

COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 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 – Absent
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 August 28, 2012 meeting minutes as presented, Dan Weigold second the motion, all voted aye.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 2013 BUDGET Mayor Daniel reviewed the 2013 budget with Council. He advised the Committee approved for Dispatch a Motorola key loader and 800 base radio replacement in the amount of \$13,523.00; \$55,000.00 for sidewalk improvements; \$90,000.00 for Morsches Park bathroom facilities of which \$40,000.00 was previously appropriated; \$60,000.00 for street paving, grinding and slurry seal and after taking out the Economic Development Corporations funding, \$5,777.00 was left and would go into unplanned projects.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to accept the 2013 CIP budget, Jacie Worrick second the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2012-29: AMENDMENT OF GOLF CART ORDINANCE – 2ND READING

Motion was made by Ben Romine 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.

Mayor Daniel explained this was something brought by Chief Longenbaugh to help us distinguish between golf carts with City permits versus those with a County permit. He stated one issue brought up was whether the permit would be transferrable and noted under Section 1 it states that the permits are non-transferrable.

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

ORDINANCE 2012-26: 2013 SALARY RANGE ORDINANCE – 1ST READING Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to read Ordinance 2012-26 by title only, Dan Weigold second the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2012-26 an ordinance to be known as the 2013 salary range/benefit ordinance.

Dan Weigold commented that he would like to see, if there were any changes in the future, what the amounts were the previous year. Mayor Daniel did not think that would be a problem.

Ben Romine questioned if the overtime issue was resolved in this as well. Rosie Coyle stated that was something that needed to be discussed as a policy change in the policy book; she advised all this ordinance addresses is overtime over 171 hours.

Attorney McNagny suggested making some grammatical changes and gave those to Rosie.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to approve Ordinance 2012-26 as first reading with the suggested changes by Attorney McNagny, Ben Romine second the motion, all voted aye.

PROPOSED WATER BOND Mayor Daniel questioned Rosie if anything had been put in the drop box. Rosie advised she had not but had asked Mike Dear to come up with something on the projects. Mike Dear gave an overview of the projects they would like to do. He advised with everything they were looking at they were at almost \$2.2 million.

Mayor Daniel asked that all the documents be put in the drop box so Council would have access to review them and suggested putting this subject back on the agenda for next month. He advised he would like to start talking about it so they could at least start moving forward with the bonding portion in some way.

Mayor Daniel suggested things may change a little due to an issue with the SR 205 project. He explained Scott Crites, Engineer with American StructurePoint, had met with INDOT about the water line relocation and they believed it should be no problem, they would work with Indianapolis to make sure it was good to go. He advised they started to work on the project and a couple days later they informed us that Indianapolis was not allowing them to move forward on the project and we would have to cover the water line relocation ourselves. He advised he has a meeting with Lieutenant Governor Skillman and would get it worked out.

WATER DEPARTMENT Mike Dear reported they made an 8” tap in the Rail Connect Park for a new business, they put a new meter setting in at Chesapeake Landing and installed a new shut off and other fittings at a house on Chauncey Street. He gave an update on the Line Street project.

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT Larry Whetstone gave an update on their new pole building, they started grinding stumps of the 23 trees they took out and have talked with South Whitley again today assuring them we would cover them until we could get an agreement signed. Mayor Daniel explained because of the conflict of interest with the attorney’s preparing the agreement we were doing our due diligence to make sure neither South Whitley nor Columbia City would be over benefited. Larry continued to report they put a couple new services in and continue to

cut trees and brush down. He reported on a wreck in front of the water department that busted one of their poles in half.

PARK DEPARTMENT Mark Green reported they had their first round of JFL which went really well, they held their second pool forum and the survey was available online, the Fall Festival was scheduled for next weekend and felt it was going to be a really neat event. He reported the sale of the North Street Garden was now completed and the City no longer owns the land.

FIRE DEPARTMENT Tom LaRue reported on the testing they have coming up as well as training. He shared that our department has been invited by Thorncreek Township to do a training/challenge with their department. He reported the Board of Works approved the use of consumer grade fireworks for September 21, 22 & 23 during certain times.

MAYOR'S REPORT Mayor Daniel reported they held a Brownfield meeting today and the Committee approved a contract for remediation with Arcadis to work on the former Dana building. He has been working with Lori Shipman on preparing an income survey so we could go after the grant for Comprehensive Community Development Plan.

REMC BANQUET Ben Romine reported he attended the REMC banquet and they voted to remove themselves from the IURC.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle