

The Seymour Board of Alderman met for a regular meeting at 6:00 pm on Thursday, August 24, 2017 in the Seymour City Hall Board Room, 123 West Market Street.

At 6:00 PM Mayor Larry Chafin called the meeting to order.

Roll call: Grady Bennett, Mary Carpenter, Nadine Crisp and Jim Ashley. It is determined there is a quorum.

Also present was City Administrator Sam Burt, Supervisor Mitch Plummer, Assistant Supervisor Chuck Smith, Police Officer Josh Mullins, City Clerk Leslie Houk.

### Old Business

#### Approval of Minutes

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

### New Business

#### Approval of Bills

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

ORDINANCE #2017-743 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AND ASSESSING A PROPERTY TAX FOR GENERAL REVENUE FUND, LIBRARY FUND, PARK FUND, CEMETERY FUND, AND ON ALL REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY, RAILROAD COMPANIES, TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE COMPANIES, AND ON ALL OTHER PUBLIC UTILITIES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SEYMOUR, MISSOURI, THAT IS NOT EXEMPT FROM TAXATION BY STATE OR NATIONAL LAW FOR THE YEAR 2017.

A motion was made by Bennett/Ashley to accept the first reading of Bill # 2017-743, Ordinance #743 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AND ASSESSING A PROPERTY TAX FOR GENERALREVENUE FUND, LIBRARY FUND, PARK FUND, CEMETERY FUND, AND ON ALL REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY, RAILROAD COMPANIES, TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE COMPANIES, AND ON ALL OTHER PUBLIC UTILITIES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SEYMOUR, MISSOURI, THAT IS NOT EXEMPT FROM TAXATION BY STATE OR NATIONAL LAW FOR THE YEAR 2017. Ayes: All. Nays: None. The following roll call vote was recorded. Ayes: Bennett, Carpenter, Crisp, Ashley. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Carpenter/Crisp to accept the second and final reading of Bill # 2017-743, Ordinance #743. AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AND ASSESSING A PROPERTY TAX FOR GENERALREVENUE FUND, LIBRARY FUND, PARK FUND, CEMETERY FUND, AND ON ALL REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY, RAILROAD COMPANIES, TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE COMPANIES, AND ON ALL OTHER PUBLIC

UTILITIES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SEYMOUR, MISSOURI, THAT IS NOT EXEMPT FROM TAXATION BY STATE OR NATIONAL LAW FOR THE YEAR 2017. Ayes: All. Nays: None. The following roll call vote was recorded. Ayes: Bennett, Carpenter, Crisp, Ashley. Nays: None.

#### Citizen Comments

No Comments.

#### Supervisor Report-Mitch Plummer

Read meters, completed locates, helped Rusty Spur's with a power issue, helped the Steel Plant with power while they changed out switch gears, fixed a broken wire on the tennis court lights, lowered the speaker connectors on the square for the Apple Festival, fixed water leaks.

#### Assistant Supervisor Report-Chuck Smith

See Attached Report

#### Administrator's Report-Sam Burt

See Attached Report

#### Mayor Report-Larry Chafin

Mayor Larry Chafin would like to reform the P&Z Board with the following appointed individuals. Skye Johns, Sonny Vanness, Charlie Ivy, William Pogue, Luke Wright. Mayor Chafin would also like Alderman Jim Ashley, City Administrator Sam Burt and Mayor Chafin to represent the city at the P&Z meetings. A motion was made by Bennett/Carpenter to approve Mayor Chafin's appointments to the P&Z Board and city representatives. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Mayor Chafin presented some ideas for a cell phone policy. Alderman Grady Bennett would like to see the cell phone use be discussed on more of a safety level instead of making it a policy.

#### City Attorney Report-Paul Link

City Attorney Paul Link passed out the drafted rental contract for the old city hall between the city and Jason Thompson with Emergency Sight & Sound.

#### Aldermen's Report

Alderman Jim Ashley would like to see the Board meetings recorded. A motion was made by Ashley/Crisp to record the Board meetings to include the closed session on separate audio. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Alderman Nadine Crisp asked if the residents on Court Street have been to court for the junk in their yard. It was reported that it has been cleaned up and then reported they just moved the junk

to the back of their place. Alderman Crisp would like to do away with the PPA for 3 months to help the citizen's. Alderman Nadine Crisp would like to recommend the city employees work 5 days a week. A motion was made by Crisp to change the city employee work hours to 5 days a week instead of 4. The motion died for a lack of a second. Alderman Mary Carpenter would like to table. Alderman Carpenter would like to get more information and would like to talk to the employees. Alderman Crisp asked if the Seymour Area Arts Council ever got internet. Citizen and business owner Mike Gehrke said he would pay for a year of internet service for the Arts Council. A motion was made by Ashley/Crisp to designate City Administrator Sam Burt to get the Seymour Area Arts Council internet service. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Alderman Mary Carpenter commended the trailers on Steel Street being removed, the ditches are looking better. Alderman Carpenter would also like to commend the Mayor on the research that he does. Mayor Larry Chafin wants to go on public record saying thank you.

Alderman Grady Bennett would like to see the city hall close for half a day on Monday for Police Chief Ron Wright's Sons funeral.

At 8:30 p.m. a motion was made by Crisp/Ashley to take a break and go into executive session. Ayes: All. Nays: None. The following roll call vote was recorded. Ayes: Bennett, Carpenter, Crisp, Ashley. Nays: None.

The reason for executive session is personnel.

At 9:10 p.m. a motion was made by Bennett/Ashley to adjourn. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

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Mayor Larry Chafin

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City Clerk Leslie Houk

# Supervisor Report/ Street Team

8/24/17

STREET TEAM

# **STREET TEAM HIGHLIGHTS**

*We have gotten started on the sidewalk project for the Seymour School but the rain has kept us from making much progress. However we have used our time wisely to prepare for the Apple Festival which is just 12 short days away. We have most of the striping and painting done but still have plenty to do. I met with Renee Wallace to find out when the tents are going up and it will most likely be Monday the 4th which is Labor day. So we will have the trees mulched, grass cut & trimmed, sidewalks edged, and the gravel down for the Smoke Shack by Friday the 1st. I have also asked MoDot to run their street sweeper around the square next week.*

# **Street Team Report for 8/24/17**

- *Picked up Library trash 8/8*
- *Emptied trash cans at Cemetery and South Park 8/8*
- *Picked up brush 8/8*
- *Fed and watered dogs at Dog Pound 8/8*
- *Read Meters 8/15*
- *Fed and watered dogs at Dog Pound 8/15*
- *Emptied trash cans at Cemetery and South Park 8/16*
- *Worked on sidewalk project for the school*
- *Picked up Library trash 8/16*
- *Picked up brush 8/17*
- *Cleaned up Recycle Center 8/22*
- *Covered grave 8/22*
- *Striped square for Apple Festival*
- *Fed and watered dogs at Dog Pound 8/23*
- *Picked up City Hall trash 8/23*
- *Emptied trash cans at Cemetery and South Park 8/23*
- *Been running the ditch cutter all over town.*
- *With all the rain we are mowing some spots twice a week.*



Weekly Activity List for Sam Burt 8/10/2017 to 8/16/2017

**Thursday** -I have an update on the prevailing wage for the two projects that I mentioned in my last report. Both the MML staff and MIRMA confirm that we are not required to pay the additional cost as long as the work is done by employees of the City of Seymour. I contacted the MIRMA HR-1 Call Center and Jennifer Baird of Lauber Municipal Law responded. In the past, projects of this type were paid a prevailing wage as set by the state. The B Street project is an example of the city paying the higher wage. Ken Owens set the precedence when he was city administrator.

**Friday** -Day Off. I worked a half day to catch up on things. I also had a conversation with the Mayor and discussed issues that did not get discussed in Thursday's closed session meeting.

**Monday** - I received today from DNR a construction permit extension. The request has been granted for a period of 12 months and will expire August 11, 2018. This permit extension authorizes construction of the UV facilities for Seymour.

I worked on and completed a job description for the position of City Administrator. It will be in my files until needed.

I received a call from a very angry father today about how his grown child was being mistreated by her boy friend. I passed the info on to Ron. Ron contacted the father and the daughter. This was a police matter and Ron and staff handled it.

I met with Bruce Denney, Bob Crump and the Street Crew to discuss the sidewalk project between the school and the storm shelter. One land owner is affected and the changes to entering his property have been discussed with him. All permits from MoDOT have been received. Weather permitting; we will start that project this week.

