

The Seymour Board of Aldermen met for a regular meeting at 6:00 pm on Thursday, February 19, 2026, 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, Doug Denney, Bub Wallace. Dan Wehmer-Absent. There is a quorum.

Also, present was City Administrator Hillary Elliott, Police Chief Steven Pogue, Emergency Management Director Bob Crump, City Clerk Leslie Houk.

Old Business

Approval of Minutes

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

New Business

Approval of Bills

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

Police Officer Awards

Police Chief Steven Pogue presented plaques and recognized Police Officers Brandon Montiel, Chase Davis and Judd Taylor for going above and beyond their duty.

Johanna Morris-Water Drainage Issues

Johanna Morris is concerned The Drink Stop's property will cause her property to flood more. City Attorney Jason MacPherson has reviewed city ordinances. City Attorney MacPherson's legal opinion is that the city has no legal standing or interest in this matter.

Winter Storm Electric Invoice

Winter Storm Fern caused a surge in energy prices throughout the country which caused a higher electric bill. The city will pay 220,700.89 of the 373,615.18 January electric bill. This would leave a remaining balance of 152,914.29. The city has the option to carry forward the balance due with 5% interest or possibly less over a nine-month period. City Administrator Hillary Elliott does not recommend passing the cost onto the businesses and residents and would like to do the nine-month pay off. A motion was made by Denney/Wallace to approve the nine-month pay off. Ayes: all. Nays: none.

Wastewater Repair Bids

A quote was received from Trojan Technologies for a bank of UV lights, 12,129.48. A motion was made by Denney/Ashley to approve the UV lights from Trojan Technologies. Ayes: all. Nays: none.

Library Board Appointment

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Department Reports

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Emergency Management Report

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Fire Report

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Police Report

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City Administrator Report

City Administrator Hillary Elliott was contacted by Real Love Church. Their Easter egg drop is March 28th. They have asked to close Main Street during the egg drop from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. A motion was made by Wallace/Ashley to close Main Street for one hour. Ayes: all. Nays: none.

April 25th there is a bike ride starting in Fordland. Their first stop is in Seymour on the square.

May 9th is the ribbon cutting for the walking trail. DNR and the National Parks will be present.

Administrator Elliott has requested bids for street paving. The bid approval will be on the next agenda. Administrator Elliott has asked for bids to build a road on city owned land to access Velma. Administrator Elliott would like to look at paving some gravel roads. Scott Street-Water to Cantrell and Cantrell Street-Scott to South Street.

Aldermen's Report

Alderman Bub Wallace asked if the grader has been fixed. The grader was fixed last week. Alderman Wallace asked about VanEvery and B street sewer issues. The property owner's sewer lines are on the city right of way. There are quite a few bends which is causing it to clog.

They have agreed to pay for a new tap. Alderman Wallace asked for an update on Sally Findley's place. The next step is to have an inspection done.

Alderman Jim Ashley asked if any bids have been taken on the Main and Garfield lot. The city has not advertised for bids yet.

Mayor Report

Mayor Alicia Hagen asked if a date has been decided for senior workday. The date is May 8th, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Mayor Hagen would like to change the March Board of Aldermen meeting to March 26th.

At 6:53 p.m. a motion was made by Denney/Ashley to adjourn. Ayes: all. Nays: none. The following roll call vote was recorded. Alderman Jim Ashley-yes. Alderman Doug Denney-yes. Alderman Bub Wallace-yes. Alderman Dan Wehmer-absent.

Mayor Alicia Hagen

City Clerk Leslie Houk