

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 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 – Absent

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

MINUTES Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve an overview of the May 22, 2012 meeting minutes as presented, Dan Weigold second the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2012-12 AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE – SDS COMMUNICATIONS – 2ND READING Motion was made by Dan Weigold to read Ordinance 2012-12 by title only, Nicole Penrod second the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2012-12 an ordinance amending the zoning classification of certain property from the “A-1”, agricultural zoning district to the “GB” general business zoning district of Columbia City, Indiana.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve Ordinance 2012-12 as second and final reading, Bill Simpson second the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2012-16 AMENDMENT OF FLOOD HAZARD OVERLAY DISTRICT – 1ST READING Motion was made by Dan Weigold to read Ordinance 2012-16 by title only, Ben Romine second the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2012-16 an ordinance amending the zoning ordinance of Columbia City, Indiana amending Chapter 8 flood hazard overlay district.

Dave Sewell with the Planning and Building Department was present to explain the ordinance.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve Ordinance 2012-16 for first reading, Bill Simpson second the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2012-10 AMENDMENT TO THE TRAFFIC ORDINANCE – 2ND READING Motion was made by Dan Weigold to read Ordinance 2012-10 by title only, Ben Romine second the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2012-10 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 Bill Simpson to approve Ordinance 2012-10 as second and final reading, Nicole Penrod second the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2012-11 AUTHORIZING SALE OF PARK LAND – 2ND READING Motion was made by Ben Romine to read Ordinance 2012-11 by title only, Dan Weigold second the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2012-11 an ordinance authorizing the sale of park lands owned by the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve Ordinance 2012-11, Nicole Penrod second the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2012-13 FARMER'S MARKET AMENDMENT – 1ST READING

Motion was made by Ben Romine to read Ordinance 2012-13 by title only, Dan Weigold second the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2012-13 an ordinance authorizing the operation of a Columbia City Farmers Market in the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

ORDINANCE 2012-14 HANDICAPPED PARKING REGULATIONS

AMENDMENT – 1ST READING Motion was made by Dan Weigold to read Ordinance 2012-14 by title only, Nicole Penrod second the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2012-14 an ordinance amending Chapter 71, parking regulations, of Title VII of the code of ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Bill Simpson questioned if the individual does not have a handicap decal properly displayed but could provide one if they would still be ticketed.

After some review of the ordinance, Attorney McNagny explained she made our ordinance subject to State Law but suggested removing, in its entirety, Section 71.21 (D) which was the leniency provision the City has. She agreed with Bill Simpson in that it does not provide for any production of a decal or placquered to get you off of the (C) infraction.

Mayor Daniel did not feel there was a reason to push it tonight and suggested to table this until the next meeting.

MAYOR INTERN Zack Taylor introduced himself and advised he would be interning with the Mayor for part of the summer.

WATER DEPARTMENT Mike Dear reported they finished laying the 12” main at the City Ford project , had the line pressure tested and would be sampling at a later date; they had about 660 ft. of the 8” main on South Line Street and were starting to hook the houses back up; they did some work with Flow Tech at Park Terrace; they had a fire hydrant hit on Towerview Drive, someone took the top of the hydrant and now have to get a whole new hydrant, the cost of a new hydrant was \$1,900 - \$2,000.

Ben Romine questioned if the water supply was holding up. Mike advised it was; we were not at 50% yet.

POLICE DEPARTMENT Tim Longenbaugh reported on an accident that was on Main Street Friday night; they were preparing for the band boosters event this weekend; they held another command/staff meeting to discuss goals and how they were progressing; they received their new firearms and should be able to transition by the end of this week; the new State Police shooting range was open for them to use.

PARK DEPARTMENT Mark Green reported on the Tin Caps game for Columbia City residents; he advised they have had some behavior issues among the parents, coaches and umpires with baseball and softball; they would be having a 5K on July 14 to raise money for the fireworks; day camp starts next week and would be starting up Jr. Golf tournaments again; the pool heater was still out but hoped to have it fixed by the end of this week; and DeVol field was seeded.

Ben Romine asked for an update on the pool. Mark Green advised he has not received the survey yet but it was done. Ben advised he was approached by an individual who asked if we had ever pursued a countywide park association. Mayor Daniel was not aware that we had. Rosie Coyle advised the City asked the County before if they would contribute but ‘no’ was the answer. Mayor Daniel advised the townships do pay a certain amount per player for those kids involved in the baseball and softball program. He felt there were many individuals outside of the City limits who do use

our different park systems but the burden of paying for the upkeep and maintenance falls upon the City residents. He stated he would not be closed to having discussions with the County about it.

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT Larry Whetstone reported that Spectrum completed the reconditioning of the south substation; they were still working on hot spots; they have been working in the Brennan Addition and on other miscellaneous projects.

STREET DEPARTMENT Kelly Cearbaugh reported on the 50/50 sidewalk projects and advised they would start working again on Line Street to try and get that done before Old Settlers. He reported the east side trash pickup would be this Saturday; 3 employees attended sewer vac training last week; they finished limb pickup and have grated and sprayed the alleys.

IS/COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT Terry Wherry reported he continues to update Facebook and the website; he was working with the intern to do video introductions of the department heads for the website; SDS finished up maintenance on the security cameras and Mr. Wagner had about 8 more days until he will start on his own shift.

Bill Simpson asked if the Council member's phone numbers could be added to the website.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT Jeff Walker reported he forwarded a letter to IDEM requesting the extension of the next phase of our Long Term Control Plan. He advised the southwest storm project was scheduled to come back for consideration this month but requested to table it until we wrap up the Long Term Control Plan. He advised they have interviews for the draftsman this week; Mayor Daniel, Alan Tio and he would be doing industrial customer visits to make sure they understand we want to continue to partner with them; he advised we applied to IACT for the Community Achievement Award for the Phase IIA sewer project.

Mayor Daniel mentioned in regards to the LTCP, with this current project it has cost us more than expected and taken longer to complete than was expected so in order for rates to catch up we have requested a 2 year delay for the next phase. He shared that they felt it was a prudent decision to make for the rate payers as well as for the overall state of our financial wellbeing.

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT Mike Cook reported they received their draft permit from IDEM for their new NPDES permit; they were collecting industry samples; they replaced a check valve at Armstrong lift station and the chemical tanks for the EQ basin were filled and ready for operation.

NEPOTISM RESOLUTION Attorney McNagny advised it was she who requested to discuss this with Council tonight as this had to be done by July 1, 2012 and she would not be at the next meeting. She explained the legislature has passed State Statute dealing with nepotism that involves employees and contracts. She provided information to Council for review.

Bill Simpson confirmed this would not affect anyone currently employed. Attorney McNagny advised that was correct.

Attorney McNagny requested Council pass the resolution on a first and final reading at the next meeting so we would be in compliance by July 1, 2012.

Bill Simpson understood that they would have to sign the annual certification of an elected official. Attorney McNagny advised, yes, they would need to sign this annually.

H. R. DIRECTOR Mayor Daniel announced that they hired Beth Igney as the new H.R. Director and she would be starting the first of July.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle