

The Seymour Board of Alderman met for a regular meeting at 6:00 pm on Thursday, February 9, 2017 in the Seymour City Hall Board Room, 123 West Market Street.

At 6:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Grady Bennett called the meeting to order.

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

Also present was City Administrator Sam Burt, City Attorney Paul Link, City Supervisor Mitch Plummer, Assistant City Supervisor Chuck Smith, Police Officer Scott Dinwiddie, City Clerk Leslie Houk.

### Old Business

#### Approval of Minutes

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

### New Business

#### Approval of Bills

A motion was made by Rowe/Ashley to approve the bills and transfers. Ayes: All.  
Nays: None.

### Ronald McDonald Proclamation

Grady Bennett, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Seymour, Missouri, do hereby proclaim February 13 through February 19, 2017 as Ronald McDonald House Week.

### Heath Johnson-Recent Utility Bills Around the Community

Heath Johnson along with several citizens is concerned about the amount of the utility bills and the utility rates. They would like the city to list the PPA as a separate item on the bill, look into budget pay and the rate structure.

### Rezoning-324 Center Ave

The property owner requests a zoning change from I2 to B2. Planning and Zoning has met and recommends changing the zoning. A motion was made by Ivy/Rowe

to proceed with the public hearing for the zoning change. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Rezoning-310 E. Steel St.

The property owner requests a zoning change from B2 to I1. Planning and Zoning has met and recommends changing the zoning. A motion was made by Rowe/Ashley to proceed with the public hearing for the zoning change. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Abstain: Ivy for being the real estate agent to the buyer.

Citizen Comments

Mike Gehrke would like to see retail sales allowed in the I1 & I2 zonings.

Vernon Copeland thanked the Board for getting the parking bars at the police station moved.

Supervisor Report-Mitch Plummer

See Report

Administrator's Report-Sam Burt

See Report

The transformers at 324 Center Ave are 1500 KVA. It takes a minimum of \$500.00 a month in electric to keep them warm. Supervisor Mitch Plummer would like to trade them out for smaller transformers. A motion was made by Ashley/Ivy to trade out the transformers. Ayes: all. Nays: None.

The city auditor would like to see the Mayor Pro Tem or a Board Member to be the second signature on the checks and on the city's accounts at the banks. A motion was made by Ashley/Rowe to add the Mayor Pro Tem to the city's accounts and signature pages. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Mayor's Report-Mayor Pro Tem Grady Bennett

Mayor Pro Tem Grady Bennett asked if all the electrical testing is up to date. MPT Bennett would like to determine or decide what kind of time frame we can get the electric poles replaced and trees trimmed. We need to decide if it can be done in house or if it should be contracted out.

City Attorney Report-Paul Link

Nothing to Report

Aldermen's Report

Alderman Dean Rowe asked if the county has any community service that can pick up trash around town.

Alderman Charlie Ivy commented that people are appreciative of the lights at the YMCA. Alderman Ivy noted that the GIS has been the best thing the city has ever done.

At 8:55 p.m. a motion was made by Ivy/Ashley to go into closed session. Ayes: All. Nays: None. The following roll call vote was recorded. Ayes: Ivy, Rowe, Ashley, Bennett. Nays: None.

The reason for executive session is Litigation.

At 9:15 p.m. a motion was made by Ivy/Ashley to adjourn. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

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Grady Bennett, Mayor Pro Tem

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Leslie Houk, City Clerk



## *City Administrator's Report - February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

### *Ventura Lift Station*

*We are waiting on a quote from Don Lutes and Tim Hancock for replacement of the Ventura Lift Station. I do not have the quote in hand but will keep you informed and make a presentation at the appropriate time.*

### *Raw Sewage on Ground*

*The sewage problem at 126 W. Anderson has been resolved. Roto Rooter was hired by the homeowner to clean out the line. I ask John to be present when this process was taking place to make sure that the city did not have any damage to the line that may be causing it to clog. Roto Rooter indicated that our portion of the line was cracked and causing the line to stop up. John dug up the line and did not find any problems with it. A further investigation with a sewer line camera proved that our city line was intact, not only outside but inside as well, it was not cracked and not causing any problems. I will continue to monitor and report any further problems.*

### *Bank Signature*

*Our auditor recommended adding the Mayor Pro-Tem to the account and removing Lissa from the account and leaving Leslie.*

### *Concerns at South Park and Recycle Center*

*Vandals have tried to destroy the grassy surfaces in the park, cutting "donuts" in several places and at some point driving across the tennis court. Recently our dog pound area was vandalized as well. Of course the recycle area is used to dump things other than what is recyclable.*

*With the help of our staff, the dog pound was secured and two outside lights were repaired to bring some security to that area. However, the dumping at the recycle area and constant damage to the grassy area of the park continue to be a problem. Therefore I have contacted Federal Security, the same company that protects the city hall building, and ask for a quote for security cameras for these areas. I do not have the quote as of yet however I will make a presentation to the council when the quote becomes available.*



### *Electrical Billing Concerns*

*Several of our customers have complained about their bills this billing cycle. Everyone experienced an increase in cost this month, some of which was weather related; however, the main reason for the increase was the length of the billing cycle itself. Meters are due to be read on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. In December 2016 the 15<sup>th</sup> fell on a Thursday and therefore the meters were read on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> to meet the 15<sup>th</sup> requirement. Then in January, the 15<sup>th</sup> fell on Sunday. Normally when this occurs the meters are read on the following Monday and Tuesday. In January, Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> was a National Holiday, MLK Day. Some of our staff took vacation on Tuesday to enjoy a 4 day weekend and another one of our staff was in the hospital and his meters were read last and late. Therefore, the billing cycles in question were actually 36-37 days long and the added time caused the concern by some of our customers. The next billing cycle will be 26 days.*

*This is a normal reoccurring situation that will continue to happen due to our manual reading process. A solution to this is to purchase an automatic meter reading system that would read our meters at the same time every month. It would be an electronic system used to monitor electric and water as well. With the help of Mitch, I will be talking with a contractor and hopefully will have the first quote by next month. A system like this will need to be budgeted. As soon as I have the details I will make a presentation to you.*

*Another concern with the high electrical bills for this last cycle was the "fuel adjustment" charged by our electrical supplier. In every billing that I reviewed the percentage of the fuel adjustment was 19.5% (PPA of .0197). For this period the cost of power from the city (.1008 per kilowatt) was increased to .1205 per kilowatt due to the fuel adjustment. In the next cycle the PPA is .0156 down from .0197. This means that the fuel adjustment will be 15.5% down 4% from last month. Our average fuel adjustment for the last twelve months was a PPA of .0147 or a percentage of 14.5*

### *Shut Off Street at East Anderson*

*A request has been made by Rafalla Respress to shut off the right of way on the east side of her house. Some people are pulling up in there for the wrong reasons and she feels that the road should be blocked off.*



### *Update on UV Project*

*Project is under contract and a Notice to Proceed has been issued. The shop drawing and equipment details are complete. Smith and Edwards expect to be on-site by February 13<sup>th</sup>.*

### *Mirma Audit for Seymour*

*Once a year Mirma audits our city to make sure we are doing right things right. This audit is comprehensive including safety, occupational illness and injury, liability, national standards compliance, human resources and training. We have scored in the 90's since 2013 and this year was the best with a score of 98%.*

*Sam Burt  
Seymour City Administrator*

*Just a thought...*

*I recognize every day that my plans and ideas are not the authority that the universe operates by. In reality, I have little to say about it other than being obedient and respectful to my creator and those in authority over me. The benefits of keeping divine thoughts and plans as my focus rather than my own is that I spend less time fretting and worrying about things that I can't control but rather spend my time expecting the best my creator has to offer for my life. This may just work for your life as well. Sam*