**Tuesday** - Talked with Pud this morning about the water project for the sprinkler system at Missouri Cabinet and Supply. We are having a problem locating the valve that shuts off the water to that system. For some reason the valve is not on any of the maps that we have in place. Once it is found the valves location will need to be added to the GIS system for the future. This is just another example of paper maps being unreliable.

I met with the street crew again this morning before work began on the sidewalk project - a joint effort between the school and the city. All permits are in place and work is underway. I have spent time with the street crew today. The sidewalk is marked out and work will begin in earnest on Monday.

**Wednesday** -I have talked with Duane about our UV project and its approval through the DNR. I will forward his email to everyone. Basically it says that there are no known



issues with the project. It has been forwarded to the DNR legal department for final approval. The time needed for this final approval is unknown. I will keep everyone informed as the information is available to me.

The two trailers on Steele Street are being torn down and hauled away. Several letters were sent asking for something to be done. The owner called me this week to let me know that the work is ongoing. I will keep you informed.

When talking with the mayor about prevailing wage on our water project and sidewalk project I mentioned that I had been told in the past by Ken and also by Dale that the city was required to pay the additional wage. In our files we have a letter from Ben Berkstresser dated June 27, 2012 that supports what I had been told in the past and why I was of the opinion that we must pay the prevailing wage. I will attach a copy of this letter with my report. I don't want us to make a mistake with these projects. I believe that there are strong feelings on both sides of this issue so some discussion will be needed in our next council meeting. As I stated earlier (top of page one), both the MML and MIRMA stated to me that the prevailing wage was not needed on these projects because of Seymour employees doing the work. However the letter from Ben says something different. I will forward this letter to Paul for an opinion. Also, just for your information, Ewell Lawson, Vice President of Government Affairs, Communications and Member Relations for MPUA, will attend a meeting on prevailing wage as part of the Interim Committee on Labor Reform. MPUA has been asked to testify on this issue as it relates to construction/maintenance issues. MPUA will suggest a threshold of \$500K before prevailing wage is required. I do not have the result of this meeting but will forward that to you when available.

In service to our City,

Sam Burt, Seymour City Administrator

*Success in this life isn't necessarily about how popular, influential or educated someone is. Success is about living a life of excellence in obedience to God's Word. When we step out to do what God has called us to do, scripture says that His favor surrounds us like a shield. When we have His favor, we have everything, and we have an advantage for success!*

*.....just my two cents worth.....Sam*





Weekly Activity List for Sam Burt 8/17/2017 to 8/23/2017

**Thursday** -I met with Charlie Ivy this morning to discuss some P&Z issues that he was concerned about and also to refresh on the Owen property. The Owen family is not in favor of annexation at this time. I do feel that at some point they will want that done so I need finish making plans to get the water and sewer to that property. I will keep you informed.

I met with Bob Crump this morning concerning the interview that was done on KSPR33 this week. The reporter did not understand how the process of moving kids from the school to the shelter works and from the interview she never did understand. Bruce Denney has said that he would like to address the city council about this so that everyone knows what happens and when it happens. I could invite Bruce to our next meeting.

We still have not found the cutoff for the water on the project on Clinton Street - MCS. I talked with Mitch this morning and he has called someone in from the Missouri Rural Water Supply with equipment to hopefully help find the valve needed to shut off the water. As this develops I will keep you informed.

The easement/road between Rusty Spurs and the Twin Dragons is in deplorable shape due the weather and the traffic that is on it every day. Currently the city just fills in the holes with rock when needed. The trees on either side of the road block the equipment from being used to maintain the road in a proper manner. I have received several complaints about the road and will try to get something done this week. At some point a more permanent solution is needed.

I have had several complaints about the scrubs on the ND property protruding into the sidewalk area. John Griechen and I went over there today and check it out. I have asked Shelley to send them a letter and ask that the overhang be trimmed away.

Affordable Roofing has been contacted about the winning bid for repair of the Storm Shelter roof. Work should be started next week.

**Friday** -Day Off - I was at city hall until 1:00 p.m.

Laura Richardson, DNR, reported the following: The SCEAP grant has been signed off on and approved by the director. We are still waiting on the RSG (Rural Sewer Grant/UV system) approval. When approved, I will immediately notify you and we can schedule a meeting so that the department can come down and award the grants.

I asked the Street Department to fix the pot holes on the easement between the Chinese Restaurant and the Rusty Spurs Restaurant. Mentioned above...



**Monday** – I did not order any “Solar Eclipse” glasses but I did borrow 30 pair from Bruce Denney at the school. Each one of our employees has a pair for the event today.

Sharon Young has called and wants electricity at the park on November 11<sup>th</sup> for an event called “Color Blast”. I will call her today and get the details before I talk with Mitch.

I helped with a water leak on Peightel Street. A part of the water line gave way creating a hole 14 inches long and 3 inches wide. Several of our citizens were without water for about 3 hours. A 3 foot section of pipe was removed and replaced. Pud, Lance and John did a fantastic job of getting the repair complete. I told Pud that I appreciated him coming in on his day off to lead in this repair. Once the repair was complete the line was flushed for two hours. Water samples were taken today as part of our regular maintenance. After this incident I have called and asked Ron to come back and take additional samples to insure the quality of the water for our citizens.

I received a call from 122 E. Anderson stating that raw sewage was standing on the ground at 116 E Anderson. The lady was correct. Sunny Vanness was already there and working on the stopped up sewer line. I will follow up with John to make sure that the problem is corrected.

**Tuesday** – Ron Lawson, the person that tests our water, came by this morning. During the routine test yesterday one of the samples came back positive (Water Street). He and I called DNR and talked with Denise. The process is flush the lines and take more samples. I will report to you the findings. Also, we talked to Denise about the water leak on Peightel Street because someone had asked about a boil order. The pressure on the system was 45 pounds. Since it did not drop below 20 there is no danger in contamination. She suggested that we take some special samples on either side of the break to insure the quality of the water. We were already in process of doing that task.

We are all devastated by the loss of Ron’s son Jake in a motorcycle accident today. Please remember the family in your thoughts and prayers.

**Wednesday** – I have spent some time in the vehicle checking out the city. We are trying to be everything looking good for Apple Festival. The road ditches are looking good and the square is being re-stripped today.

The sheriff will be helping us out tomorrow because Dinwiddie is in school that could not be cancelled and Josh is out of town and will not return until noon tomorrow. Roy will be here in the morning to help up. We really do appreciate his help during this time of crisis for Ron.



Ron Billings, Colonial Life Insurance, has scheduled a meeting with the Mayor and our city employees on the 29<sup>th</sup> of August at 9:30 a.m. in the council chambers. I will make sure that everyone knows about the meeting.

I spent some time with Mitch and John talking about the water values that we can't find to shut off the water for the MCS water project. We located the valves and lines that were needed on the North side of town for Mr. Kleier.

The PPA information that was requested in our last city council meeting by Councilwoman Nadine Crisp has been sent to the mayor and council. That money is used to keep the lights on at city hall and all the city buildings and also to run the sewer plant and both of the water pumps.

I received a call from Ron Lawson, Lawson Labs, and some of the water samples that we taken yesterday were bad. The break on Peightel – the sample up stream was good and the two samples downstream were not. On Water Street – the sample that was bad earlier was good on the second test however both the samples upstream and downstream were not good. I am waiting for a call from DNR to see what they recommend. I have asked Mitch and Pud to chlorinate the system. We have chlorination systems in both well houses. I will keep everyone up to date on this problem. All of our water tests up to this point have been good. Both of the wells have tested ok. No ecoli has been found in any of the samples. Coliform, bacteria that is found in drinking water systems, is common to drinking water. It is in all water because it is in the soil and in humans. A positive test like the ones here indicate a level of Coliform that is higher than expected and some treatment to the system is required. I will keep you informed. This same thing happened last year a week before the Apple Festival.

In service to our City,

Sam Burt, Seymour City Administrator

*Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. 2 Corinthians 9:10*

*When you are a sower – giving of your resources, your time, talent, finances and possessions – God promises to multiply those resources so that you can continue to be a blessing to the people around you. You might look at what you have in your hand today and think, "This doesn't look like much."*

*But understand that when you give God what you have, He'll turn it into more than enough! The Bible tells us that Jesus fed a crowd of over 5,000 people by multiplying the lunch of a small boy. He can multiply whatever you have in your hand, too, when you are willing to place it in His hands.*

*....just my two cents worth.....*