

COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2013
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Ryan Daniel – Present
Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle – Present
Attorney Marcia McNagny – Present

Council Members

Nicole Penrod – Present
Ben Romine – Present
William (Bill) Simpson – Present
Daniel Weigold – Present
Jacie Worrick – Present

The Columbia City Common Council met in regular session with all members present, Mayor Daniel presiding.

MINUTES Motion was made by Jacie Worrick to approve an overview of the December 26, 2012 meeting minutes as presented, Ben Romine second the motion, all voted aye.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT Nicole Penrod nominated Dan Weigold to remain as Council President, Jacie Worrick second the nomination, Penrod, Romine, Simpson and Worrick voted aye, Weigold abstained.

2012 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING AWARDS Dan Weigold and Ben Romine presented the 2012 Christmas lighting awards. Northeast area winner Diana Streby; southeast area winner Troy & Christy Goldner, southwest area winner Phil & Kay Fisher, northwest area winner Jack & Pam Nicodemus and overall winner Mike & Amy Cook.

ORDINANCE 2013-1: AMENDMENT TO SEWAGE SERVICE ORDINANCE – 1ST READING This issue was tabled.

ORDINANCE 2013-2: AMENDMENT TO PARKING REGULATIONS – 1ST READING Motion was made by Ben Romine to read Ordinance 2013-2 by title only, Dan Weigold second the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2013-2 an ordinance amending Chapter 71, parking regulations and amending Chapter 75, traffic schedules, both of Title VII of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Attorney McNagny explained when she drafted the ordinance last summer there was a misunderstanding on her part as to the time frame for the municipal spots on Line Street. She stated the 4 angled spaces on Line Street are now going to be under the same time frame as the municipal parking lot.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve Ordinance 2013-2 as first reading, Nicole Penrod second the motion, all voted aye.

POLICE DEPARTMENT Tim Longenbaugh reported they would be interviewing 6 candidates for the new officer's position on Saturday then will narrow the field to 3 applicants, he met with the superintendent briefly to discuss law enforcement response to a crisis situation; a meeting has been scheduled with all of the principals to go over their crisis plans, , he would be meeting with the trainers to lay out the 2013 training schedule and has a mandatory meeting scheduled with the officers concerning GAP time.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT Jeff Walker reported Wigent's would be starting work on the South Line Street storm project, they would be doing inventory of storm sewer outfalls along the Phillips Ditch, he gave an update on the SR 205 project and reported he submitted a water main work plan to INDOT for the project, he gave an update on the CSO operational plan that is due July1, he reported there were a few business signs that were not in compliance with our current ordinance so they were looking into what other communities do and also what is reasonably expected of our commercial enterprises.

Mayor Daniel reported he formed an ordinance review committee who will be going through our current ordinances to make sure they are workable, enforceable and right for our citizens.

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT Larry Whetstone advised they continue with their inventory, had 40 disconnects for this month, they repaired a wire that Mediacom cut, they continue taking down the Christmas decorations and cut trees.

FIRE DEPARTMENT Tom LaRue reported the final tally for 2012 was 838 emergency responses and they candy giveaway went really well.

WATER DEPARTMENT Mike Dear reported they fixed another 12" main break by Faith Christian Academy, they will be repairing a service line leak on East Market Street, they continue to make hydrant checks, they have finished up inventory and had 84 disconnects for non pay.

Ben Romine questioned where we were at with the water bond. Rosie Coyle advised it was all done, we have received our money and Mike was lining up his projects.

COMMUNICATIONS/IS DEPARTMENT Terry Wherry advised he started the 3 year assessment plan on the replacement of the computers in each department, he was working on a manage print system with the Mayor and Rosie, they had 23 people show up for testing for the new dispatch position.

Ben Romine questioned if the position was to replace someone who was retiring. Terry advised it was for an employee retiring this month.

STREET DEPARTMENT Kelly Cearbaugh reported he has 2 guys that continue to help Larry with tree removal, they have had the camera truck out in Section A, they went through and sanded all of the alleys, they have been patching potholes and working down at the cemetery. He advised they would have the jet machine out to clean sewer lines and he would be getting

with the Police Chief on the sign replacements for Section G & H. He reported Christmas tree pickup was this Saturday.

MAYOR REPORT Mayor Daniel reported that he served as Mayor of the Day at the Statehouse and has also been selected to be on the IACT Board of Directors for this year. He advised Cub Scouts Pack 3089 would be doing a walkthrough of City Hall with him, the Aquatic Facility Task Force would be meeting, and the Youth Council would be in the 5th grade classrooms of Mary Raber and Little Turtle to talk with them about government.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle