

The Seymour Board of Alderman met for a regular meeting at 6:00 pm on Thursday, May 28, 2015 in the Seymour City Hall Board Room, 123 West Market Street.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Dale Bailey.

Roll call: Grady Bennett, Charlie Ivy, Dean Rowe, Jim Ashley.

Also present was City Administrator Sam Burt, City Attorney Dani Padgett, Police Chief Ron Wright, Supervisor Mitch Plummer, City Clerk Leslie Houk.

Approval of Minutes

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

Department of Natural Resources-Jeremy Payne

Jeremy Payne is involved with the financial side of DNR. Jeremy has worked with Seymour for 1 ½ years. Jeremy noted that DNR did deny the rural sewer grant that the city applied for. The city would be eligible to reapply for the grant once the engineering plans are submitted.

Rezoning

A motion was made by Ivy/Ashley to rezone 872 East Forrest Road from B2 to I1. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Chris Swatosh on behalf of Mike Gehrke

Chris Swatosh is representing Mike Gehrke as his attorney. Chris pointed out to the Board that the City has a nuisance ordinance that does not allow bees inside the city limits.

A motion was made by Ivy/Ashley to call the question. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Abstain:Rowe.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 718 AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE AND AMEND TITLE II. ARTICLE I. CHAPTER 215, SECTION 215.020 (APIARIES AND BEEHIVES) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF SEYMOUR, MISSOURI.

A motion was made by Ivy/Ashley to accept the first reading of Bill # 2015-718 Ordinance # 718. An ordinance to revise and amend title II, Article I, chapter 215, section 215.020 (apiaries and beehives) of the municipal code of The City of Seymour, Missouri. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Abstain: Rowe. The following roll call vote was recorded. Ayes: Bennett, Ivy, Ashley. Nays: None. Abstain: Rowe.

A motion was made by Rowe to table the ordinance. The motion died for a lack of a second.

A motion was made by Ivy/Ashley to accept the second and final reading of Bill # 2015-718 Ordinance # 718. An ordinance to revise and amend title II, article I, chapter 215, section 215.020 (apiaries and beehives) of the municipal code of The City of Seymour, Missouri. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Abstain: Rowe. The following roll call vote was recorded. Ayes: Bennett, Ivy, Ashley. Nays: None. Abstain: Rowe.

A motion was made by Ivy/Bennett for reconsideration for discussion. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Abstain: Rowe.

There was discussion from people opposing and supporting the ordinance change.

Mayor Bailey asked that the Board table the ordinance for 30 days. A motion was made by Bennett/Ivy to table the ordinance for 30 days. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Supervisor's Report-Mitch Plummer

They picked up all the brush in town this week.

The noon and 5:00 whistle is now working and will be going off everyday except for Sundays.

They have been doing a lot of street patching.

The generator at the old city hall needs a switch that costs \$3,500.00. Mitch asked about mounting it on a trailer. If the city was to do this the fuel tank would need to be double lined. The company is getting Mitch a cost on this.

Administrator's Report-Sam Burt

See Report

Mayor's Report-Dale Bailey

Mayor Bailey reminded that per ordinance anyone zoned I1 is not allowed to live in the business. He has had complaints of a business owner living in the business that is zoned I1.

Mayor Bailey had the buyer of Childress's property contact him about opening Hillcrest Street. The buyer would give the city the land to make the road 60 feet. A motion was made by Grady/Ivy to look into opening Hillcrest. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Aldermen's Report

Alderman Grady Bennett has had a lot of complaints on loose dogs.

Alderman Charlie Ivy commented that there are a lot of houses and buildings in conditions less than desirable. A motion was made by Ivy/Ashley to have City Administrator Sam Burt solicit bids for a building inspector to take a look at the entire city and report back with their findings. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Alderman Jim Ashley commented that it is nice to hear the 5:00 whistle again.

A motion was made by Bennett/Ivy to take a 10 minute break and go into executive session. Ayes: All. Nays: None. The following roll call vote was recorded. Ayes: Bennett, Ivy, Rowe, Ashley. Nays: None.

The reason for executive session is Personnel and Real Estate.

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

A motion was made by Bennett/Ashley to reappoint Kay Mattingly and Barbara Holmes to the Library Board for another 3 years and to appoint Rebekah Castillo for a three year term replacing Amie Frantz. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Ashley/Bennett to approve Police Chief Ron Wright's recommendation and hire Aubrey Hutson as a reserve officer. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Bennett/Rowe to adjourn. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Mayor Dale Bailey

City Clerk Leslie Houk

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FOLLOW UP WITH SYSPRO

Met with Jerry Kleier, Stan Whitehurst, Paul Ipock, Denzel Young, Mark Hultgren-USDA, James Combs-USDA, and Jack Kearbey-USDA to discuss a follow up offer with Syspro

Selling points: Railroad spur with 4 car capacity, abundance of labor – Amish labor also available, natural gas, Tax abatement and local property tax reduction available, electric rate reduction, etc

BUILDING FOR CHURCH GROUP

Old Nazarene Church Building on Main Street
Vacant Pentecostal Church at 119 N. Division
The Gathering Hall

MFA BUILDING

Potential buyer for MFA building on square
Contacted owner and inspected the building
Set up walk-thru with potential buyer

BENCHES FOR THE CEMETERY

Cost range from \$300 to \$1400
Benches on the square - \$350+tax and shipping
Trash Cans to match - \$200+tax and shipping

SIGN REPLACEMENT FOR CITY

Traffic signs to be replaced with reflective type
*FHWA – minimum retro-reflectivity Standards
Information attached for your review

*Federal Highway Administration

KEY FACTS REGARDING STREET SIGN AND SIGN RETROREFLECTIVITY REQUIREMENTS

Street Signs

- There is no deadline set by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) by which street name or other guide signs must be replaced for the sole purpose of changing them to a mix of upper-case and lower-case letters. The requirements for mixed case letters in street signs generally apply when signs are replaced because of normal wear and tear. Thus, there is no added cost associated with this requirement.
- There are no requirements to replace "perfectly good signs" with new signs because of the mixed case standard.
- Many media reports are **factually incorrect** when they state that signs must be replaced by January 2012. The only requirement for this date is that roadway owners have a *sign management plan in place.*
- In 2000, the MUTCD established recommendations for minimum letter heights on street name signs. The MUTCD recommends 6" initial letter height for roads with speed limits of 40 mph or less with an option of 4" initial letter height for streets with speed limit 25 mph or less. Agencies need to evaluate and decide by January 2012 whether or not to use the recommended letter height *or use an engineering study or engineering judgment to decide that a smaller letter height is acceptable.*
- In 2003, the MUTCD added a recommendation for letter heights of street name signs on multilane roads with speed limits greater than 40 mph. The MUTCD recommends 8" initial letter heights for post mounted and 12" letter height for overhead street name signs. Agencies need to evaluate and decide by December 2018 whether or not to use the recommended letter height *or use an engineering study or engineering judgment to decide that a smaller letter height is acceptable.*
- There is a requirement to upgrade signs to meet new retroreflectivity requirements, making them more visible to nighttime drivers, older drivers and in inclement weather. There is a timetable to do this (see below).

Timeline to Implement Minimum Levels of Retroreflectivity

In 2007 deadlines to implement minimum levels of retroreflectivity were established in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

- **Maintaining Minimum Retroreflectivity**
 1. January 22, 2012: By this date, roadway owners must adopt a plan to ensure that their signs meet Minimum Levels of Retroreflectivity by the dates cited below. The FHWA lists 5 options, among which are simple *visual inspection* and *blanket replacement* of groups of signs at the end of their “useful life” as stated by the manufacturer.
 2. January 22, 2015: Regulatory and Warning Signs and Post-Mounted Signs must meet retroreflectivity requirements.
 3. January 22, 2018: Overhead and Street Name signs must meet retroreflectivity requirements. If street name signs meet retroreflectivity requirements and are all CAPITAL letters, they may remain in service for the remainder of their useful life. They never have to be changed out only because of the capital letter/mixed case issue.
- FHWA estimated the cost for making these retroreflectivity improvements throughout the entire United States to be \$37 million dollars over a 10 year period. The reason that this figure is lower than some estimates reported in the media is that the implementation timetable detailed above was designed to roughly coincide with the useful life of existing signs. Thus, it is likely that most of them would have been replaced anyway.

Key Reasons for the Requirements

- Aging population on U. S. roadways:
 - A 65 year old needs four times the amount of light to see at night as compared to a 25 year old.
 - The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety projects that by 2025, *one in every four drivers will be 65 or older*.
 - Increased retroreflectivity and signage size allows for added decision time for older drivers
 - Allows faster response time by EMTs, police, and fire personnel to better allow them to read and understand signs and reduce travel time to the site.
- More than 50 percent of traffic accidents resulting in fatalities occur at night. Increased retroreflectivity addresses this issue.

Funding

- Surface Transportation Program (STP)
 - Used for a variety of transportation purposes, including:
 - Improvement of signing and pavement markings
 - These funds can be used on all public roads except those functionally classified as local or rural minor collectors.
- Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)
 - \$1.25 billion annually goes to states
 - Twenty-one (21) states transferred money from HSIP to other programs when it could have been used for these vital safety improvements. Eight states have used only 50 percent of their funding to date.
- There are specific requirements to be able to use Highway Safety Improvement Program Funds for sign upgrades. To be eligible for HSIP funds, the improvement of highway signage must be:
 - Identified as a priority in the State's Strategic Highway Safety Plan, AND
 - Correct or improve a hazardous road location or feature or address a highway safety problem, AND
 - Locations for potential safety improvement must be identified through a data-driven process.

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