

**COMMON COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2012**  
**7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Ryan Daniel – Present  
Deputy Clerk Treasurer Sally Wherry – 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** Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve an overview of the July 24, 2012 meeting minutes as presented, Dan Weigold second the motion, all voted aye.

**ORDINANCE 2012-24: AMENDMENT OF THE FIREWORKS ORDINANCE – 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**READING** Motion was made by Jacie Worrick to read Ordinance 2012-24 by title only, Ben Romine second the motion, all voted aye. Deputy Clerk Treasurer Sally Wherry read Ordinance 2012-24 an ordinance amending Chapter 101, Consumer Fireworks, of Title IX of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Tom LaRue explained one portion of the ordinance was a clarification in that we do not regulate anything other than consumer grade fireworks, the state regulates everything else; the other thing was to allow the Board of Works, under certain circumstances, the ability to open up other dates and times to shoot off consumer grade fireworks.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve Ordinance 2012-24 as first reading, Dan Weigold second the motion, all voted aye.

**IT/COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT** Terry Wherry reported he received back and reinstalled a computer in Dispatch that was sent out to be repaired, he installed a new computer at the wastewater plant for the pretreatment and he hoped to get the weather station repaired this week.

**WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT** Mike Cook advised they received their new NPDES permit which was not effective until January and was good through 2017, they continue to work on the storage tank to repair a broken mixer and are preparing for the CSO audit by IDEM.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** Jeff Walker further discussed the IDEM audit, invited Council to a public hearing scheduled at Coesse School regarding the GAI utility study and

options to providing water & sewer services to their community, gave an update on the miscellaneous improvements project, reported on GPS training and the LTCP project.

Bill Simpson questioned if the utility issue in Coesse would be something Council would vote on or the Board of Works. Jeff advised it was actually a County project and was an outcome of when they put in the equine hospital they exposed an underground tile that was from the septic systems. He explained because it was in the County it had to be done through them and we were assisting with it since we would ultimately be the providers of the utilities. Bill questioned who would ultimately decide whether we would be the service provider. Mayor Daniel felt the Board of Works would decide if the project would go forward but financially speaking Council would decide that.

Ben Romine questioned if we had heard anything back from the State on whether outside City rates would be allowed. Mayor Daniel advised Buzz Krohn was still looking into the issue for us.

**ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT** Larry Whetstone reported on pole replacements and repairs, new service installations and tree removal.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT** Tim Longenbaugh reported Officer Doug Eber returned from being on military leave. He continued to report on their firearms training, reserve program and the 2 new police cars they will be ordering. He advised Captain Hively would be meeting with the Fire Chief and Park Director to plan for the Fall Festival.

**WATER DEPARTMENT** Mike Dear reported on main breaks and service line leaks, main installation on South Line Street and new services.

**PARK DEPARTMENT** Mark Green reported they were finishing up with baseball and softball tournaments and moving onto JFL. He and Mayor Daniel discussed the Fall Festival scheduled for September 21 & 22. Mark reported the pool would be closing this weekend; they would be holding public forums on August 22 and September 8 to get a feel for what the community wants for the pool.

Ben Romine questioned if the County officials had been invited to the forums. Mark Green advised he had not said anything to them but would love to have them attend. Mayor Daniel advised we could get a formal invitation out to them.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT** Tom LaRue advised they were preparing for their ISO audit and reported they would be sending some individuals to a Firefighter I and II class in October.

**MAYOR REPORT** Mayor Daniel informed Council they would probably be seeing an ordinance change to the Golf Cart ordinance. He explained because the County now allows golf carts in the county there was no way to determine who has a City/County permit; the direction Chief Longenbaugh would like to go was to have a sticker or placquered placed on the golf carts approved for a City permit as well as add a \$5.00 permit fee.

Ben Romine questioned if the permit fee would be a onetime fee that would last forever. Chief Longenbaugh advised it would.

Ben also asked that if the ordinance changes were posted on Facebook if it could be explained as to what the changes were and why. Mayor Daniel felt he could work on something.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

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Deputy Clerk Treasurer Sally Wherry