

COMMON COUNCIL
THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2012
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 Ben Romine noted for the discussion on Ordinance 2012-4 it should be changed to Park hours rather than Cemetery hours.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to accept an overview of the April 24, 2012 meeting minutes as amended, Ben Romine second the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2012-9: AMENDMENT TO THE ILLICIT DISCHARGE AND CONNECTION TO THE STORM WATER SYSTEM – 1ST READING

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to read Ordinance 2012-9 by title only, Nicole Penrod second the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2012-9 an ordinance amending Chapter 56, illicit discharge and connection to the municipal storm water system, of Title V of the code of ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Jeff Walker explained they realized the interpretation of the ordinance was up for grabs; it was not clean. He stated as Attorney McNagny started investigating it they found when this ordinance was established back in 2005 the National USEPA template was used which was a great starting point but EPA likes each community to tweak it to meet individual needs. He advised that was essentially what they were doing now; molding it to our existing community conditions.

Ben Romine questioned under Section 1 Part B where it has changed to ‘connections that were previously allowed or permitted’ if there would be a way to notify individuals or would it be just as we would find them. Jeff Walker advised it would have to be just as we would find them; it was a matter of education. Attorney McNagny explained this was just a clarification of what the City already perceived to have been prohibited; this was trying to clarify what was already assumed to have been an illicit discharge.

Ben Romine questioned what was considered illicit discharge. Jeff Walker advised it would be anything that could potentially have contamination introduced to it; any perimeter tile that would

go to a sump pump, any downspouts that would go into a sump pump, any type of open pump that would discharge out into our system; if it goes directly to our collection system then it is in violation. Ben shared that he was more concerned about the downspouts and questioned where they should be run to. Jeff advised they should go out to the ground instead of piping it.

Jeff Walker explained we have an obligation to IDEM to monitor everything that enters our collection system.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to pass Ordinance 2012-9 as first reading, Bill Simpson second the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2012-7: ESTABLISHING RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE WATERWORKS Motion was made by Ben Romine to read Ordinance 2012-7 by title only, Dan Weigold second the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2012-7 an ordinance establishing rates and charges for the use and services rendered by the waterworks of the City of Columbia City and repealing ordinances inconsistent herewith.

Mayor Daniel noted that Chapter 52 Section 01 of our Code of Ordinances will be impacted by this in regards to the actual charges. He advised we final landed an agreement with the OUCC and IURC and believed the percentage to be a 33.8% increase.

Rosie Coyle reported this would be up for public hearing at the May 22 meeting.

Ben Romine questioned what the difference was between the gallons produced and the gallons billed. Mike Dear advised it was water lost in leaks, from flushing hydrants, what is used for fires or sweeping streets; anything not being metered but most was contributed to leaks. Ben noted that percentage was up to almost 20%. Mike agreed it was higher than it used to be.

Mayor Daniel questioned if the major leak they found in regards to the sewer project had an impact on this. Mike Dear advised it was probably included in the figures; we lost close to 18 million gallons with that.

Dan Weigold questioned what the 33% calculated to in dollar figures. Mike Dear advised it was \$1.57 every thousand on the minimum rate. Mayor Daniel thought for 2,000 gallons it was \$2 - \$3 and then for 5,000 gallons it was \$5 - \$7.

Nicole Penrod questioned with the rate going up on water if the rate would go up on sewer. Mayor Daniel advised it would not, it would only affect water; while sewage is billed off of water consumption the actual sewer rates will not be impacted. Nicole commented that it would change if the consumption changed. Mayor Daniel advised it would.

Bill Simpson questioned since the rate was decreased how that would affect the amount of the bond. Mike Dear advised it would still cover all of the obligations we have; it should not be an issue.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to accept Ordinance 2012-7 as first reading, Jacie Worrick second the motion, all voted aye.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS – TEGHTMEYER PROPERTIES LLC Rosie Coyle advised they were in compliance.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve Teghtmeyer Properties abatement, Jacie Worrick second the motion, all voted aye.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS – STEEL TANK & FABRICATING CORPORATION Rosie Coyle advised they were in compliance.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve Steel Tank & Fabricating Corporation statement of benefits for personal property, Bill Simpson second the motion, all voted aye.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS – STEEL TANK & FABRICATING CORPORATION Rosie Coyle advised they were in compliance.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to find Steel Tank & Fabricating Corporation in compliance on their real property, Ben Romine second the motion, all voted aye.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS – WARNER ELECTRIC REAL PROPERTY Rosie Coyle advised they were in compliance.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to find Warner Electric in compliance for their real property, Dan Weigold second the motion, all voted aye.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS – WARNER ELECTRIC MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve the 2006 abatement, Nicole Penrod second the motion, all voted aye.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS – OAKVIEW TOOL Rosie Coyle advised they were in compliance; however, they did not put down what they originally estimated. She stated this was for their equipment. Bill Simpson questioned why they would not fill that part in. Rosie thought it may have been an oversight. Bill questioned if we could send it back to them and ask that they fill it in. Rosie advised she could but she had to have it filed with the County by May 15 in order for them to get the abatement. She stated she had a copy of what they originally did and it was all filled out; they evidently forgot to do it this time. Nicole Penrod asked to have it passed down so Council could review.

Rosie advised she would make sure someone was in to finish filling it out.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to find Oakview Tool in compliance for their personal property, Nicole Penrod second the motion, all voted aye.

FIRE DEPARTMENT Tom LaRue advised he was on vacation and was trying to catch up on things. He also encouraged people to clean out their dryer vents regularly to avoid fires.

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT Mike Cook reported on maintenance issues and testing. He advised Kyle Walters passed his State exam so his entire staff was now certified.

WATER DEPARTMENT Mike Dear reported the north and south towers were drained, cleaned and inspected; they found that some of the foundation was starting to deteriorate. He reported on the City Ford project.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT Jeff Walker advised he and the Mayor continue to work with one of our largest electric users in trying to help them find efficiencies in their usage; they talked very highly of our electric superintendent. He reported Jacie Worrick, Kevin Snell, Lori Shipman and himself all attended a workshop in Indianapolis put on by High Performance Government Network. He reported he spent the day in Fort Wayne to do his recertification required through INDOT and the Federal Highway Administration for Employee of Responsible Charge (ERC).

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT Larry Whetstone reported on an outage at the lift station in Morsches Park due to a squirrel; they had to replace one of our transformers due to a truck hitting it; they have been working on street lights, hot spots and trimming; they hooked Holmes Lumber back up permanently from their fire; 2 of his guys attended pole climbing school and passed with very high grades.

STREET DEPARTMENT Kelly Cearbaugh reported they continue to work on sign replacements; they are helping clean lift stations for waste water; they started mowing City easements; he reported on limb pickup and the 50/50 sidewalk replacement program.

PARK DEPARTMENT Mark Green advised they continue to mow and remove graffiti; the scoreboard went out and will need to look into replacing that; baseball and softball was underway; the pool was inspected by HWC Engineering and hope to have something back from them in 2 – 3 weeks; he gave an update on DeVol Field and reported that the Splash Pad would be opening Memorial Day weekend.

Mayor Daniel questioned how the Mother/Son event went. Mark advised it went really well and had about 80 people there; it was something they could build on.

POLICE DEPARTMENT Tim Longenbaugh reported on the semi wreck on US 30 and their fire arms training; Detective Stephenson spent some time at the high school talking to the health classes about drugs and Officer Hunter was at Mary Raber to teach bicycle safety; he advised they were purchasing new firearms for the department with funds from last year.

MAYOR REPORT Mayor Daniel thanked Nicole Penrod for allowing him to attend an Eagle Glen Association meeting; they have chosen individuals for the Columbia City Youth Council; he discussed the Mayor's Ride scheduled for June 3.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle