

**COMMON COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 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 – Absent  
Daniel Weigold – Present  
Jacie Worrick – Present

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

**MINUTES** Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve an overview of the April 23, 2013 meeting minutes as presented, motion was seconded by Nicole Penrod, Penrod, Romine and Weigold voted aye, Worrick abstained.

**ORDINANCE 2013-15: AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING**

**SIGNAGE** Dave Sewell with the Plan Commission was present to discuss amendments to the zoning ordinance, specifically the Chapter on signs. They have been discussing adding provisions to the sign ordinance regarding electronic message centers. He advised they did not feel the ordinance addressed those well enough so have investigated other ordinances in similar jurisdictions and have come up with a proposal to amend the existing ordinance. He reported the Plan Commission held a public hearing on it and heard no objections. He advised they would grandfather any signs out there that would not comply with these regulations.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to read Ordinance 2013-15 by title only, motion was seconded by Jacie Worrick, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2013-15 an ordinance amending the zoning ordinance of the City of Columbia City, specifically Chapter 11, Signs.

Attorney McNagny pointed out a minor typo on Page 5 of 15 under Section I. She felt it should read “....illumination, or any illumination” rather than “nor any illumination”. Dave Sewell agreed and advised they would make the change.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve Ordinance 2013-15 on first reading, motion was seconded by Dan Weigold, all voted aye.

**COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS: WARNER ELECTRIC – REAL PROPERTY RESOLUTION 2002-10**

Rosie Coyle advised they were in compliance and this was their last year.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to approve the last year of tax abatement for Warner Electric for real property, motion as seconded by Jacie Worrick, all voted aye.

**COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS: WARNER ELECTRIC – PERSONAL PROPERTY RESOLUTION 2002-10** Rosie Coyle advised they were in compliance and this would also be the last year.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve the compliance for Warner Electric personal property, motion as seconded by Nicole Penrod, all voted aye.

**COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS: WARNER ELECTRIC – REAL PROPERTY RESOLUTION 2006-35** Rosie Coyle advised they were in compliance and they only had a 5 year abatement so this would also be the last year.

Motion was made by Jacie Worrick to approve the compliance for Warner Electric for real property, Dan Weigold second the motion, all voted aye.

**605 W. ELLSWORTH STREET – CHICKENS** Jessica Burkett was present to propose an ordinance change regarding chickens. She shared her suggestions with Council that were taken from other Indiana Cities as well as from North Carolina which is where they will be moving.

Mayor Daniel had Ben Romine take all of the information since he was a part of the Ordinance Review Committee. Ben Romine advised they were signed up for a webinar regarding keeping chickens in the city limits.

Robert Bose of 601 W. Ellsworth Street advised they were in support of having chickens and would like to get a couple hens of their own. He shared that they have a big garden and the chickens would help keep the bugs down. He did not feel they were that messy; they had a German Shepherd and it makes a whole lot more noise and mess.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS** Department reports were given by Terry Wherry, Mike Dear, Kelly Cearbaugh, Larry Whetstone, Mike Cook and Mark Green.

Ben Romine expressed a concern for people parking along the road by DeMoney's and questioned if there was any intention of directing people where to park if they were going to be walking the trail. Mark Green advised they had no signage there at all. Mayor Daniel suggested forwarding that to the Parking Committee.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

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Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle