

**COMMON COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2014  
6:00 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 except Bill Simpson present, Mayor Daniel presiding.

**MINUTES** Ben Romine noted a spelling error regarding the elected officials ordinance. Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve an overview of the November 10, 2014 meeting minutes as amended, Jacie Worrick seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**KEN LUNDQUIST – TREE BOARD’S GRANT AWARD** Ken Lundquist reported he, Erin Flynn with Davey Resources and Martha Acres worked very hard this summer to get a grant. He announced a grant agreement had been reached between the City of Columbia City and the Department of Natural Resources. He reported this grant would allow the Tree Board to plant 27 trees.

**REVISED TAX ABATEMENT POINTS REVIEW** Mayor Daniel explained they wanted to make sure we were incentivizing good projects with good wages that would increase our tax base. He stated he would like Council to review the point system and if approved he would like to appoint a scoring committee of maybe 5 individuals who could score the applications and give a recommendation to Council and then Council could choose what to do.

Ben Romine questioned if the scoring committee would have exceptions such as instances with the Dunham’s building that had sat empty for a while. Mayor Daniel felt this was a guideline to give a better understand of where each of the projects would fit into our overall economic development process. He stated the committee could certainly provide justification if the applicant did not score high for one reason or another.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve the building construction expansion and industrial equipment tax abatement point review systems, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**ORDINANCE 2014-21: ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARY ORDINANCE – 2<sup>ND</sup> READING** Motion was made by Jacie Worrick to read Ordinance 2014-21 by title only, Ben Romine seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2014-21 an ordinance fixing the annual salaries of the all elected officials of the City of Columbia City, Indiana effective December 27, 2014 for the year 2015.

Mayor Daniel noted there was no increase for any of the elected officials.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve Ordinance 2014-21 on second reading, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**ORDINANCE 2014-23: AMENDMENT TO WASTE DISPOSAL**

**ORDINANCE – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING** Motion was made by Ben Romine to read Ordinance 2014-23 by title only, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2014-23 an ordinance amending Title V, Chapter 53, Waste Disposal of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Attorney McNagny reported this came up because of something that arose in the City. She explained with a damaged tote, where the property owner or tenant might damage it, the fine was less than the cost of the tote so she amended the ordinance to state that if they damage a tote they would be responsible for the replacement of the tote, not just the fine.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve Ordinance 2014-23 as first reading, Jacie Worrick seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**ORDINANCE 2014-22: SEWER RATE INCREASE – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING** Mayor Daniel noted they were delaying the sewer rate increase ordinance. He advised Attorney McNagny was having to rewrite the whole section; it will be much cleaner and easier for our residents to read. He stated it will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

**ORDINANCE 2014-24: AMENDMENT TO TRAFFIC CODE ORDINANCE**

**– 1<sup>ST</sup> READING** Motion was made by Ben Romine to read Ordinance 2014-24 by title only, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2014-24 an ordinance amending Chapter 73, Traffic Code, of Title VII of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Attorney McNagny reviewed the changes.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve Ordinance 2014-24 as first reading, Jacie Worrick seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**ORDINANCE 2014-25: AMENDMENT TO RESTAURANTS ORDINANCE**

**– 1<sup>ST</sup> READING** Motion was made by Jacie Worrick to read Ordinance 2014-25 by title only, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2014-25 an ordinance amending Chapter 114, Restaurants, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Attorney McNagny reported this was for providing for food trucks within the community.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve Ordinance 2014-25 as first reading, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**ORDINANCE 2014-26: AMENDMENT TO NUISANCES ORDINANCE – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING**

Motion was made by Ben Romine to read Ordinance 2014-26 by title only, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2014-26 an ordinance amending Chapter 95, General Regulations, of Title IX of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Attorney McNagny reported a decision was made by the Ordinance Review Committee to amend the ordinance in its entirety. She advised it also references other Ordinances that may come under nuisances.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve Ordinance 2014-26 as first reading, Jacie Worrick seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS** Department reports were given by **Kelly Cearbaugh** – update on the roads & sewer in new subdivision at Heritage Place, leaf pickup and sewer maintenance work. **Mark Green** – update on aquatics facility appraisals, working on new 5 year plan, working on Father/Daughter dance, received letter from Dekko awarding us \$65,000 grant for new dreamland playground. **Tim Longenbaugh** – update on new officers, quotes for new squad cars and training. **Mike Shoda** – update on north tower foot pads.

**YOUTH COUNCIL** Brett Roberts was present representing the Youth Council and gave an update on their activities.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor Ryan Daniel

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Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle