

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015
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 – Absent
Daniel Weigold – Present
Jacie Worrick – Present

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

MINUTES Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve an overview of the April 28, 2015 meeting minutes as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2015-12: 2ND READING: VACATE OF PUBLIC ALLEY - 508-210 E. VAN BUREN STREET Motion was made by Ben Romine to read Ordinance 2015-12 by title only, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2015-12 Vacation of Public Way.

Mayor Daniel advised there was discussion at the last meeting regarding this and a compromise where the City would have the ability to get the property back if there was some compelling need for that alley to be back in the City's possession.

Attorney McNagny reviewed the changes that were made since the 1st reading.

Verne LaRue confirmed that returning the alley back to grass was acceptable. Mayor Daniel confirmed it was.

Dan Weigold questioned if a survey had been done yet. Mr. LaRue advised it was decided that they wanted to get it approved before they would go through the expense of having that done but that will be the next step pending approval today.

Ben Romine questioned in the event the City would take it back should there be a 60 or 90 day notice. Mayor Daniel felt that was fair and good protection for the property owner. It was decided on 60 days' notice.

Mayor Daniel questioned Attorney McNagny if this should be taken to a 3rd reading. Attorney McNagny felt it would be a good idea; it was a significant enough of a change.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve Ordinance 2015-12 with the addition of a 60 day notice in the event the City is compelled to take back the alley, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS – PEAK PERFORMANCE Jeff Walker advised this was based off a 10 year building tax abatement that was approved in 2010. He stated this was their annual compliance form and they have met the obligations. He recommended Council accept the statement of benefits for this next year.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve Peak Performance tax abatement for another year, Jacie Worrick seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2015-14: AMENDMENT TO TRAFFIC ORDINANCE – 2ND READING Motion was made by Ben Romine to read Ordinance 2015-14 by title only, Jacie Worrick seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2015-14 an ordinance amending Chapter 75, Traffic Schedules, of Title VII of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to approve Ordinance 2015-14 on second reading, Ben Romine seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2015-17: AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 114-FIRE EXTINGUISHERS Motion was made by Jacie Worrick to read Ordinance 2015-17 by title only, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2015-17 an ordinance amending Chapter 114, Restaurants, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Attorney McNagny explained Chris LaRue requested the mobile food truck ordinance be amended to add that they have to have a fire extinguisher.

Mayor Daniel questioned if that was fire code. Tom LaRue explained the new code that came out removed extinguishers from its verbiage for a local ordinance to pick up. He stated Chris and Marcia have been discussing adding that back because the code does not adopt it in itself.

Motion was made by Jacie Worrick to approve Ordinance 2015-17 as first reading, Ben Romine seconded the motion.

Rosie Coyle questioned if this was something that needed to be approved on emergency basis. Tom LaRue felt so. Mayor Daniel questioned if the Council could approve this and be retroactive. Attorney McNagny advised they could, it was a safety issue.

Jacie Worrick amended her motion to pass on emergency basis, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

PETITION TO VACATE PLATTED UTILITY EASEMENT – BLUE RIVER

INDUSTRIAL PARK Jeff Walker explained the situation and advised all adjacent property owners have been notified. He recommended the Council act favorably on the petition.

ORDINANCE 2015-15 – VACATE PLATTED UTILITY EASEMENT – 1ST READING

Motion was made by Ben Romine to read Ordinance 2015-15 by title only, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2015-15 an ordinance vacating a platted utility easement in the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve Ordinance 2015-15 as first reading, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Mike Cook** – clarifier parts delivered, oil changes, set flow meters on industrial, 8th grade tours. **Terry Wherry** – ESCO here to do sound improvements, Bright Sign monitor in hallway. **Kelly Cearbaugh** – ADA ramps, curb replacements on North Elm, grating alleys, 3 Rivers Barricade in to start striping streets, trash pickup on west side of town. **Shawn Lickey** – finished stump removal, new service at C & R Plating, moving primary feed to hospital due to SR 205 project, fiber installation crew in town. **Tim Longenbaugh** – approved to hire 3 individuals to fill vacancies, high grass. **Tom LaRue** – new truck in service, training, open burning reminder. **Mike Shoda** – flushing hydrants, main breaks to Eagle Glen.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION Ben Romine reported they accepted the deed for 213 W. Van Buren and also awarded the demolition bid from Kim Reiff. He shared there were \$1600 in acquisition costs for back taxes, insurance, deed transfers, etc. and did not know if the Redevelopment Commission could use some of the \$60,000 that was appropriated to cover those costs.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve using \$1600.00 for acquisition costs, Jacie Worrick seconded the motion, all voted aye.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – EAGLES PROPERTY Ben Romine reported they also had pre-proposal meeting for the RFP for the Eagles Property but no one attended. He advised the proposals were due June 2.

Having no further business to come before Council the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle