

The Seymour Board of Alderman met for a regular meeting at 6:00 pm on Thursday, October 13, 2016 in the Seymour City Hall Board Room, 123 West Market Street.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Grady Bennett.

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

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

### Old Business

#### Approval of Minutes

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

#### New Business

#### Approval of Bills

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

#### Audit Report-Decker & DeGood

Marshall Decker with Decker & DeGood presented the 2014-2015 audit report to the Board.

#### UV Bid Opening

The bids are from G&G \$323,703.00, McClanahan \$289,780.00, Smith & Edwards \$224,625.00. A motion was made by Ivy/Ashley to take the bids under advisement until the next meeting. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

#### Supervisor Report-Mitch Plummer

See Report

#### Administrator's Report-Sam Burt

See Report

City Administrator Sam Burt met with Jerry Kleier over Lynch Drive. Mr. Burt feels Lynch Drive is in perfect shape and recommends to the Board to take the road in. A motion was made by Ashley/Ivy to take in Lynch Drive changing the name to Lynch Street and the City to maintain Lynch Street. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

#### Mayor's Report-Grady Bennett

Mayor Pro-Tem Grady Bennett knows of inexpensive shop lights that would help with the lighting of the concession stand at South Park.

### City Attorney Report-Paul Link

City Attorney Paul Link briefed the Board with options on the vacant Mayor seat. The Mayor Pro-Tem steps in until a Mayor is appointed. The Mayor seat will be on the next ballot and whoever is elected will finish out the remaining term. Mr. Link addressed the number of Sunshine Law Requests the city is receiving. The city has always filled the requests free of charge. Chapter 610 allows the city to charge for copies and staff time.

### Aldermen's Report

Alderman Jim Ashley asked when the street paving will start. Alderman Ashley would like to give Toth & Associates the opportunity to introduce themselves to the Board. Alderman Ashley mentioned the boy scouts constructing picnic tables under the supervision of their leaders.

Alderman Dean Rowe asked the audience if some of them might have questions.

Rafalla Respress is disappointed that it takes so long for the city to get brush picked up.

Vernon Copeland, Melinda Street, commented on traffic traveling 50-60 MPH on his road. Melinda Street is not taken care of. Mr. Copeland feels that the city needs to take care of the roads they have before taking on others.

Susie Haynes asked since the Police Chief is back to work will he be required to wear a body camera. City Attorney Paul Link informed her that all the officers wear a body camera.

Mike Gehrke asked since there was a settlement on the federal lawsuit was the 4 people that resigned required to resign. Attorney Paul Link answered no. Mr. Gehrke asked if the city made a good decision. Mr. Link answered yes.

Alderman Charlie Ivy informed the Board that MODOT will clean out the ditches on hwy. K.

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

The reason for executive session is Personnel and Real Estate.

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

A motion was made by Ivy/Rowe to hire Steve Stinnett as a volunteer fireman per Chief Shawn Crump's recommendation and to forgo pre employment screening because Mr. Stinnett has an existing position that requires pre employment screening. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Abstain: Ashley.

A motion was made by Ivy/Ashley to adjourn. Ayes: All. Nays: None. The following roll call vote was recorded. Grady Bennett, Charlie Ivy, Dean Rowe, Jim Ashley.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Grady Bennett

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City Clerk Leslie Houk



*From the desk of Sam Burt, City Administrator    October 13, 2016*

#### *WATER EXCITEMENT*

*Bad samples from our water system were detected the week of the Apple Festival. DNR was contacted and the system was flushed. More samples were taken and returned good. Routine samples for late September were then taken and again the samples failed. DNR was contacted and at their direction the towers were shocked and flushed. The taste of the chlorine in the water supply due to process of shocking and flushing caused someone to call DNR. A facebook account of this routine procedure turned into a crisis and at the advice of some city council I went to the newspaper office and explained that the water was safe and no one was in danger. Some people had a laugh at the expense of the city and our citizens. It is sad that people can exaggerate on public media without the facts and cause such discord in our city. I do shoulder the blame for not informing the city of the chlorine content however the process for keeping bacteria under control is something we do on a routine basis and occasionally the taste of chlorine will be in the water. I will do a better job in the future of keeping the citizens informed.*

#### *DNR VISIT*

*Because of two calls to the DNR concerning the taste of chlorine in our water, a mandatory visit was made to review our water supply and procedures by the DNR. Katie Hirtz, Environmental Scientist, and Jacques Martineau, Water Specialist, visited our facility on September 28, 2016. After reviewing our water towers and talking with Mitch about the way our towers work it was determined that the water in the bowl of our towers was possibly getting stale. It was suggested that we keep the towers full and try to head off any more problems. Katie took samples while she was here and Ron Lawson did as well. All samples test ok. Chlorine levels were minimal.*

#### *LETTER TO DNR*

*I completed a letter to the DNR for Mayor Owens addressing our I&I issues and what steps we have taken to help ourselves. Letter is available upon request.*

*ASSIGNMENTS FROM LAST STAFF MEETING*

*THE EXISTING BACKHOE has been fixed. A valve in the wrong position seemed to be the problem. I have talked with Mitch about acquiring quotes for a replacement. Mitch is seeking quotes from Case, John Deere, New Holland and CAT. The existing backhoe has 1184 hours at present. The repairs to this machine have been minimal. The last repair of a cylinder was our fault and not that of the machine.*

*PICNIC TABLES - The product to finish these tables was purchased and as of this report all 20 tables have been sealed.*

*CONDUIT/ELECTRICAL WIRES AT BALL FIELD- The repairs have been made to the conduit that was damaged. Also, fiberglass cross bars are being considered along with LED lights for additional lighting. The LED lights are expensive but much more efficient. More to follow.*

*DEAD TREE ON SUMMIT AND B STREET - tree has been trimmed and is not leaning toward the electrical lines. The tree is on private property but I ask Mitch to talk with the land owner and see if we could remove it permanently.*

*AUTOMATIC MESSAGE ON PHONES - The answering service has been modified to include "All lines are busy at the moment. Please call again."*

*SAFETY HARNESSSES AT WATER TOWERS - Both of these harnesses were out of date. I am in the process of replacing both of them.*

*CONCESSION STAND VANDALISM - Many solutions are available to us. We already know several things that don't work. So, I am investigating cameras at South Park on the concession stand and also on the recycle area. I have asked Chuck to get me a price on adding internet to the south shop with a recording feature. From the south shop we could use wireless cameras in both places. I would also want to install some cameras in the south shop to guard against outside pilfering.*

*COMPLAINTS FROM APPLE FESTIVAL - I received several complaints but the one I want to address here is the gazebo. The floor of the gazebo has been power washed and sealed. The metal post and railings need to be painted. Also the gazebo needs to be power washed inside and out.*

*Sam Burt, Seymour City Administrator*

*Words fitly spoken are as apples of gold in a setting of silver.....Ancient Text*



From the desk of Sam Burt, Seymour City Administrator  
DEPARTMENTAL PROGRESS REPORT  
October 13, 2016

