

**COMMON COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015  
6:00 P.M.**

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

**Council Members**

Nicole Penrod – Present  
Jennifer Romano – Present  
William (Bill) Simpson – Present  
Daniel Weigold – Present  
Jacie Worrick – Absent

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

**MINUTES** Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve an overview of the September 22, 2015 meeting minutes as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, Nicole Penrod, Jennifer Romano and Dan Weigold voted aye, Simpson abstained.

**DITTMER REZONE APPROVAL – ORDINANCE 2015-28 – 2<sup>ND</sup> READING** Motion was made by Dan Weigold to read Ordinance 2015-28 by title only, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2015-28 an ordinance amending the zoning classification of certain property from the A-1 Agricultural District to the R-3 Multi-Family Residential District.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve Ordinance 2015-28 on second reading, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**DITTMER ANNEXATION – ORDINANCE 2015-26 – 2<sup>ND</sup> READING** Motion was made by Bill Simpson to read Ordinance 2015-26 by title only, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2015-26 an ordinance for the annexation of territory by the City of Columbia City commonly known as the Dittmer annexation territory.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve Ordinance 2015-26 on second reading, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**DITTMER ANNEXATION – APPROVAL OF FISCAL PLAN** Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve the fiscal plan on second viewing, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**2016 BUDGET/CIP APPROVAL** Mayor Daniel briefly explained the CIP budget. Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve the CIP Budget, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to approve the 2016 Budget as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**ORDINANCE 2015-29: AMENDMENT OF PRETREATMENT ORDINANCE – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING** Motion was made by Bill Simpson to read Ordinance 2015-29 by title only, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2015-29 an ordinance amending Chapter 55, Pretreatment of Pollutants, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Mike Cook reviewed the changes made to the ordinance.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve Ordinance 2015-29 as first reading, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**2016 EMPLOYEE SALARY ORDINANCE 2015-25 – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING** Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to read Ordinance 2015-25 by title only, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, Nicole Penrod, Jennifer Romano and Dan Weigold voted aye, Bill Simpson abstained. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2015-25 an ordinance to be known as the 2016 Salary Range/Benefit Ordinance.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to approve Ordinance 2015-25 as first reading, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion.

Jennifer Romano questioned if she had a family member that was in an area of the ordinance but not in an area that was changed, could she vote. Attorney McNangy felt acknowledging that was sufficient enough to vote.

Upon the motion, Nicole Penrod, Jennifer Romano and Dan Weigold voted aye, Bill Simpson abstained.

**ORDINANCE 2015-30: AMENDMENT TO THE LOAN FROM ELECTRIC TO STORM WATER** Motion was made by Dan Weigold to read Ordinance 2015-30 by title only, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2015-30 an ordinance of the City of Columbia City amending Ordinance No. 2014-6 authorizing the municipal electric utility to make a loan to the City of Columbia City Stormwater utility for the southwest stormwater project.

Attorney McNagny explained this was found by the State Board of Accounts that a loan could only be done for 5 years. She stated this has only been going on for 1 year so with the State Board of Accounts blessing they went ahead and changed the loan from 7 to 5 years. Mayor Daniel advised there was still adequate dollars for a 5 year loan.

Bill Simpson confirmed we were just changing the term of the loan. Attorney McNagny advised that was correct. She also advised O.W. Krohn redid the amortization schedule.

Motion was made by Bill Simpson to approve Ordinance 2015-30 as presented, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Rosie Coyle advised this would be on the next agenda for second reading.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS** **Terry Wherry** – fiber network update, off site backups. **Mike Cook** – lift station cleaning, Columbia Shores lift station repair, US 30 sewer study draft. **Kelly Cearbaugh** – Coesse sanitary sewer extension update, limb pickup done for the year, cleaning lift stations, sign consolidation, city wide trash & appliance pickup, will start leaf pickup. **Mark Green** – mother/son Halloween Party, JFL wrapping up, Morsches Park entrance, Veteran’s Marathon November 14, skateboard & BMX competition at Morsches Park, tree removal, vandalism at Patriotic Park, Patriotic Park and Southside Park playgrounds will need replaced in the next couple years, ½ tile shipment for Kid’s Dreamland on October 16 and the other ½ the following week. Mayor Daniel noted the tile company was throwing in the Expression Swing basically for free because of the inconvenience. **Mike Shoda** – West Park Drive update, 4 water main breaks around town, north tower update.

**MAYOR’S REPORT** Mayor Daniel shared that Martha Acres retirement party was scheduled for October 15 from 11 am – 1 pm. He will be attending meetings over the next few weeks with other communities as well as INDOT regarding US 30 wants, needs and things that are not wanted. He advised they were finishing up a deal for a new restaurant and have another business development that could fill a gap we have but there was no finalization of it right now.

**LONG TERM CONTROL PLAN** Mayor Daniel reported Mike Cook, himself and Jeff Walker have been working with United Consulting on a new Long Term Control Plan. He advised a presentation would be given at the next meeting. He stated their plan would cut our LTCP costs by millions of dollars.

**BLUE BELL BUILDING** Dan Weigold reported the City Plan Commission met with the Blue Bell representatives and approved the layout for that facility. Mayor Daniel thought they were thinking of breaking ground in December.

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