

The Seymour Board of Alderman met for a regular meeting at 6:00 pm on Thursday, May 7, 2020 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, William Pogue, Nadine Crisp, Dan Wehmer. It is determined there is a quorum.

Also, present was City Administrator Hillary Gintz, Police Chief Steven Pogue, City Clerk Leslie Houk.

Old Business

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Dan Wehmer did want to note that in the closed special minutes from April 28th Alderman William Pogue had excused himself from the meeting and was not present in any of the discussion that included his son Steven Pogue.

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

New Business

Approval of Bills

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

MSU-Downtown Revitalization Plan

The MSU presented their Downtown Revitalization Plan by Zoom tonight.

Citizen Comments

Bob Chew informed everyone the National Day of Prayer is today and has been cancelled. From 7-9 tonight the Billy Graham Library will have speakers.

Seymour Community Development Association-Let Freedom Ring

Sheila Sturdefant with the SCDA came to the Board with ideas of what Let Freedom Ring could look like with the COVID-19. Instead of the car show have a parade of cars, have a band but sit in your car, fireworks watched from your vehicle. Alderman Dan Wehmer would like to see Let Freedom Ring go as usual.

Oath of Office-Police Chief

Oath of Office was given by City Clerk Leslie Houk to Police Chief Steven Pogue.

Discussion of Vacant Commercial Buildings and Liability Insurance Obligations

See Alderman Dan Wehmer's handout

Supervisor Report-Mitch Plummer

See Report.

Police Report-Police Steven Pogue

See Report.

City Administrator Report-Hillary Gintz

Nothing to Report

Mayor Report-Richard Vinson

Mayor Richard Vinson has noticed that the North end of City Hall has paint peeling and the awning is molded.

Aldermen's Report

Alderman Jim Ashley had Jerry Kleier contact him to see if the city can get some holes patched on Forrest Drive. Alderman Ashley would like to see the UTV ordinance amended from a 1-year inspection to an inspection every 2 years. A motion was made by Ashley/Pogue to have the amended ordinance drafted and have it on the next agenda. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Alderman William Pogue asked if letters for junk are being sent since the city-wide cleanup is starting June 6. Alderman Pogue noticed the fence at the Cemetery has been hit. The city crew are aware of this and have been working on it. A tree fell at the park in the Cemetery and hit the corner of the building. Alderman Pogue asked for an update on the new website. City Administrator Hillary Gintz said it is close to being done and is looking good.

Alderman Nadine Crisp is curious who helped clean up the square from the roof blowing off. The Fordland Baseball team came and helped.

Alderman Dan Wehmer commented that Mike Street's traveling garage is now on Frances Street. He is operating a garage without a business license and on a property that is not zoned for business. Clifford Keeling is operating a tire disposal business without a business license and on a property that is not zoned for a business. Alderman Wehmer was asked a question this week. Is the square 1 lane or 2 lanes. It is 2 lanes. Alderman Wehmer would like to see the square striped to reflect this and it might cut down on vehicles going the wrong way. Alderman Wehmer asked what the plan is for the Library reopening. Administrator Gintz answered it is opened Monday – Friday 9-3 right now with restrictions on the number of people and only one person per family allowed. Alderman Wehmer would like to see the Library return to normal operations and see the family rule eliminated.

At 7:50 p.m. a motion was made by Pogue/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 pursuant to section 610.021 (3) Personnel.

At 10:35 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.

Mayor Richard Vinson

City Clerk Leslie Houk