

The Seymour Board of Alderman met for a regular meeting at 6:00 pm on Thursday, September 28, 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. It is determined there is a quorum.

Also present was City Administrator Sam Burt, City Attorney Paul Link, Supervisor Mitch Plummer, Assistant Supervisor Chuck Smith, Police Sergeant Scott Dinwiddie, City Clerk Leslie Houk.

Mayor Chafin asked Vernon Copeland to Pray. Mayor Chafin asked for everyone to stand, face the flag and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Old Business

Approval of Minutes

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

New Business

Approval of Bills

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

Citizen Comments

Allie Roberts moved here 6-8 months ago. Ms. Roberts would like to see the library keep their original hours with maybe having a change for Saturday hours from 10-2.

Supervisor Report-Supervisor Mitch Plummer

Supervisor Mitch Plummer presented 4 bids for overhead conductor. The bids are from Harry Cooper \$2,623.00, Kriz-Davis \$2,811.12, Anixter \$2,708.10, Loyds Electric \$3,443.68. A motion was made by Bennett/Ashley to accept Harry Cooper Supply's bid. Ayes: All. Nays: None. A motion was made by Bennett/Carpenter to allow Supervisor Mitch Plummer to start purchasing poles. Approximately 20 poles in the price range of \$15,000.00. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Assistant Supervisor Report-Assistant Supervisor Chuck Smith

See Attached Report.

Administrator's Report-City Administrator Sam Burt

See Attached Report.

Administrator Sam Burt received a complaint on the sidewalk running along Market Street starting at Main, ending at Commercial. A motion was made by Ashley/Carpenter to fix this portion of the sidewalk. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

City Administrator Sam Burt would like to present Police Chief Ron Wright his badge and duty weapon. If the Board does not agree to this City Administrator Burt would like to accept donations to purchase the duty weapon to present to Police Chief Ron Wright. A motion was made by Bennett to follow the duty weapon policy and present Chief Wright his badge and duty weapon. Bennett's motion died for a lack of a second. A motion was made by Ashley/Crisp to collect donations to present Chief Wright with his badge and duty weapon. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Mayor Report-Mayor Larry Chafin

Mayor Larry Chafin asked for an approval on Police Chief Ron Wright's resignation. A motion was made by Crisp/Carpenter to accept Police Chief Ron Wright's resignation effective September 29th. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Mayor Chafin's neighbor is concerned about the library hours changing. Her grandson utilized the library for his college courses. A motion was made by Crisp/Carpenter to amend her motion from last meeting to keep the Library and the Fire Department hours the same. The following roll call vote was recorded. Alderman Bennett no, Alderman Carpenter yes, Alderman Crisp yes, Alderman Ashley no. Mayor Chafin yes for the tiebreak. Alderman Bennett would like the record to show his opposition is because he does not want to support an amendment to a motion he was originally opposed to.

City Attorney Report-Paul Link

Nothing to Report.

Aldermen's Report

Alderman Mary Carpenter had an individual ask her how the bowling alley is zoned. Alderman Carpenter asked if citizen's needed a burn permit to burn limbs. There is not a permit needed but there is an ordinance with the hours to burn.

Alderman Nadine Crisp asked if the playground area has been upgraded with pea gravel. Once the School sidewalk is complete this is the next project. Alderman Crisp would like to set a date and time to study the budget and the PPA charge in 30 days. A motion was made by Crisp/Carpenter to study the budget and PPA charge at the regular October 26th board meeting. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Alderman Jim Ashley would like the big bump in the road by McDonald's fixed. City Administrator Sam Burt is seeking bids to repair the bump by McDonald's. There is a bump in the road at Clinton and Main Street that needs fixed too. Assistant Supervisor Chuck Smith will contact MODOT about the Clinton and Main bump.

At 8:00 p.m. a motion was made by Bennett/Ashley to adjourn. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Mayor Larry Chafin

City Clerk Leslie Houk

Supervisor Report / Street Team

9/28/17

STREET TEAM

Street Team Highlights

The sidewalk project for the school has occupied most of our time. We have poured 80' of concrete. We are down a man with JB quitting, so that has slowed us a little. The grass growth is finally slowing so we will be able to devote more time to getting this done. This is a sizable project for us, and with two full time and one part time guys working on this I estimate three more weeks (weather permitting) to complete.

Street Team Report for 9/28/17

- *Picked up brush at Cemetery 9/18*
- *Replaced basketball nets at South Park.*
- *Emptied trash cans at Cemetery and South Park.*
- *Picked up brush 9/20*
- *Installed No Parking signs on Ventura Dr.*
- *Replaced run over stop sign and post at Steel & Hillcrest Sts.*
- *Picked up brush 9/26*
- *Filled pot hole on Easton St.*
- *Changed oil and filter on Street Dept. Chevrolet.*
- *Changed oil and filter on Street Dept. Ford.*
- *Picked up brush 9/27*
- *Worked on sidewalk project for School. Have 80 feet done.*
- *Mowed and trimmed city properties.*
- *Power washed and greased Cat backhoe.*



Weekly Activity List for Sam Burt 9/14/2017 to 9/20/2017

Thursday – Day of the Board Meeting – Spent some of the day in preparation for the meeting. I spent a considerable amount of time with Lance fine tuning the Tascam DR-40 recording device that will be used to record our Council Meetings and other meetings as needed. The plan is to store the audio portion of the meetings on line with the minutes. I will follow up on our success with the new device.

Friday – Day Off – Most of our paving work is done by Journagan Construction. After the hay fire on Clinton Street I call them for an estimate on repairing the street where the burning hay melted the asphalt. Journagan does not do repairs but a company called Springfield Striping and Sealing does the work for them. In my absence, Chuck met with Josh Harrison to get a quote for the repair. I should have that info by our next board meeting.

Monday – Ron Wright came by my office and resigned. I passed the word on to the City Council and Mayor. He will be missed.

Tuesday – I met with the mayor to discuss a plan to replace the resigning police chief.

I talked with Tywana Lamb about the property at 216 South Division Street. She wants to tear down that house and wanted to know if any kind of permit was needed. I followed up with her after some research and after talking with the mayor. No permit is required.

I received the quote for repair of Clinton Street from Journagan - \$12K. Requested two more quotes today – one from APAC and one from Blevins.

Wednesday - Matt Miller of Toth and Associates has been notified of SCEAP grant approval and of the need for them to produce an engineering report and plan. Matt has advised me that during the rainy spring months is the best time to do the study and that is what they plan to do. So the progress will be slow at first but will pick up speed during the spring. The SCEAP grant is good for two years.

I am reviewing the Personnel Policy Handbook and will be making corrections. I don't know how long this will take since it has not been changed in many years and a considerable amount of the document is out of date. This document is a guideline and may be amended, rescinded, or changed in any manner from time to time by the City Council of the City of Seymour.

I received a report today that the motel behind the old Rusty Spurs is infested with bed bugs. I was asked by a concerned citizen to report the infestation to the health department. I did not choose to do that but rather called the owner in Illinois – Mr. Talarico and talked with him about the problem. He understands that if another report comes my way he will be turned in to the Health Department.



In service to our City,

Sam Burt, Seymour City Administrator

Moses said to Pharaoh, "I leave to you the honor of setting the time for me to pray for you and your officials and your people that you and your houses may be rid of the frogs, except for those that remain in the Nile." "Tomorrow," Pharaoh said. Exodus 8:9-10

Pharaoh said, "Take them away tomorrow." He was saying, "We can put up with these frogs just one more night." How many times do we do the same thing? "I can put up with this addiction, this unforgiveness, this mediocrity one more day." No, our attitude should be, "I'm not going to spend one more night with the frogs and put up with things that are not God's best." *Sam*



Weekly Activity List for Sam Burt 9/21/2017 to 9/27/2017

Thursday – I received a call from Christ Centered Mowing and met the team at the cemetery. The lack of rain has hindered the growth of the grass and so I asked them to wait until Monday. I will look it over then and make a decision about mowing for this week.

The city wide clean up will be October 7th through the 15th. With Leslie's help everyone involved has been contacted so that an appropriate number of totes will be available to handle the influx of trash and debris.

Friday – Day Off – I received a call from Ewell Larson, Vice President of MPUA. He had received a copy of our newspaper and was very interested in the fact we were considering a reduction in PPA. He basically stated to me that our electric rates are too low. He said that our PPA should never be more than .01 or 10% and the reason that we are running between .015 and .02 is because our rates are too low. He said that in comparison to the surrounding cities, our rates need to be increased.

Monday – I conducted the exit interview for Ron Wright according the employee manual. Copies of that interview are available upon request.

Robert Perish came into city hall complaining about the chlorine in the water. He called it a super chlorine event. He lives at the Manor. John had checked the levels that morning and it was .03 ppm – more that acceptable. The level should be between .05 and 2.

I talked with Jim Ashley yesterday about city projects and moral. The recent changes in schedule have caused some problems. I am certain that at some point things will improve.

I talked with the mayor about things that he feels I need to do differently. I am always open for constructive criticism. Our leadership styles are different and sometimes that causes conflict. I'm sure that our city is more important than our differences in opinion.

Tuesday – I am continuing to work on the employee manual. This project is time consuming and the constant interruptions do not help.

Eighty feet of the sidewalk for the school is complete and look good. The school wants another cross walk connected to this first eighty feet of sidewalk. That project will need the approval of MoDOT and the school will need to handle the details. The additional tin horn and asphalt will be the responsibility of MoDOT and not the city. The next eighty feet will cross the first entrance to the storage area business. The sidewalk will be the same 5 feet across the top of the existing tin horn but the concrete will be thicker in that area.

Mr. Edward Johns came by the city hall and asked me to go to the cemetery with him. He is unhappy about the grass clippings being thrown on the grave stones. At the cemetery he showed me his wife's head stone and the grass that is on it. With the stones so close together it is impossible to keep all the grass off the headstones.



Wednesday – I went by the recycle area this morning to check it out. I did not find any household trash today. The weekends are the worst times for this trash.

Some applications have been received for city employment and also for the Chief of Police's job. I am reviewing these as they are received.

I am trying to get the employee handbook corrected and ready for review. I am also working on a job description for the Police Chief.

In service to our City,

Sam Burt, Seymour City Administrator

Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word. Psalm 119:37

In order to live the life of victory God has promised, you have to be very selective about what you give your time and attention to. You have to recognize which thoughts to ignore, which comments to ignore, and sometimes, which people to ignore.

Every "battle" that comes across your path is not a battle that you're supposed to fight. Many battles are simply distractions to try to lure you off course. If that battle is not between you and your God-given destiny, maybe it's a battle you should ignore. Ask God to turn your eyes from things that don't matter so you can live according to His Word!

NOTE: My report is not an all inclusive report. It is impossible for me to remember and document all that happens in a week.

Rate Comparison - City of Seymour

KWh	Seymour	Seymour PPA*	Mansfield	Ava	Se-Ma-No REC**	Empire Dist, Summer**	Empire Dist, winter**	Ameren, summer**	Ameren, winter**
0	\$10.08	\$10.08	\$0.00	\$22.00	\$23.24	\$13.00	\$13.00	\$9.04	\$9.04
100	\$10.08	\$11.08	\$19.49	\$31.45	\$30.95	\$27.83	\$26.92	\$22.53	\$18.43
200	\$20.16	\$22.16	\$31.76	\$40.90	\$38.44	\$41.74	\$40.83	\$36.03	\$27.83
300	\$30.24	\$33.24	\$40.43	\$50.35	\$45.93	\$55.66	\$54.75	\$49.52	\$37.22
400	\$40.32	\$44.32	\$49.10	\$59.80	\$53.42	\$69.58	\$68.67	\$63.01	\$46.62
500	\$50.40	\$55.40	\$57.77	\$69.25	\$60.91	\$83.49	\$82.58	\$76.50	\$56.01
600	\$60.48	\$66.48	\$66.44	\$78.70	\$68.40	\$97.41	\$96.50	\$90.00	\$65.41
609	\$61.39	\$67.48	\$67.22	\$79.55	\$69.07	\$98.66	\$97.75	\$91.21	\$66.25
700	\$70.56	\$77.56	\$75.11	\$88.15	\$75.89	\$111.32	-	\$103.49	-
800	\$80.64	\$88.64	\$83.78	\$97.60	\$83.38	\$125.24	-	\$116.98	-
900	\$90.72	\$99.72	\$92.45	\$107.05	\$90.87	\$139.16	-	\$130.47	-
1000	\$100.80	\$110.80	\$101.12	\$116.50	\$98.36	\$153.07	-	\$143.97	-
1033	\$104.13	\$114.46	\$103.98	\$119.62	\$100.83	\$157.67	\$156.76	\$148.42	\$106.09

Avg. residential customer usage with natural gas space heating - EIA estimates space heating at 41% of customer energy needs (2009)

NOTE: Natural gas service available in Seymour and Mansfield from Summit Natural Gas

Avg. residential customer usage with electric space heating: 1033 KWh - EIA estimate (2015)

*Assumes \$0.01 average PPA increase as calculated CV16, Oct-Dec

**Assumes franchise, PILOT, or transfer fees/charges typically charged in incorporated areas (~7%)

- winter comparisons not charged when assuming heating is by other source