

**COMMON COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2012  
7:00 P.M.**

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

**Council Members**

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

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

**MINUTES** Motion was made by Jacie Worrick to approve an overview of the March 27, 2012 meeting minutes as presented, Nicole Penrod second the motion, all voted aye.

**PARKING COMMITTEE** Bill Simpson advised the Committee will be asking Council to add a handicapped spot in front of the Clugston, add to the ordinance the 6 parking spots that are police only in front of the jail, the two police parking spots on the east side of Chauncey Street in front of City Hall need to be added to the ordinance; however, may be moved to the west side when the Mayor's spot is moved to the City lot. He felt the consensus was to increase the parking fines to \$10 from the current \$5 and there was part of the ordinance in 71.10 regarding impoundment, fines and fees that need updated to current standards. He stated in taking a look at the City lot, so far, the most promising thing was to add to it on the west side, which would add 8 or 9 spots. He advised this solution would be significantly cheaper than buying the lot to the east. He reported there were still some downtown issues they needed to look at as well as at Eagle Glen.

**CEMETERY HOURS** Dan Weigold reported there currently did not seem to be any restrictions to the hours that people can visit the cemetery. He explained the Board was looking at making visitation to the cemetery between 5 a.m. – 11 p.m. that way it would reference the same hours as the Park. He stated there currently was nothing in place for fines.

Bill Simpson felt they should look at putting some 'teeth' into it. He did not feel it made a lot of sense to say someone could not do something, but if you do, nothing was going to happen. Dan advised the Board talked about it briefly but did not come up with any kind of fines.

Mayor Daniel suggested Dan Weigold and Bill Simpson take this on and talk with Attorney McNaghy about it.

**TRAFFIC – LINCOLNWAY & US 30** Bill Simpson advised he has received complaints on the traffic at Lincolnway & US 30. He stated they feel it is dangerous crossing that intersection; he felt it appropriate to look at the traffic situation at that intersection.

Mayor Daniel felt putting facts and information together would be good because that was another entrance into our City. Bill Simpson felt the DOT would be a good partner in the issue. Mayor Daniel thought they could pass a sense of the City that this was an intersection that has issues and would like the DOT to look at.

Chief Longenbaugh suggested they also pull stats on the other intersections to compare.

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENT – W.C. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**COMMISSION** Mayor Daniel advised Roger Seymoure was the Council appointment and his term was until February 1, 2014. He stated Roger has resigned so Council would need to appoint a replacement to fill his term.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to appoint Ben Romine to the W.C. Economic Development Commission pending Ben's approval, Jacie Worrick second the motion, all voted aye.

**WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT** Mike Cook reported he mailed out the NPDES application to the State. He reported on some maintenance issues with the transmitter for the digester and pump 1 at the Main Street lift station. He advised they drained and cleaned the storage tanks.

**IS/COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT** Terry Wherry reported he has been upgrading software at the Park and set up a new computer for the new position. He stated they continue to work on the surges to the cameras at the Park. He advised they finished moving computers, printers and database at the MSF. He reported he continues to update Facebook and the website.

**WATER DEPARTMENT** Mike Dear reported on work they did in the area of 401 N. Oak and fixed a 1" service line leak on Governor's Drive. He advised he has been working on the permit application for the City Ford project. He reported they would be flushing hydrants the week of April 16 – 20.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** Jeff Walker reported he finished up an Indiana Finance Authority survey that was requested through IDEM as well as turned in our semiannual reports to IDEM's SRF division for loans 2 & 3. He reported he met with County officials and GAI on the Coesse sewer and water study and felt they had all of the information needed to package together the project and anticipated costs. He advised the Mayor, Alan Tio, himself and IMPA representatives met with a local industry looking at ways to provide efficiencies and how it would be affect the billing and what it means to the City.

**ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT** Larry Whetstone reported they continue with stump grinding, changed a junction box at Columbia Parkway, continue with pole replacements. He advised he gave a presentation to the Board of Works regarding a new pole building at the MSF.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT** Tim Longenbaugh reported on his Chief's school. He advised they have scheduled a drug awareness program for April 26 at 6:00 p.m. and will be held at the Library. He stated this would be in conjunction with the school system and would address the growing problem they have with illegal drugs. He stated they would be giving a presentation to Council too. He reported he would be forming a policy committee to go through their policies to determine whether there needed to be changes or not. He advised they have active shooter training scheduled for next week. He reported the new Dodge Charger arrived but may be a couple weeks before it is out on the road.

**PARK DEPARTMENT** Mark Green reported registration was over for both baseball and softball; numbers were up for both. He advised they were still promoting the Mother/Son event and was scheduled for April 27. He reported they started something new by having a staff member work 4 hours on Saturday and 4 hours on Sunday. He advised they stay busy picking up trash communicating with people renting facilities and cleaning bathrooms; they would be doing this throughout the summer and fall. He reported Wigent Excavating was awarded a bid to disk DeVol, add drainage and grate it; that would be starting sometime in May. He advised they would be interviewing for the Wednesday and Thursday for the new position at the Park. He reported the Easter

egg hunt was scheduled for April 5 at 6:00 p.m. He advised they held a pre-bid meeting for the bridge and trail projects; bids would be opened April 12 at 3:30 p.m.

Rosie Coyle asked Mark to explain his employee's work schedule so it was not assumed they were getting overtime. Mark explained his employee's pick a time each week to take 4 hours off and then make it up on either Saturday or Sunday. He explained he was not budgeted to pay his employee's much over time; for now they were doing this with full time staff and once part time staff begins they will be doing it with them.

Jacie Worrick questioned what was happening with the pool. Mark reported the plan was to open the pool; right now they were reviewing a contract with an engineering service to come and look at the pool to do an overall evaluation and see what it would take to keep the pool open for another 10 years. Mayor Daniel explained stat wise for the 2 ½ - 3 months the pool is open they lose \$30,000 - \$40,000 and that money is basically subsidized through the park budget.

**STREET DEPARTMENT** Kelly Cearbaugh gave an update on limb pickup. He reported the jet machine has been out cleaning catch basins and they have started to clean up the cemetery to start the mowing process.

Jacie Worrick questioned what the plans were for mosquito control. Kelly advised they do not have money budgeted for it but do have the briquettes to treat the catch basins with. He explained communities were just not doing it anymore; it has become more of an emergency thing such as with West Nile, etc. He advised there were so many variables that go into spraying; wind conditions, humidity, it has to be the right time, they could not just go out and spray. He stated with the cost of the spray, fuel and 2 guys driving around for 4 hours versus what it actually does, he felt we would be better off buying cans of Off and handing them out. Mayor Daniel felt at times the mosquito spraying was a bit of a placebo; people feel more comfortable when they hear the sprayer.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT** Tom LaRue reported he met with Matt Loraine who was the individual doing the fireworks for the park this year. He advised he spoke with the Board of Works in reference to the 1958 truck that was donated about 5 years ago and the volunteers were looking to get rid of it. He reported on a particular location that was having fire alarms at least one per night and if it continues they may have to do a fire watch. He stated the director of the business understands but has to get everyone else on board with it.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor Ryan Daniel

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Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle