

The Seymour Board of Alderman met for a regular meeting at 6:00 pm on Thursday, March 19, 2020 in the Seymour City Hall Board Room, 123 West Market Street.

At 6:20 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, City Attorney Chris Swatosh, City Clerk Leslie Houk, Emergency Management Bob Crump.

Old Business

Approval of Minutes

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

New Business

Approval of Bills

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

Cemetery Mowing Bid Opening

Alderman William Pogue is not wanting to make a decision on the Cemetery mowing tonight with everthing going on right now. The Board would like to go ahead and open the bids. Four bids were received for the Cemetery mowing. School's Out Lawncare, Scott Nicholson 950.00 per mowing, S&R Lawn Services, Joseph Swopes 1000.00 per mowing, Batdorf's Lawncare, Matt Batdorf 875.00 per mowing, The Mowing Guy, Frankie Jones 3 mowing's per month for 2400.00 (800.00 per mowing). A motion was made by Crisp/Pogue to table the bids until the next Board of Aldermen meeting. Ayes: Ashley, Pogue, Crisp. Nays: Wehmer. The following roll call vote was recorded. Alderman Jim Ashley-yes. Alderman William Pogue-yes, Alderwoman Nadine Crisp-yes. Alderman Dan Wehmer-no.

Ordinance # 776 AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE GATHERING OF TEN (10) OR MORE PERSONS EXCEPT FOR THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, DAYCARE FACILITIES, AND BUSINESS OPERATIONS IN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SEYMOUR UNTIL APRIL 6, 2020, OR ANY EXTENSION THEREOF; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ISSUE AN ORDER AMENDING WHICH PUBLIC GATHERINGS ARE PROHIBITED TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXTEND THE PROHIBITION BEYOND APRIL 6, 2020, TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH; ESTABLISHING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATING THE PROHIBITION

Gary Owens with the First Christian Church asked City Administrator Hillary Gintz to voice his opinion to the Board of Aldermen for him. Mr. Owens feels 10 people is limited. Webster County went with 50 and he feels that is more reasonable.

A motion was made by Wehmer/Crisp to accept the first reading of Bill # 2020-776, Ordinance #776 AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE GATHERING OF TEN (10) OR MORE PERSONS EXCEPT FOR THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, DAYCARE FACILITIES, AND BUSINESS OPERATIONS IN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SEYMOUR UNTIL APRIL 6, 2020, OR ANY EXTENSION THEREOF; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ISSUE AN ORDER AMENDING WHICH PUBLIC GATHERINGS ARE PROHIBITED TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXTEND THE PROHIBITION BEYOND APRIL 6, 2020, TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH; ESTABLISHING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATING THE PROHIBITION. 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.

A motion was made by Pogue/Ashley to accept the second and final reading of Bill # 2020-776 Ordinance #776. AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE GATHERING OF TEN (10) OR MORE PERSONS EXCEPT FOR THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, DAYCARE FACILITIES, AND BUSINESS OPERATIONS IN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SEYMOUR UNTIL APRIL 6, 2020, OR ANY EXTENSION THEREOF; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ISSUE AN ORDER AMENDING WHICH PUBLIC GATHERINGS ARE PROHIBITED TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXTEND THE PROHIBITION BEYOND APRIL 6, 2020, TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH; ESTABLISHING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATING THE PROHIBITION. 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.

City Administrator Report-Hillary Gintz

City Administrator Hillary Gintz would like the Board of Aldermen to decide if the city is going to temporarily waive the credit/debit card fees. A motion was made by Wehmer/Ashley to temporarily wave the credit/debit card fees for over the phone and in person charges. The online credit/debit card payments cannot be waived because the company collects the fees themselves. 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.

City Administrator Hillary Gintz will be closing the City Hall Lobby effective Monday.

The First Christian Church will be doing their diaper drive this Saturday. They have changed it to drive by instead of walk in.

Mayor Report-Richard Vinson

Mayor Richard Vinson thanked City Administrator Hillary Gintz for sending a Backhoe to clean out the tin horns on Center Avenue.

Aldermen's Report

Alderman Dan Wehmer-See handout. A motion was made by Wehmer/Pogue that the city will extend shut offs to utility customers on a case by case. With a firm criterion of proof that they are impacted by the COVID-19. 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.

At 7:05 p.m. a motion was made by Crisp/Ashley 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 (2) Real Estate (3) Personnel.

At 7:35 p.m. a motion was made by Crisp/Wehmer 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