

The Seymour Board of Alderman met for a regular meeting at 6:00 pm on Thursday, April 27, 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, Jim Ashley.

Also present was City Administrator Sam Burt, Supervisor Mitch Plummer, Assistant Supervisor Chuck Smith, Police Chief Ron Wright, City Clerk Leslie Houk.

### Old Business

#### Approval of Minutes

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

### New Business

#### Citizen Comments

Nancy Chandler is still concerned that the Alderman and Mayor seem to want to change things up. She would still like to know how checks and balances will be done. Nancy Chandler is concerned how much the state audit is going to cost the city. She asked how are you going to feel if the audit comes back good. Mayor Larry Chafin said that is an interesting question.

Michael Kyle has a concern on the city's maintenance of vehicles. Mr. Kyle asked how long the city has to get a dented bumper fixed. The bumper was ordered in November and the city was called two weeks ago notifying the bumper was in and to bring the car by anytime.

#### Supervisor Report-Mitch Plummer

See Attached Report

#### Administrator's Report-Sam Burt

See Attached Report

#### Mayor Report-Larry Chafin

Mayor Larry Chafin gave copies of several ordinances to the Alderman pertaining to the Mayor's duties and read them. Mayor Chafin does not feel like he can do his job with the way the ordinances are currently written. Mayor Chafin would like the record to show "that the people have rights and I am as much your spoke person to see that your legislation is carried out in my day to day activities." Mayor Chafin would like ordinance 115.280 repealed and conform to state statute 77.042. A motion was made by Carpenter/Crisp to add the discussion of repealing ordinance 115.280 to the May 11<sup>th</sup> agenda. Ayes: Crisp, Carpenter. Nays: Bennett, Ashley. The

following roll call vote was recorded. Bennett-Nay, Carpenter-Aye, Crisp-Aye, Ashley-Nay, Chafin-Aye.

### Aldermen's Report

Alderman Jim Ashley noted that the city wide clean up will be starting. Some residents cannot get items to the clean up. The Board is in agreement to have the city employees pick up items from the elderly and people who are not able. He would like to consider asking the FFA for their assistance at the fall clean up.

Alderman Nadine Crisp asked if anything was done with the trailer on Division. Chief Wright visited with the Strickland's across the road from the trailer. Chief Wright gave them some more complaint forms to have on hand. Alderman Crisp had Ms. McAnally complain to her that they do not have a place to park because of the other businesses installing parking signs for their business only. City Administrator Sam Burt will send letters to the businesses to give them the opportunity to remove the signs. Alderman Crisp commented that it took the police 30 minutes to respond to the wreck at C and 60. Chief Wright commented that the police responded as soon as they were dispatched. Alderman Crisp asked Chief Wright why they did not park in front of the school when patrolling. Chief Wright explained that the crosswalks can get congested and difficult to get out. There are a number of areas around the school that needs patrolling. They patrol the bus stops, the Victory Academy, elementary school. Alderman Crisp noted that Scott and Pioneer Street are in rough shape. Assistant Supervisor Chuck Smith actually graded those streets today. Alderman Crisp said a James on Charles Street would like a letter sent to him to remove the old trailer on his property.

Alderman Mary Carpenter has heard from a lot of people about the flooding.

Alderman Grady mentioned tall grass is getting terrible. Alderman Bennett informally received a complaint of a flooding ditch and the city's grossly neglect of maintaining the ditch. Alderman Bennett is not sure if this is the city's ditch. Supervisor Mitch Plummer said the ditch is not the city's. Alderman Bennett has noticed on social media there are comments about loose dogs. Alderman Bennett commented on MIRMA's newsletter article on sidewalk's and the annual evaluation scores. He commented that we are on the right track with the sidewalks and he is very pleased with the city's evaluation score of 98. This reflects very well on our employees. SEMANO employees were involved in an accident at C and 60. Alderman Bennett would like to see if we could persuade MODOT to put some rumble strips prior to the stop light. Alderman Bennett would like to see if we can get a list of properties that has shelters on them.

