

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 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 – Present
Daniel Weigold – Present
Jacie Worrick – Present

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

MINUTES Mayor Daniel noted under the Youth Council that Stacy's name is Stacy Quinn. Ben Romine pointed out a typo to Jeff Walker's name under the 205 project discussion.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve an overview of the August 27, 2013 meeting minutes as corrected, Jacie Worrick seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2013-26: AMENDMENT OF CONSUMER FIREWORKS Motion was made by Dan Weigold to read Ordinance 2013-16 by title only, Ben Romine seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2013-26 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 the change would add Friday and Saturday to the Memorial Day and Labor Day holiday weekends for fireworks. He stated the current ordinance only allows for the day and day prior and felt it seemed like a natural change to allow for the whole weekend to be used for fireworks.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve Ordinance 2013-26 as first reading, Jacie Worrick seconded the motion, all voted aye.

REVIEW OF ORDINANCE 2013-5: PARKING REGULATIONS – REVIEW

Mayor Daniel noted this pertains to the Chauncey Street parking lot. Bill Simpson questioned if it was working well with enforcement. Tim Longenbaugh advised Officer Yorg tries to keep a handle on how many cars are using the lot and typically 20-25 spots are being used each day. He has not had any complaints and seems to be working fine.

Dan Weigold advised he has not heard any complaints and feels it was a good thing.

Ben Romine confirmed it had not affected any of the retail parking. Chief Longenbaugh felt there was plenty of parking for that.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER – JOB DESCRIPTION Tim Longenbaugh explained the job description for the SRO had been worked on by himself, H.R. Director and Rosie Coyle. He advised it was the same information that was in the Memo of Understanding and the Rules and Responsibilities that were approved by the School Board.

Bill Simpson confirmed it was the understanding that while this person was functioning for the school the City would not be responsible for paying overtime.

Chief Longenbaugh explained if this person works extracurricular activities or stays over on an investigation that takes longer than their regular 8 hour day, then that extra time, if school related, would be flexed within the school week. He added if this person works his regular day and then has to come to a training event or similar that is mandated by the police department or City then that would be Gap Time pay.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to adopt the job description for the School Resource Officer, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – TREE BOARD Dan Weigold advised Nick Steill's term expires 10/12/13 and the reappointment was for three years. Mayor Daniel questioned Council if they wanted to ask Mr. Steill to serve another term or was there someone else they would like to appoint. Dan advised he would contact Mr. Steill to see if he would like to serve another term.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – WHITLEY COUNTY BUILDING AUTHORITY Dan Weigold reported unfortunately Ray Whiting passed away and needed someone to fill his vacancy. Mayor Daniel advised that would be for the City/County Building Authority. He explained this group was inactive and he has been considering dissolving the authority.

It was agreed by Council to wait to make an appointment.

Mayor Daniel advised he would be talking with a Commissioner about this as it would take joint action to dissolve the authority and would keep Council informed.

“ONE WAY” ALLEY NEXT TO EAGLE TECH Tim Longenbaugh reported he has had complaints of close call accidents in the alley on the south side of the Marshall building between Walnut and Elm Street. He explained there was angled parking there for the Marshall building and as time goes on more and more people are using that alley. He advised there was a “One Way” sign posted at Walnut Street and on the west end there was a sign that says “Do Not Enter”; they would like his department to enforce it but it is not in the ordinance. Bill Simpson questioned if the street department would have a problem with it. Kelly Cearbaugh advised they would just need to post a couple more signs.

Mayor Daniel questioned Council if they would like to have Attorney McNagny write up a change to the ordinance regarding that alley. Council agreed it would be appropriate.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS Department reports were given by Jeff Walker, Terry Wherry, Kelly Cearbaugh, Tim Longenbaugh, Shawn Lickey, Mike Dear, Mike Cook and Tom LaRue.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle