

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2016
6:00 P.M.**

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

Council Members

Walter Crowder – Present
Nicole Penrod – Present
Jennifer Romano – Present
Tad Varga – Present
Daniel Weigold – Present

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

MINUTES Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve an overview of the January 26, 2016 meeting minutes as presented, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, Crowder, Romano and Weigold voted aye, Nicole Penrod and Tad Varga abstained.

APPOINTMENT TO COMMUNICATIONS EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE Mayor Daniel explained Commissioner Schrupp has requested to have 2 Council members serve on the Communications Exploratory Committee to review the facts and look at any recommendations regarding central dispatch. He reported that the County does the Sheriff, Fire and EMS departments and our City Dispatch does police, water, electric, sewer and storm water.

Mayor Daniel advised the Committee would not have any power but would merely make recommendations. He shared in 2005, Mayor Fleck and a couple citizens reviewed the matter but at that time the cost outweighed the benefits.

Jennifer Romano and Walt Crowder expressed interest in serving on the Committee. The Council agreed to those appointments.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Shawn Lickey** – tree removal and trimming, installed 3 new residential services. **Mike Cook** – fine screen back in service, US 30 sewer study, talked with EPA and IDEM regarding study on the Splash Pad. **Kelly Cearbaugh** – televising lines, street sweeping, tree removal. **Tom LaRue** – working on vehicle swapped from police department, volunteer received Firefighter I/II certification, March 9 meeting with Community Foundation regarding grant for training in the school. **Mike Shoda** – Booster station repair, proactive water testing. **Tony Hively** – new officer approved to start February 22, officer training. **Terry Wherry** – work complete on the new exchange servers and domain controller, working on virtual SCADA server, security cameras at Kids Dreamland. **Jeff Walker** – proposal for the next trail extension, downtown enhancement grant, Housing Authority rehab program.

YOUTH COUNCIL Ethan Tinsley was present representing the Youth Council. He reported they toured the Municipal Service Facility and were preparing to talk with the 5th graders.

BUDGET APPROVAL Rosie Coyle reported everything was approved; there were no decreases. She advised our assessed valuation went up \$8,327,292.00 and our tax rate went down almost 7¢.

MAYOR UPDATE Mayor Daniel reported the City wide trash pickup days will be the weeks of April 30 and May 7. He explained rather than everything being picked up on a Saturday, Advanced Disposal will be picking junk up as they do their normal route during the week. He shared that Mayor Dowell, who was Mayor for Columbia City from 1968-1971, recently passed away. He advised he will be having a staff retreat in South Bend on February 11 & 12 and was also working on the City wide retreat that is scheduled for February 24 at the Peabody Library.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle