The Seymour Board of Aldermen met for a regular meeting at 6:00 pm on Monday, June 26, 2023, in the Seymour City Hall Board Room, 123 West Market Street.

At 6:00 p.m. Mayor Alicia Hagen called the meeting to order.

Roll call: Jim Ashley, Bub Wallace, Nadine Crisp, Dan Wehmer. It is determined there is a quorum.

Also, present was City Administrator Hillary Elliott, Police Chief Steven Pogue, City Clerk Leslie Houk.

Old Business

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Crisp/Wallace to approve the minutes. Ayes: all. Nays: none.

New Business

Approval of Bills

A motion was made by Ashley/Wehmer to approve the bills. Ayes: all. Nays: none.

Candy Cornelius-Ventura Speed Limit

Candy Cornelius manages Southland Homes on Ventura Drive. The speed limit on Ventura is twenty mph. She would like it reduced to ten mph. A motion was made by Wallace/Wehmer to lower the speed limit to ten mph and have the ordinance on the next agenda to pass. Ayes: all. Nays: none.

2023-2024 Budget Approval

A motion was made by Ashley/Wehmer to approve the 2023-2024 budget. Ayes: all. Nays: none.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 847 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2023, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS PURSUANT THERETO.

A motion was made by Wallace/Crisp to accept the first reading of Bill # 2023-847 Ordinance #847. An ordinance adopting an annual budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2023, and appropriating funds pursuant thereto. Ayes: All. Nays: None. The following roll call vote was recorded. Alderman Jim Ashley-yes. Alderman Bub Wallace-yes. Alderwoman Nadine Crisp-yes. Alderman Dan Wehmer-yes.

A motion was made by Wehmer/Ashley to accept the second and final reading of Bill # 2023-847 Ordinance #847. An ordinance adopting an annual budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2023, and appropriating funds pursuant thereto. Ayes: All. Nays: None. The following roll call vote was recorded. Alderman Jim Ashley-yes. Alderman Bub Wallace-yes. Alderwoman Nadine Crisp-yes. Alderman Dan Wehmer-yes

Library Board Appointment

Mayor Alicia Hagen would like to table the appointment until the next meeting.

City Administrator Report

City Administrator Hillary Elliott passed out the July calendars. The July bills will have the SF and WF which means billing will generate two post cards per billing. We are trying to do a one-time statement billing that will be printed on paper. Administrator Elliott will let the Aldermen know which way they will be printed. Administrator Elliott showed the Board two options for the Welcome to Seymour sign. One is Welcome to Seymour, City of Flowers. The other one is Welcome to Seymour, est. 1881 with park lights on each side. The Aldermen chose the Welcome to Seymour, est. 1881 and removing the park lights on each side. The school Board approved the SRO contracts. A motion was made by Wehmer/Ashley to approve the SRO contracts. Ayes: all. Nays: none.

Aldermen Report

Alderman Dan Wehmer would like to eliminate smoking in buildings zoned commercial and within five feet from the entrance. A motion was made by Wehmer/Ashley to have a draft ordinance on the next agenda Ayes: all. Nays: none.

Alderwoman Nadine Crisp-There is tall grass at a property on Garfield. This property has been ticketed and is due in court. There are tall weeds on each side of the railroad tracks. BNSF sprays the weeds twice a year. Alderwoman Crisp had a resident come to her upset because they were denied a three stone home on her property and P&Z approved a modular home on Frances Street. Alderwoman Crisp would like to set a date for the Jimmy Crisp Memorial Park dedication. Aldermen will meet with the parks department on the square Wednesday at 10:00 to pick the placement of the sign. July 22 at 10:00 will be the dedication of Jimmy Crisp Memorial Park.

Alderman Jim Ashley asked why the park restrooms were closed during Let Freedom Ring. During large events it is hard to keep the restrooms serviced so rentals are brought in.

Mayor Report

Mayor Alicia Hagen has discovered that professional baseball player Jerry Schoonmaker was born in Seymour and lived his first ten years here. Mayor Hagen would like to see the South Park ballfield named after him. A motion was made by Wehmer/Wallace to name the South Park ballfield after Jerry Schoonmaker. Ayes: all. Nays: none. The senior grant is going slow due to paperwork approval. The contractors that are finished are waiting to get their final payment. A motion was made by Wehmer/Crisp to pay the contractors their final payment while waiting for the paperwork approval. With the City paying a max of five contractors at once. Ayes: all. Nays: none.

At 7:00 p.m. a motion was made by Crisp/Wallace to go into executive session. Ayes: all. Nays: none. The following roll call vote was recorded. Alderman Jim Ashley-yes. Alderman Bub Wallace-yes. Alderwoman Nadine Crisp-yes. Alderman Dan Wehmer-yes.

The reason for executive session is pursuant to section 610.021 (2) (3) Real Estate and Personnel.

At 7:45 p.m. a motion was made by Wehmer/Crisp to adjourn. Ayes: all. Nays: none. The following roll call vote was recorded. Alderman Jim Ashley-yes. Alderman Bub Wallace-yes. Alderwoman Nadine Crisp-yes. Alderman Dan Wehmer-yes.

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