SEWER DEPARTMENT – John G & Roger

- 09/23/2016, Lab work , Check Lift stations , One Call Locates , Check on Leak called in at 606 Cleveland Old Service line leaking , Locate called in by Mitch & repair pending , Waste Sludge 20k gal. , Change out & Repair Contactors X 2 in the Aeration Control Panel , Assisted with Chlorine Testing and Flushing of the Water System ,
- 09/26/2016, Lab work , Check Lift stations , One Call Locates X 5 , Utility Service Calls X 3 , Clean Filter Jets And Lube Filter #1 , Check on Water Leak Repair at Center & Charles St. , Haul a load of Base Rock & fill in Water line Repair ,
- 09/27/2016, Lab work , Check Lift stations , One Call Locates , Locate and Layout 2 Graves for digging , Dig Both Graves & Mark and Secure as Ready , Process control work at the Plant ,
- 09/28/2016, Lab work , Check Lift stations , One Call Locates , Deliver Weekly sample t CaSi Inc. , Cover Grave from 11:00 Funeral family was present at graveside until 12:50, went to eat lunch , Covered 2nd grave and let Man in the Clean up area to deliver the Porta-Potties ,
- 09/29/2016, Lab work , Check Lift stations , One Call Locates X4 , Work on Info for Fire Chief about The Towers , Prep & Clean Main Detention Basin at the plant , John Off Friday & Monday .
- 10/04/2016, Lab work , Check Lift stations , One Call Locates , Clean Screen on Screening machine , Change Chlorine bottle , Help Water Dept. with Service Change Over on B St. , Contact Smith & Edwards from Mtn. Grove for U.V. bid meeting later in the week , delivered 5 Disconnect Notices , And a Locate at 325 N Commercial .
- 10/05/2016, Lab work , Check Lift stations , One Call Locates , Mr. Ottmar called & set a time tomorrow for Ammonia Testing , Work on records updating , Met with Don Lutes and Tim Handcock on the U V system , Work on South West Lift station and restore Operation ,
- 10/06/2016, Lab work , Check Lift stations , One Call Locates , Deliver Weekly E-Coli Sample , Work Clean Up while Electric Dept. does some field work , Load up a boat & transport to plant for a Work platform for the Ditch rotor, work on Ammonia /Phosphorus experiment with Duane Ottmar Decant sludge basin and Process control at the plant .
- 10/07/2016, Lab work , Check Lift stations , One Call Locates , Process control at the plant , Work On Side Stream Process Lab work and testing , T S S testing , Waste Sludge , Order Corrective Action pH single parameter Q A test standard from E R A ,

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT – Mitch and Lance

Mitch is on his way to pick up the bucket truck. Sam

STREET DEPARTMENT – Chuck, JB, Toby & Stephen

- Picked up trash from Police Station.  
Picked up trash from Library.  
Cleaned up Apple Fest trash from square.  
Picked up gravel from square that was under Merchant's cook shack.  
Put up video camera signs at recycle center.

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Helped Water Dept flush hydrants.  
Helped Water Dept chlorinate towers.  
Brush hogged field by South Shop and recycle center.  
Cut brush and graded Pioneer Drive.  
Got base rock down for drive and parking at Safe Room.  
Talked to Bob Kastning about backflow repairs.  
Graded Easton St.  
Removed large bush by Twin Dragon entrance that was blocking drivers view.  
Asphalt patched- Summit, Garfield, Water, Cordie, Kanel, and Cantrell Sts.  
Ran tractor with brush arm through town.  
Cleaned up recycle center 9/21  
Fixed pot hole at Clinton and drive by Charles Ivy's.  
Did building inspection for Ron Cardwell at Boardwalk/ Parkplace addition.  
Power washed and sealed concrete gazebo floor on the square.  
Hauled brush 9/22  
Helped chlorinate water towers.  
Hauled dirt and used bobcat to dress up alley South of Summit between Water and K hwy where we cleared brush.  
Fixed water leak at Charles and Center St.  
Helped dig two graves.  
Patched pot holes on Ventura.  
Called in locates and picked up tin horns for Thoroughfare and for Richard Gallion's lot on Puryear St.  
Picked up trash and recyclables from the Library.  
Fixed toilet at the Library.  
Installed tin horn at Richard Gallion's lot on Puryear St.  
Hauled brush 9/28  
Hauled refridgerator to Police Station.  
Hauled brush 10/3  
Cleaned up recycle center 10/4  
Helped Water Dept. with water tap on B St.  
Stained and sealed picnic tables.  
Helped Water Dept. with 2nd water tap on B St.  
Picked up brush 10/7  
Cleaned up Recycle Center 10/10  
Picked up trash at Library 10/10  
Fixed Forrest Rd. where tin horns were washing out.  
Cut out tin horn ends where they were smashed in.  
Fixed drainage ditch at Southland Homes (Ventura).

#### WATER DEPARTMENT – Pud & Stephen

We had a bad sample at the nursing home. All of the other samples were ok. Reported to DNR and they recommended four more samples. I should have the results of the four new samples by next week. Sam

  
Sam Burt  
Seymour City Administrator