

COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JULY 23, 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 Bill Simpson present, Mayor Daniel presiding.

MINUTES Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve an overview of the July 9, 2013 meeting minutes as presented, Jacie Worrick seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT LOGO WINNER – LIAM WILSON Shawn Lickey introduced Liam Wilson who was the winner of the electric department logo contest and Chad Moore, high school art teacher. Checks were presented to both Liam and the High School Art Department.

WARNER ELECTRIC – ALAN TIO Alan Tio and John Nuechterlein were present to discuss an agreement Warner Electric and the City have from 2009. Mr. Tio explained as part of the CEDIT based incentive the company agreed to report in on actual job creation and retention. He advised the company has consistently reported in to the EDC and Investment Board. They were considering a plant consolidation and were asking for a release from that agreement as they will be moving their business out into the county.

Mr. Nuechterlein explained since they were moving outside the city limits they felt they should bring the subject up so everyone knew what was going on. He advised they made a pretty long term commitment with the new lease so were not going anywhere and with having the operation in one building they hoped to get more growth and bring in more jobs. He explained as it is now they were pretty well stuck, they could not do too much with the 2 facilities they have.

Ben Romine questioned if it would be Council's decision or the Investment Board's decision. Mayor Daniel thought there would be a recommendation from City Council back to the Investment Board to review this.

Ben Romine questioned if the original CEDIT dollars put into it were City dollars. Mr. Tio advised they were. Mayor Daniel advised those dollars have already been received so this would basically be a clawback.

Jacie Worrick questioned if they had a time frame to be moved. Mr. Nuechterlein advised they did not have a time table established completely but guessed it would not be until the middle of 2014. He explained they would start the transition September 1 of this year but could not move during busy season and would have to wait until May or June of next year to move the final pieces. Ben Romine noted they would be 5-6 months short of fulfilling this agreement. Mr. Nuechterlein advised during the transition fewer and fewer employees would be in the city limits building, they would be in the USSI building. He felt it would be finalized around June of 2014.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold that the Columbia City Council would not make any attempt to have any clawback on the monies provided, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion.

Ben Romine suggested if we would have another agreement like this that it state “do not leave the County”, in this agreement it says “do not leave the City”. He stated it was a situation where City taxpayers were funding investment and then it goes to the County.

Upon the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2013-19: AMENDMENT TO UTILITY RATE ADVISORY BOARD – 2ND

READING Motion was made by Ben Romine to read Ordinance 2013-19 by title only, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2013-19 an ordinance amending Chapter 32, Administrative Departments and Boards, of Title III of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Motion was made by Jacie Worrick to approve Ordinance 2013-19 as second and final reading, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2013-20: AMENDMENT TO PARKING ORDINANCE – 3RD READING (RESTRICTED TO CARS ONLY)

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to read Ordinance 2013-20 by title only, Ben Romine seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2013-20 an ordinance amending Chapter 71, Parking Regulations, of Title VII of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve Ordinance 2013-20 on third reading, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT Mike Cook reported on repairs at the plant, they have been working with the soil & water conservation district on how to inspect grease traps as well as wet weather and dry weather sampling, he advised they had an inspection from IDEM and were waiting on the results of that, they passed their bio-monitoring.

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT Shawn Lickey reported they replaced a street light at Van Buren and Main Street that was hit by a semi, they continue to work on their project at the old county building on Old Trail, they changed several transformers that have been up for 50-60 years, they were working on fixing the underground wire for street lighting in Deer Chase, they welcomed new employee Kyle Herron who replaced an employee and will be introducing the new electric department logo.

POLICE DEPARTMENT Tim Longenbaugh reported on the pursuit and damage to the BMV, he reported Officer Chapman and Pittenger were out for training this week, the saturation patrol held on July 18 included 2 arrests, the new Charger was done and should be on the road soon, they would be having a debriefing session with EMA to discuss the chemical fire and C & R Plating.

WATER DEPARTMENT Mike Dear reported they started laying the water main on South Line Street and would pressure test it Thursday and Friday, all of the seeding was done on Frontage Road but still had landscaping to do at Pizza Hut and pumpage was up a little last week,

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle