

COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2014
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Ryan Daniel – Present
Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle – Present
Attorney Marcia McNagy – 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 Corrections were made to the August 12 meeting minutes regarding the spelling of Lee Baatz’s last name and under Leanne Shoppell’s discussion “uniformed” should be “uninformed” . Ben Romine also questioned a statement made by Don Langeloh and whether the minutes reflected what was said at the meeting.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve an overview of the August 12, 2014 meeting minutes as amended, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

RETIREMENT – K9 OFFICER STRYKER Police Chief Tim Longenbaugh introduced K9 Officer Tim Pittenger and Stryker. He thanked both of them for their dedication and service to the department and community. Officer Pittenger was presented with a plaque recognizing the retirement of Stryker.

IDEM – PHOSPHOROUS LIMITS Mike Cook advised he had distributed paperwork on the State’s enforcement of phosphorous limits for the next time we renew our permit. He explained our plant was not designed for phosphorous limits so this will be something new.

Ben Romine questioned how much of the phosphorous was coming from fertilizer. Mike Cook advised it would come from anyone that fertilizes their lawn as well as from chemicals and household cleaning products.

Mayor Daniel questioned if it was coming from individuals fertilizing their lawn would there be some type of mandate that we treat the storm water. Jeff Walker explained through the storm water side of permitting there was a lot of public outreach and education but there was not a regulation per say. He stated it was obviously on IDEM’s radar and felt eventually there would be some sort of treatment requirement for storm water.

Mike Cook noted that most Cities and Towns around us have limits in place; we were one of the northern most counties in the state that do not have phosphorous limits.

Bill Simpson confirmed this was talking about us establishing some way to reduce it. Mike Cook advised that was correct; we currently test for it but we only have to report, we do not have a limit. He stated they are proposing the limit to be 1 milligram per liter and right now we are lucky to be under 2, sometimes under 1. Bill Simpson questioned if it was expensive to remove phosphorous. Mike Cook was unsure, we could go chemical or biological, but was unsure the costs. He advised if we went chemical it would probably double our sludge production so instead of hauling out twice a year it would be 3 or 4 times a year. He stated either way, it was going to cost us something; he was unsure which was the best way to go.

Bill Simpson confirmed with Jeff Walker that he believed in the future we would be dealing it. Jeff Walker felt it was inevitable at some point in the future we would, whether it be 5 or 10 years down the road but it was getting pushed down to the local level. Mike Cook advised we basically had 4 years; they say we can apply for a 3 year compliance but in the notice it says they are getting information out now so when it comes time to renew our permit things would already be in place.

Mayor Daniel questioned if it was something we needed to work into our Long Term Control Plan. Jeff Walker explained the LTCP was specific to the number of discharges, not the constituents of that per say. Mike Cook advised this would be a completely different project.

Bill Simpson questioned the point of separating storm water from sewer if we were going to end up treating both of them. Jeff Walker explained the separation frees up capacity at the treatment facility, reduces the number of CSO discharges into the water ways and involves raw sewage. He stated with storm water we are picking up petroleum, bi-products, etc. off of the surfaces and EPA is looking at the possibility of that needing to be treated. Bill Simpson commented that somewhere in the future we would have a plant to treat storm water. Jeff Walker felt it was going to come down the pike sooner or later.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS Kelly Cearbaugh reported they completed installing the ADA ramps in Columbia Shores, were moving on to the 50/50 sidewalks and other small concrete projects, NIBLOCK finished up their paving contract, Shambaugh cut the loops in on Line Street and 3 Rivers needed to come in and finish the striping. Dan Weigold questioned if the lines were painted correctly on Line Street. Kelly advised he would check into it. He also reported the State salt bid went up about 75% and was up to \$99.00/ton for this year.

Mark Green reported JFL and cheerleading were up and running, the Park Board would be holding an executive session on September 3 to talk more about the aquatics facility, October 17 they would be having the mother/son Halloween party at the Park. He gave an update on the new playground "Every Kid's Dreamland"; there was discussion of moving it to DeVol Field and what would happen with the area of the current playground.

Tim Longenbaugh gave an update on the 2 new officers and the online training system.

Jeff Walker reported on the demolition of the former Eagles Lodge, American Structurepoint submitted final design drawings for the SR 205 project, he has been working with the County

and their design consultant for a short gravity sanitation sewer extension in Coesse, he and Mike Cook would be meeting with Keith Bryant from United Consulting regarding the draft assessment document they are under contract for, he and Alan Tio have been working with developers on potential projects.

Mike Shoda gave an update on the Elm Street project.

Tom LaRue reported their new truck was on schedule for delivery in October or November, have been working to update equipment in the fire training room, cleaned out the hose tower and would be taking items to Solid Waste, Chris LaRue would be attending railroad safety training in Colorado.

Stacy Quinn with the Youth Council reported on their newly elected officers. Mayor Daniel advised they would be hosting a Halloween parade that would take place on the Saturday after trick-or-treat, more details will follow.

EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY – PROPOSED CHANGE Mayor Daniel advised Columbus Day was a scheduled off day for the City; Christmas Day was on Thursday leaving Friday the 26th, one day that week the employees would come back but the majority of the employees would take a personal or vacation day. He was proposing we make Columbus Day a floating holiday from October 13 and put it on December 26. He recalled in discussions with Rosie and the department heads that October 13 would be the observed holiday for public safety but December 26 would be the observed holiday for civil city.

Dan Weigold felt the employees would appreciate having December 26 off more than October 13. Mayor Daniel agreed but the concern with Fire and Communications was that individuals who were already scheduled to work the October 13 holiday, by putting it on December 26 jips those individuals out of an opportunity there.

Mayor Daniel advised he would work up a formal proposal and bring it back for an official vote.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle