

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2015
6:00 P.M.**

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

Council Members

Nicole Penrod – Present
Ben Romine –
William (Bill) Simpson – Present at 6:09
Daniel Weigold – Present
Jacie Worrick – Present

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

COUNCILMAN BEN ROMINE STEPPING DOWN Mayor Daniel announced that Councilman Romine has stepped down from his position as City Council member representing the Southwest District. He reported there would be a caucus held by the Republican Party to replace him for the remainder of his term prior to the January 1 changeover of administration. He noted going forward the minutes will reflect a 4 member City Council until that position is appointed.

MINUTES Motion was made by Dan Weigold to approve an overview of the July 14, 2015 meeting minutes as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Mark Green** – parking issues at Morsches Park, Every Kids Dreamland update with grand opening scheduled for September 4 at 10:00 a.m., preparing for football. **Mike Cook** – pump replacement at 700 E., getting quote for blower repair, mixer inspections, **Terry Wherry** – internet connection installed. **Shawn Lickey** – fiber project update, Dollar Tree building preparations, bids for north substation project, Whitley Street primary. **Jeff Walker** – SR 205 project update, Food co-op exploration in Bryant, Ohio. **Tim Longenbaugh** – new police cars in service, new officers update, training. Mayor Daniel noted the new Explorer's were similar to the Charges as far as gas mileage and felt it was good to have one on each shift. He also noted the funds to purchase those vehicles came from the Riverboat Fund. **Kelly Cearbaugh** – limb pickup, 50/50 sidewalk update, benches on Line Street, Coesse sewer project, trimming back branches in streets & alleys.

MARTHA ACRES – RETIREMENT Mayor Daniel announced Martha Acres was retiring and has selected Samara Qureshi as Martha's replacement.

C & R PLATING FIRE EXPENSES Tom LaRue distributed and reviewed information on the expenses incurred from the C & R Plating fire. He advised the total was \$9,176.79 and of that insurance said they would pay \$7,384.00 which was minus what the volunteers were paid to man the location until they could get the demolition done. He explained they were going to go ahead

and bill the \$9,176.79; right now he has \$1,792.79 in his budget to cover until they know what their insurance was going to cover.

MAYOR UPDATE Mayor Daniel gave an update on the Redevelopment Commissions Marketing Committee, EMA would be interviewing candidates for the director's position, Corporate Challenge update, JA Car Show this weekend and Pow Wow next weekend.

NEW PLANNING DIRECTOR Dan Weigold reported Victoria Santz was the new Planning Director and felt she would do a great job.

BIKE RAMP – NORTH WALNUT STREET David Wappes was present to further discuss his disappointment with the bike ramp issue on North Walnut Street.

Mr. Wappes questioned if the City or County Engineer had looked at the structure to determine whether it was permanent or moveable. Mayor Daniel explained the Building Inspector does that and has looked at it and determined that it was not within his jurisdiction.

Mr. Wappes questioned if Council had considered an ordinance to keep this from happening in other areas of the City. Dan Weigold felt they needed to be careful in that a number of issues could be brought in that would affect a lot of different properties. He read a section from the City Code that may possibly fit to address the issue but would like to run it through the City Attorney to see if it could fall under this section as a public nuisance. Mayor Daniel questioned City Council if they would like him to take this section of the ordinance to the City Attorney for review and give a recommendation.

Mr. Wappes knew of multiple people who have swimming pools who are required to have fences around their pools for the safety of the neighborhood. He felt if nothing else, there should be a fence around the ramp.

Mark Green reported they were in the process of raising money to build a half pike ramp at Morsches Park.

Council was in agreement that it would be good to take this section of the Code to the Attorney and report back at the next meeting.

John Myers of 316 S. Walnut Street was present to express his disappointment in the homeowners as well for not showing up to voice their opinions. He shared a letter he had written to share with Mr. Danny Rumble even though Mr. Rumble was not present at the meeting. He understood that parking a vehicle in the yard was not legal and Mr. Rumble parks his vehicle in the yard every day. He advised he had faith in City Council to do their job.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle