

COMMON COUNCIL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Ryan Daniel – Present
Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle – Present
Attorney Marcia McNagny

Council Members

Nicole Penrod – Present
Ben Romine – Absent
William (Bill) Simpson – Present
Daniel Weigold – Absent
Jacie Worrick – Present @ 7:20 p.m.

The Columbia City Common Council met in regular session with all members except Ben Romine and Dan Weigold present with Jacie Worrick arriving late, Mayor Daniel presiding. Due to the lack of a quorum at the start of the meeting, Mayor Daniel proceeded with the presentation of the YMCA corporate challenge trophy and the swearing in ceremony of the two new police officers.

YMCA CORPORATE CHALLENGE PRESENTATION Kam Bailey with the YMCA was present to explain the corporate challenge and the events of the challenge. He advised the City was the overall winner and presented the traveling trophy to Mayor Daniel and Rosie Coyle.

SWEARING IN OF NEW POLICE OFFICERS Tim Longenbaugh introduced Scott Valentic and Rae Carpenter as the new police officers for the City. Rosie Coyle performed the swearing in ceremony.

Mayor Daniel requested a 5 minute recess to allow for the arrival of Councilperson Jacie Worrick.

Mayor Daniel called the meeting to order at 7:22 p.m.

MINUTES Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve an overview of the August 26, 2014 meeting minutes as presented, Jacie Worrick seconded the motion, all voted aye.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2014 BUDGET Mayor Daniel recessed the Common Council meeting to hold a public hearing on the 2014 budget.

Rosie Coyle advised the budget was high by about \$400,000.00 and will need to make some cuts but a lot of it will be readjusting the cash. She stated they may need to come back after final approval in December if they need to make anymore.

Mayor Daniel advised there have been very few changes from last year's proposed budget. He asked department heads to come back with basically the same proposed budget as last year so there really have not been many changes. He stated they were trying to conserve some cash to

roll into next year's budget to make sure things are fully funded. He explained a lot of the street paving budget has been moved over to CIP for capital improvements in a way to protect the street paving budget that got slashed pretty dramatically last year. He shared that while we were able to do some good stuff with the money we had, it was not anywhere near adequate to consistently keep up with paving operations. He advised there was money set aside for aquatics facility, street paving, unplanned projects for economic development purposes, staffing, etc. He shared that we have had a lot of growth this year; he was unsure where the assessed values were going to come in so that would impact the tax rate, positively or negatively was unknown, but felt we have provided great service to our residents at the tax rate we have.

Hearing no further comments or questions Mayor Daniel closed the public hearing.

COLUMBUS DAY OCTOBER 13 – PROPOSED HOLIDAY CHANGE Mayor Daniel made a proposal to officially observe Columbus Day for departments other than police, fire and dispatch, on Friday, December 26 rather than Monday, October 13 as originally scheduled. He explained October 13 would only be observed as a holiday by police, fire and dispatch. He stated based on discussions with department heads this proposal would not mess up schedules and felt the employees would appreciate not having to take a personal or vacation day on December 26.

Motion was made by Bill Simpson to change the observance of Columbus Day as set forth by the Mayor's proposal, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS Department reports were given by Shawn Lickey, Kelly Cearbaugh, Tim Longenbaugh, Mike Shoda, Terry Wherry and Mike Cook.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle