

The Seymour Board of Alderman met for a regular meeting at 6:00 pm on Thursday, April 11, 2019 in the Seymour City Hall Board Room, 123 West Market Street.

At 6:00 p.m. Mayor Richard Vinson called the meeting to order.

Roll call: Jim Ashley, Mary Carpenter, Nadine Crisp, Dan Wehmer. It is determined there is a quorum.

Also, present was City Attorney Chris Swatosh, City Administrator Sam Burt, Police Consultant Bob Paudert, Police Officer Chase Davis, Supervisor Mitch Plummer, Assistant to the Administrator Hillary Gintz, City Clerk Leslie Houk.

### Old Business

#### Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Wehmer/Carpenter to approve the minutes. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

#### Certification of Election

City Clerk Leslie Houk read the certification of election from County Clerk Stan Whitehurst. North Ward Alderman: William Pogue 55, David Paul Carpenter, Jr. 41. South Ward Alderman: Nadine Crisp 61, Bob Findley 16, Dustin Wierman 59, Jason Thompson 24.

Mayor Richard Vinson presented Alderwoman Mary Carpenter with a plaque for her service on the Board.

### New Business

#### Oath of Office

Oath of office was given by City Clerk Leslie Houk to North Ward Alderman William Pogue and South Ward Alderman Nadine Crisp.

#### Mayor Pro-Tem Appointment

A motion was made by Crisp/Wehmer to appoint North Ward Alderman Jim Ashley as Mayor Pro-Tem. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

#### Approval to Pay Bills

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

#### Citizen Comments

Bob Chew noticed the hanging light fixture across the street is broken and there is broken glass on the sidewalk. The city will take care of this tomorrow.

### YMCA Pool Tax

The ballot language is specific in saying the tax is to be used for maintenance only. The city has a letter from the Attorney General stating very clear what maintenance is. The YMCA has not been using the tax for what it is intended for. A motion was made by Wehmer/Crisp that the city manages the pool tax. Ayes: All. Nays: None. The following roll call vote was recorded. Alderman Jim Ashley-yes. Alderman William Pogue-yes. Alderwoman Nadine Crisp-yes. Alderman Dan Wehmer-yes.

### Fire/Police Tax

See handout

Alderman Dan Wehmer made a motion to split the 3/8-cent sales tax 50/50 with the fire and police department. Alderwoman Nadine Crisp seconded the motion. Ayes: Pogue, Crisp, Wehmer. Nays: Ashley. The following roll call vote was recorded. Alderman Jim Ashley-no. Alderman William Pogue-yes. Alderwoman Nadine Crisp-yes. Alderman Dan Wehmer-yes.

### Directional Signs

City Administrator Sam Burt handed out a draft of the directional signs for the city. A motion was made by Crisp/Pogue to go forward with the proposed signs. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

### Supervisor Report-Mitch Plummer

See Report

City Supervisor Mitch Plummer updated the Board on purchasing vs leasing a backhoe. The dealers advised that purchasing is the best option. A motion was made by Wehmer/Ashley to purchase the John Deere backhoe. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

### Police Report

See Report.

Police Consultant Bob Paudert shared a couple disturbing videos of police incidents. He showed them so the Board and public can see how dangerous it is to be an officer.

### City Administrator Report-Sam Burt

After the Active Shooter Training City Administrator Sam Burt has been busy getting quotes on security for the office. City Administrator Burt spoke with Honeywell on the automatic meter readers. They will be here in two weeks to meet with everyone.

### Mayor Report-Richard Vinson

Mayor Richard Vinson asked Fire Chief Shawn Crump if he could visit the Library and help them with an evacuation plan. Mayor Vinson asked if there have been complaints on 321 Commercial Street. A letter has been mailed to them.

### City Attorney Report

City Attorney Chris Swatosh let the Board know he helped the police department with a freedom of information request from an attorney in Springfield. These requests are common. Attorney Swatosh commented that the city court has fallen behind. About 4 years ago the Supreme Court has changed. Attorney Swatosh has been working with the court and police department with the changes.

### Aldermen's Report

Alderman Dan Wehmer said that Carol McCormack has a unique tree situation. There is a limb that is hanging over her service line. Alderman Wehmer asked Supervisor Mitch Plummer to look at it and the next time the tree trimmers are here have them look at it. 318 East Summit is looking bad. The owner is remodeling it. The city did send a letter asking them to get it cleaned up. Bobby Banks has huge piles of limbs on the West side of his house. There is water standing at the school ballfield. This did not show up until Tom Boyce Excavating bored under the road. Seymour is hosting districts this year so this needs to be addressed now.

Alderwoman Nadine Crisp asked what is going on at the church on Division Street. They paved the parking lot and it is looking good. Ron Cardwell's property on Peightel Street looks bad. The city has sent him a letter.

Alderman William Pogue asked if the city has received any complaints on trucks delivering at Casey's. They are parking across the street in the turn lane. Alderman Pogue has received complaints from a couple teachers.

Alderman Jim Ashley made a reminder that Kim Cantrell's tin horn still needs cleaned out. Wayne Barker contacted Alderman Ashley about the alley West of him. There is one place that is higher.

At 8:20 p.m. a motion was made by Ashley/Crisp to go into executive session. Ayes: All. Nays: None. The following roll call vote was recorded. Alderman Jim Ashley-yes. Alderman William Pogue-yes. Alderwoman Nadine Crisp-yes. Alderman Dan Wehmer-yes.

The reason for executive session is Personnel & Real Estate.

At 9:30 p.m. a motion was made by Pogue/Crisp to go back into open session. Ayes: All. Nays: None. The following roll call vote was recorded. Alderman Jim Ashley-yes. Alderman William Pogue-yes. Alderwoman Nadine Crisp-yes. Alderman Dan Wehmer-yes.

At 9:30 p.m. a motion was made by Pogue/Crisp to adjourn. Ayes: All. Nays: None. The following roll call vote was recorded. Alderman Jim Ashley-yes. Alderman William Pogue-yes. Alderwoman Nadine Crisp-yes. Alderman Dan Wehmer-yes.

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Mayor Richard Vinson

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City Clerk Leslie Houk