

**COMMON COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2012  
7:00 P.M.**

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

**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 Ben Romine to approve an overview of the September 25, 2012 meeting minutes as presented, Bill Simpson second the motion, all voted aye.

**PUBLIC HEARING: 2013 BUDGET** Mayor Daniel recessed the Council meeting for a public hearing on the 2013 budget.

Having no comments or question Mayor Daniel closed the public hearing.

**ORDINANCE 2012-31: PARKING ORDINANCE – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING** Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to read Ordinance 2012-31 by title only, Jacie Worrick second the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2012-31 an ordinance amending Chapter 71, Parking Regulations and amending Chapter 75, Traffic Schedules, Both of Title VII of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Bill Simpson reviewed the changes of the ordinance. The change in Section 2 establishes parking spaces in front of the Sheriff's Department for police vehicles as well as for City Hall. The other changes were taking the parking fine from \$5.00 to \$10.00; added a handicap spot in front of the Clugston, put no parking on the south side of Ravenwood and included the angle parking in the new lot on Line Street. He advised they omitted some things that were duplicates in the ordinance as well as made a change to allow police to impound a vehicle and charge storage fees.

Mayor Daniel noted that we do not typically impound vehicles; however, they felt if ever we needed or wanted to impound vehicles we had the option.

Rosie Coyle questioned if anything was going to be designated on the Line Street parking. Mayor Daniel advised they were going to designate the northern 3 for business and the southern 4 for City employee parking only. Bill Simpson thought the last conversation they had with the Attorney was that it would come up later when we decided exactly what we wanted to do.

Mayor Daniel requested to amend the ordinance to include the southern 4 spaces be designated for City Employee parking only during business hours.

Rosie Coyle confirmed there would be nothing on the east side of Chauncey Street. Mayor Daniel advised that was correct, that would be opened up to individuals and the Mayor's parking spot will be moved out to the City parking lot.

Motion was made by Bill Simpson to accept the ordinance with the change on the angle parking to designate the south 4 spots for City employee parking only during business hours, Weigold second the motion, all voted aye

**WATER BOND** Mayor Daniel noted that they approved the authority to bond but not necessarily the dollar amount. He pointed out the scheduled proposed capital improvements that Mike Dear would like to do. He stated if Council would feel more comfortable waiting until Mike would get back they could do that but he would really like to have some kind of final vote by the end of this month so they could get moving on it.

Miscellaneous discussion followed.

Mayor Daniel asked Jeff Walker to discuss how the water main would fit in the 205 project if INDOT chose not to. Jeff Walker explained part of it was scheduled to be relocated as part of the project but approximately half would not be. He stated when Mike priced it out they were looking at about \$300,000, as an engineer's estimate for relocation of the entire thing; Mike indicated he could do it for about half that. He stated the problem was that we could not hardly have a general contractor under the Federal program move half of it and we move the other half at the same time. He felt we would want to relocate the entire thing ourselves ahead of the project and knew Mike would agree but the problem was it was going to run roughly \$150,000.00. Ben Romine questioned if that would be in comparison to the \$300,000.00 by going through the State. Jeff advised it would be \$300,000.00 but it was an 80/20 match and we have already paid ours. Mayor Daniel advised the dollars have already been allocated to our project and if they say yes it would be taken care of but if they say no we would have a hard decision to make and he felt our decision should be to move those lines.

Mayor Daniel felt since Mike was not here, they should wait until the next meeting but asked Council in the meantime to take a hard look at the items and email Mike with any questions.

Ben Romine questioned if Council could specify what the funds are used for. Mayor Daniel they absolutely could but asked to have a discussion with Mike prior to that decision.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT** Tom LaRue reported they would be handing out glow sticks on Halloween again this year starting at 5:00 p.m. and they ordered their Christmas candy to hand out on Christmas Eve. He advised one of their trucks had suction issues; they had 2 options one was a low dollar quick fix and the other was a very in depth expensive fix but since the truck is slated for replacement in 2014 he opted to go with the low dollar fix. He hoped to have the specs done and ready to go by late summer of next year for the new truck. He reported they were in the middle of Fire Prevention Week.

**STREET DEPARTMENT** Kelly Cearbaugh reported they helped the water department with the main break on 205, they were finishing up the concrete work at the new pole building, televising as they can and leaf pickup would start October 22.

**PARK DEPARTMENT** Mark Green reported JFL would be going on for another 3 weeks, Dashing in the Snow 5K was scheduled for December 7; the money raised from that is used to pay for the water for the splash pad, they have been working on the Father/Daughter dance and Veteran's Marathon was November 10.

Jacie Worrick questioned what was happening with the pool survey. Mayor Daniel advised he would like to get the results to the Park Board first and then present it to Council at the next meeting.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT** Tim Longenbaugh reported they held a command meeting to discuss morale and performance evaluations, they would be applying for a grant through Drug Free Indiana, Detective Stephenson and Officer Chapman would be attending instructor development training, he had an officer injured during a foot pursuit and was unsure how long he would be off of work, he would be speaking with the high school kids on Thursday about career choices, literacy skills and job skills, Friday Officer Hunter would be helping with Mary Raber's bicycle safety class and they were preparing for Halloween patrol and the Veteran's Marathon.

**ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT** Larry Whetstone reported on new service installations, tree maintenance and transformer change outs. He advised they trenched and ran conduit for the Communications Department in the Park. He mentioned the Christmas decorations to the Board of Works and a committee was formed to come up with a solution. Mayor Daniel advised the Committee was Larry, himself and needed a Council member, Nicole Penrod offered to be a part of the Committee. Larry advised this was American Power Prevention week

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** Jeff Walker reported on the trail extension and bridge project and would be heading to IMPA headquarters tomorrow for the Indiana Economic Development Forum annual meeting.

Mayor Daniel reported the Board of Works approved final design of the southwest storm water project and also made the last payment to Bowen Engineering for Phase IIA.

**WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT** Mike Cook gave an update on equipment upgrades and repairs and he would be ordering a rain gauge.

**RATE STUDY** Mayor Daniel reported he asked approval from the Board of Works to have Umbaugh draft up a contract for a rate study to be done on wastewater. He advised we have been able to push our next phase back 2 years and with a rate study we would have options to phase in rates. He stated the estimated cost for the next phase of the LTCP was \$7 million and felt it was important to have options on the table as to if we want to phase in rates next year, 2014, 2015 or whatever.

**YMCA CORPORATE CHALLENGE** Mayor Daniel reported that the City of Columbia City, for at least one year, were the proud owners of the Corporate Challenge YMCA trophy.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

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Mayor Ryan Daniel

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Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle