

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 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 – Present

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

MINUTES Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve an overview of the August 14, 2012 meeting minutes as presented, Bill Simpson second the motion, all voted aye.

DRUG TASK FORCE PRESENTATION Gary Archbold and Bill Brice, members of the Whitley County Drug Task Force, gave a presentation on Meth labs and how it is made.

ORDINANCE 2012-24 – AMENDMENT TO THE FIREWORKS ORDINANCE – 2ND READING Motion was made by Ben Romine to read Ordinance 2012-24 by title only, Nicole Penrod second the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle 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.

Mayor Daniel explained this ordinance allows the Board of Works to set forth additional dates for citizens to use fireworks within our community.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve Ordinance 2012-24 on second reading with the change to give the Board of Works the authority to approve additional dates rather than the Common Council, Ben Romine second the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2012-30 - REGULATION OF PRECIOUS METALS – 1ST READING This ordinance was tabled.

ORDINANCE 2012-29 – AMENDMENT TO THE GOLF CAR ORDINANCE – 1ST READING Motion was made by Jacie Worrick to read Ordinance 2012-29 by title only, Dan Weigold second the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2012-29 an ordinance amending Chapter 73, Traffic Code, of Title VII of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Tim Longenbaugh advised the County has now adopted a golf cart ordinance. He stated they were looking for a way that would readily identify who has a City permit and would like to use a placqured or decal that would be placed on the golf cart. He stated they would also like to start charging \$5 for each permit to cover the cost of the decal and the officer's time to do the checks.

Mayor Daniel explained the Board of Works suggested that we have a free period that between now and January 1, 2013 individuals would still be able to get a permit for free.

Ben Romine questioned if the golf cart was sold would the permit go with it. Chief Longenbaugh felt they would have to get a new permit because they would have to have insurance, etc and they would want to make sure the new owner was following everything on the checklist. In his opinion the permit should not be transferrable. Ben suggested that be put in the ordinance. Attorney McNagny advised she would add that to the ordinance.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to approve Ordinance 2012-29 with the changes suggested by Ben, Ben Romine second the motion, all voted aye.

YOUTH COUNCIL Mayor Daniel introduced Stacy Quinn, member of the new Youth Council. He advised a representative of the Council would be present at the Board of Works and Council meetings once a month to give a report on what they are doing as well as to have a voice when discussing ordinances that pertain to the youth of our community.

Stacy Quinn introduced herself and advised she was appointed Clerk, Chair is Kiersten Thomas and Vice-Chair is Morghan Wilcoxson. She stated at their first meeting they proposed and voted unanimously to make a Facebook page to get input on what kids would like to see in our community and what they would like to see changed.

Mayor Daniel stated a couple other things they would like to do is put a comment box at Eagle Tech and CCHS to get feedback from their peers and are also looking at two other projects that would involve elementary kids and businesses downtown.

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT Mike Cook reported they retrieved the mixer from the bottom of the storage tank and were waiting on quotes for the repair parts, they had their CSO audit with IDEM; they came through just fine but they will have to purchase some intensity rain gauges and update their CSO operational plan. He advised they should be having start up on the recycle station somewhere between the 10th and 14th.

IT/COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT Terry Wherry reported they finished up work with Austin Drummond on a project they hope to reveal soon, the tornado siren at DePoy Drive was still out of service and he continues to meet with the county on a notification system that would send emergency messages out to the public.

FIRE DEPARTMENT Tom LaRue reported Doug Reed would be offering a free non-certified community CPR class.

POLICE DEPARTMENT Tim Longenbaugh reported on their firearms training, he continues to look into pricing for the new police vehicles, he advised Detective Stephenson would be speaking at the Senior Citizen Center about scams and identity theft and Detective Archbold would be speaking to the high school freshman health classes about drugs; he advised he and Captain Hively would be meeting with high school administrators to discuss services and expectations.

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT Larry Whetstone advised they continue with insulator replacements and gave an update on the new pole building. He reported they made 2 trips to South Whitley yesterday and continue to work on tree removal/trimming.

WATER DEPARTMENT Mike Dear reported on the South Line street project, they performed flow testing at City Ford and Rail Connect Park for an engineer with prospects, he worked with the equine hospital to pinpoint a leak they had and they installed a meter at the plant so they could start paying for sewage. He reported he attended a hearing in Greenwood, Indiana regarding a gas line we hit. He explained our days had expired on the locate number and they gave us a written warning since it was a first offense. Mayor Daniel added that the line we hit was missed by the

company that marks the lines for NIPSCO. He explained there was a line about 3 ft. away they found but not the one we hit, the locator did not find it.

STREET DEPARTMENT Kelly Cearbaugh gave an update on the curb project on Hanna Street and the sidewalk project on Line Street as well as the new pole building. He advised they have had the sweeper out and he would be on vacation beginning next Wednesday.

PARK DEPARTMENT Mark Green reported the sophomore class of Eagle Tech was out to do a lot of work at DeVol Field, they were still working on the fall festival, they held a softball tournament this past weekend, they held their first forum on the pool and they awarded bids for the trail and bridge project.

Mayor Daniel advised he has asked the Park Board to have a decision made by December as to if the Burnworth Pool will be open next year as well as what route we are going to go long term sometime at the beginning of next year.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle