

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2015
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 except Bill Simpson present, Mayor Daniel presiding.

MINUTES Ben Romine noted the amount appropriated for the demolition of the building on Van Buren Street was \$60,000 not \$64,000. Nicole Penrod also pointed out a couple spelling errors.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve an overview of the May 12, 2015 meeting minutes as amended, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2015-12: 3RD READING: VACATE OF PUBLIC ALLEY 508 – 510 E. VAN BUREN STREET Motion was made by Ben Romine to read Ordinance 2015-12 by title only, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2015-12 vacation of public way.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve Ordinance 2015-12 on 3rd reading, Jacie Worrick seconded the motion, all voted aye.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS – BLUE MEDICAL Jeff Walker advised they were invited to attend the meeting but were not present. Ben Romine shared since the actual is different than the estimated he would prefer they come in and explain.

This issue was tabled until the next meeting.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS – BURNHAM – KERR Jeff Walker advised this issue should also be tabled.

ORDINANCE 2015-15: VACATE PLATTED UTILITY EASEMENT – 2ND READING Motion was made by Jacie Worrick to read Ordinance 2015-15 by title only, Ben Romine seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2015-15 an ordinance vacating a platted utility easement in the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Mayor Daniel reminded Council this was in the Blue River Industrial Park.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve Ordinance 2015-15 on second reading, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2015-18: AMENDMENT TO HANDICAPPED PARKING ORDINANCE

Motion was made by Ben Romine to read Ordinance 2015-18 by title only, Jacie Worrick seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2015-18 an ordinance amending Chapter 75, Traffic Schedules, of Title VII of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Mayor Daniel explained this was brought up based on a request by Star Financial Bank who would like to set aside a handicapped space; the very first space west of Main Street on the north side of Van Buren Street.

Mayor Daniel advised this went before the Parking Committee and was unanimously approved. He stated there was a request by one of the members to expand that space to make more room for loading, etc. Dan Weigold requested to expand to the east so we do not wipe out another parking space; he was unsure if there were regulation as to how far the line had to be away from the intersection. Jeff Walker advised handicapped spots were wider than a traditional parking space; there were requirements for setback but was unsure what it was. He did not feel it would be a big issue.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to approve Ordinance 2015-18 as first reading, Ben Romine seconded the motion, all voted aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Mark Green** – Burnworth Pool & Splash Pad open, Every Kids Dreamland equipment delivery on June 16, JFL registration, Aquatics Facility Fundraiser Committee meeting to start the fundraising process. **Jeff Walker** – SR 205 project update, Comprehensive Plan update, RFP for the former Eagles property due next week, Blue River Trail extension update, storm water improvements on Stickler Drive. **Terry Wherry** – sound system upgrade in Council room, informational sign in City Hall. **Mike Cook** – training for certification renewals, IRWA seminar at Morsches Park, flow monitoring almost complete. **Kelly Cearbaugh** – manhole repair, North Elm Street curb replacement, ADA ramps in Graber Heights, alley maintenance, crack sealing finished, easement mowing, finished city wide trash pickup, helping clean lift stations, brush pickup. **Shawn Lickey** – installation of 2nd automated gate at MSF, new 3 phase transformer installed at C & R Plating, main feed to hospital relocated, fiber work continuing. **Mike Shoda** – Wallace Avenue update, Earl Avenue update, talked with business owner on the north east corner of Van Buren & Chauncey Street about changing the sidewalk in back where the water runs down into the basement.

YOUTH COUNCIL Ethan Tinsley reported they did landscaping at the W.C. Historical Museum and finished out the school year with Lazer Tag. Emily Temple reported the Council did many service projects throughout the year.

MAYOR REPORT Mayor Daniel reported he spent time at Little Turtle talking with the 4th graders about local government, the Joint Advisory Board will be meeting regarding the hiring of the New Director at the Planning and Building Department, working on budgets, will be on PBS in an interview with John Sampson to talk about the Regional Cities Initiative.

BIKE RAMP – SOUTH WALNUT STREET Ben Romine reported there had been numerous complaints regarding a bike ramp on South Walnut Street. He advised he talked with Tim Longenbaugh, Mayor Daniel and Dan Weigold about it but was unsure if there was a violation.

Dan Weigold felt it was a civil matter between the property owners. He stated they had not found where it would be in violation of anything.

Mayor Daniel advised 6 – 7 property owners have complained about the situation. He advised there really is nothing in our ordinances or even State Statute that we can address. He reported his office has been trying to get in touch with the owner at the property and have had no luck but will continue to try. He stated he was not sure what all we could do outside of addressing it through an ordinance and it then becomes a question if Council would want to create an ordinance to address one specific situation.

Mike Shoda shared that when they first put up the ramp, the kids were in the street but since it has been redesigned he has not seen them in the street.

Mayor Daniel appreciated any suggestions on how to address the situation, if it was ours to address.

Ben Romine questioned the thoughts of the City Attorney. Attorney McNagny advised it was on private property and was not sure what could be done; it was not a danger to someone else. Ben Romine added that it did not fall under the typical criteria of a nuisance of noise, smell or health hazard.

Having no further business to come before Council the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle