the Missouri Association of Municipal Utilities.

In Missouri, Lawson said, 17 cities are offering Internet infrastructure or direct services. "There are no examples of failure in Missouri," Lawson said. "A vote often politicizes the situation when it is not necessary."

The city's possible entry into the ultrahigh-speed market is unfair competition, CenturyLink lobbyist Doug Galloway told the committee.

"The day we announced we are offering 1 gigabit service, on the same day the city offered up their Magellan consultant's report that encouraged the city to get into retail telecommunication services," Galloway said.

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On Aug. 5, Columbia unveiled a report from Magellan Advisors LLC, a Denver-based consulting firm, that recommended the city consider connecting its municipal fiber-optic network to the Internet. The network currently serves as an internal city communications system. Unused capacity is leased to 30 local institutions, hospitals and businesses, bringing in more than \$876,000 in revenue.

The city would lease unused capacity to service providers if it implemented the recommendation, said Connie Kacprowicz, spokeswoman for the Columbia Water and Light Department. Technical discussions are ongoing, but the city has not advertised for proposals due to uncertainty over Schaefer's legislation, she said.

"It is very, very broad, not to mention that any type of technology that comes up in the future could fall under that," Kacprowicz said of the bill.

The Magellan report said Columbia's fiber-optic network could offer data transmission rates of up to 10 gigabits per second, or 470 times faster than the average speed for broadband nationally in 2013, according to the Federal Communications Commission.

Solid waste haulers think the far-reaching bill is a good idea. "We are competing with municipalities all the time," said David Overfelt, lobbyist for the National Waste and Recycling Association. "We feel that it would be a good protection to our industry."

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Sent via email

To: The Honorable TJ Berry; Chairman, House Select Committee on Utilities
Missouri House of Representatives

The Honorable Rocky Miller chairman, House Energy & Environment
Committee Missouri House of Representatives

Dear Chairmen Barry and Miller

I am writing in opposition to HB 481, a bill changing current net metering laws in Missouri. While it might be well intended, it does not protect customers on not-for-profit municipal or cooperative systems. It removes the 100 kw capacity limits, which does nothing to help residential customers and local homeowners but to drive local electric rates up for customers who choose not to or cannot afford the upfront cost of net metering. It mandates that municipal and cooperative systems pay full retail rates for energy that can be purchased or produced at lower wholesale costs. It allows net metering customers to pass costs to other customers for the fixed costs of poles, wires, meters, advanced technologies and other infrastructure that make the electric grid safe, reliable and able to accommodate solar panels and other renewable distributed generation systems. Please do not create inequitable energy and grid rates for customers owners of municipal and cooperative systems.

Thank you

Sam Burt – Seymour City Administrator
Seymour, MO

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