At 8:30 p.m. a motion was made by Bennett/Carpenter to take a short 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 litigation.

At 9:20 p.m. a motion was made by Bennett/Carpenter to adjourn. Ayes: All. Nays: None. The following roll call vote was recorded. Ayes: Bennett, Carpenter, Crisp, Ashley. Nays: None.

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Mayor Larry Chafin

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City Clerk Leslie Houk



## City Administrator's Report - April ~~13~~<sup>27</sup>th, 2017

### *Water and Sewer Systems*

HB247 - a hearing was held in the Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and Environments committee on this bill that would make the public vote requirement to sell a municipally owned water and sewer system the same in both third and fourth class cities. This HB 247 would require a majority of voters to approve the sale. Currently, it takes two-thirds of the voters in a fourth-class city to approve a sale and a simple majority of voters in a third-class city. Seymour is a fourth class city so if passed our requirement would change. I will follow up with you as this bill progresses.

### *Side Walk Needs and Repairs*

As you are aware, the funds for sidewalks in our budget have been removed due to the restructure of our budget to get in line with state mandates. Side Walks remain a top priority for our city. I have attached an article from MIRMA, our insurance carrier, concerning the need to keep our side walks in good condition. Consideration in the upcoming budget is needed.

### *Letter Requested*

Per the recommendation of the council a letter was written to Pete Matney concerning "Completion of Trailer Project on Rhodes Avenue." The letter is attached.

### *Approval of Water Project*

Approval of the water project on Clinton to Childress was received this week from the DNR. This project will provide the water needed for a sprinkler system at Missouri Cabinets Supply Co. The cost to the city will be for engineering and a water installation of new water main. The business owner will pay the remaining cost. His cost is approximately \$3K

### *Computer Project for Library*

This project is almost complete. Patti Becraft, our IT person, is putting on the finishing touches. Here is the breakdown: 10 computers have been purchased and installed at a cost of \$13,699.82. Of that cost, \$9,817 was a LSTA grant leaving the remaining \$3882.82 to be paid by the city. Included in this cost are a keyboard for the visually impaired and the software for the keyboard, the latest Microsoft 10 software and computer time and print management software. Of the ten units seven are for public use, one for the card catalog, one for the circulation desk and one for the staff. Basically we replaced all of the



old computers and added the visually impaired unit. Disposition of the old units will need to be determined. If you have any questions please let me know and I will be glad to get the answers.

### **Cost More to go Green**

A bill making its way through the Missouri legislature could make it more expensive to go green when it comes to electricity.

A bill filed by Rep. Travis Fitzwater (R-Fulton) would allow energy companies to charge a fee for solar panel users.

In an emailed statement, Rep. Fitzwater said the current laws "unfairly subsidize solar user's infrastructure costs at the expense of all ratepayers, especially low-income ratepayers. The way that happens is that costs to provide power to all homes in Missouri is built into the price of energy consumed in the state. If you don't consume power, but yet sell it back to the grid, you receive a subsidized cost of infrastructure. All other ratepayers are then on the hook for those costs. This provides an unfairness in the market."

This is HB340 and the hearing has been cancelled and it is no longer on the floor.

### **Forms Requested by DNR**

At our last meeting I mentioned to you that some of the forms for the UV Project had to be resigned. Those forms, local share, easements, and authorized representative have been complete and sent to DNR. Just as a reminder, these forms had been signed at one time however with the deletion of the retention basin the forms had to be completed again.

## **HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR LAST MEETING**

### **National Day of Prayer**

Our new President has proclaimed that May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 is the National Day of Prayer. The theme for this year is - **For Your Great name's Sake! Hear Us... Forgive Us... Heal Us.** Bob Chew of the Nazarene Church here in Seymour is heading up this year's celebration.



### *2017 Elected Officials Training Conference*

*The Missouri Municipal League will be conducting this training June 8–9, 2017, at the holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia, Missouri. The changes that continually occur in the municipal arena make this a “must attend” Conference that all new officials should attend. Please let Leslie know if you plan to attend.*

*Serving our city,*

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sam".

*Sam Burt, Seymour City Administrator*

*If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction. Psalm 119:92*

*Take a moment and look back over your life and realize how far you've come. The same God that brought you this far, the same God that has kept you alive is going to carry you through any difficulty you may be facing. The key is to just start praising and thanking Him for His goodness right where you are. Praise is the invitation for God to intervene on your behalf!*

*Just my two cents worth....*



*Seymour Departmental Reports  
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*Electric Department - Mitch (Lance)*

04/11 bldg meter bases for Ronnie Caldwell new houses help school with lights work with sema no on water street  
04/12 start reading meters work with Se ma no with pole change on c street connect  
04/13 read meters help with other meter books change cross arm to new pole on c street  
04/14 take dirt to Karen circle for curb help pud at cemetery connect pull poles take old junk poles to ffa sale ( donated to ffa) locates  
04/17 dog call apprehended and cage dog work on generator deal with dog owners  
04/18 armadillo round up and elevate problem haul off remains dog call help put with water service cut pipes and bolts at transformer pad talk with Leslie about demand on report bury another dead critter  
04/19 cut trees at Steele and division trucks knocking off clearance lights pick up dog hang light at thourfare  
04/20 group meeting with Sam disconnects load and unload wire reel work on generator check wire on larrys bldg fix mailbox  
04/21 clean horns fix library's lights exercise generator  
04/24 take down pole set pad mount transformer fill out ffr's wire up meter bases work on digger truck  
04/25 help pud with emergency water leak help john griechen pull clean sewage pump in misleading silo at cemetery stopped up with paper towel wash rags and other nonflushable products from Mickey do and rest home deposit for office

*Water Department - Pud*

*No report*

*Sewer Department - John - (Roger)*

04/14/2017, Lab Work , Check Lift Stations , One Call Locates , Start TSS Testing and work on Wasting  
And Process Control , Reset Aeration timers , Clean and Wash down Screen Machine , Trouble shoot Master Level Controls in Measurement Structure , Read out TSS Test ,  
04/17/17, Lab Work , Check Lift Stations , One Call Locates , Check High Flow Settings for Plant Operations after two rain events this weekend , Order five 150 Lb cyl. Of Chlorine for Disinfectant process , Help work on Wiring for Mobile Generator , Fill asphalt cut with Chat at E. Summit and B St. ,  
04/18/2017, Lab Work , Check Lift Stations , One Call Locates , Drive Flat bed to haul dirt from Grave ,  
Work on South West Lift Station and restore operation , Mow Inside plant with Brush Hog ,  
04/19/2017, Lab Work , Check Lift Stations , Deliver E-Coli sample to CaSi Inc. , CCTV 23' of



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4" Service Line from ROW out to Sewer Main at 211 E. Summit for replacement of Line .  
Update reports and records ,  
04/21/2017, Lab Work , Check Lift Stations , Set up plant for High Flows , Clean probes and service  
South West Lift Station , John G. Doctors appointment at 1:30 ,

*Street Department - Chuck - (Toby, Stephen & JB)*

Cleaned up recycle center 4/17  
Cleaned storm drains around town.  
Picked up brush 4/17  
Filled pot holes on Pioneer Dr. and Scott St.  
Filled holes on drive between YMCA and elementary school on Center St.  
Repaired basketball goal at South Park.  
Cleaned out ditch on Charles St. for Wayne Barker.  
Changed oil on 2016 Ford F350.  
4/21 Heavy rain. Street Team spent all day unplugging tin horns.  
Picked up brush 4/24  
Ran arm hog on Division, Charles, and Garfield Sts.  
Fixed tennis court net at South Park.  
Picked up Library trash 4/24  
Picked up trash on Division St.  
Mow.

*In service to our city,*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sam".

*Sam Burt - Seymour City Administrator*

*Just a thought for today.....First Corinthians 13 tells us that "love is patient and kind. It does not envy nor boast. It is not proud. It is not rude. It does not seek its own way, is not easily angered, and keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not rejoice in evil, but rejoices in the truth. Love believes, hopes and endures. Love never fails."*