

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016
6:00 P.M.**

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

Council Members

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

The Columbia City Common Council met in regular session with all members except Walter Crowder and Daniel Weigold present, Mayor Daniel presiding.

MINUTES Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve an overview of the February 9, 2016 meeting minutes as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

SPILLMAN PRESENTATION: COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH SYSTEM Police Chief

Tony Hively advised the Spillman presentation was uploaded to the Dropbox and hoped everyone had a chance to review it. He explained the CAD system was the central nervous system of the department, whether dealing with the police or communications department. He shared they have used the current system for 10-12 years; it was a system that was no longer being supported or upgraded. It was a system that does not meet the expectations or mandates they require. He shared that they have done a lot of research and of all the systems they looked at they came down to 2 different systems with 1 falling off the radar as the company was sold and the customer service greatly declined. He advised the research they have done has been extensive; there were 136 agencies in Indiana who use Spillman.

Andy Doyle with Spillman was present to further discuss the Spillman CAD system. He felt what mattered was the longevity of it; there have been agencies with Spillman for 30 years or longer. He advised the new world today was doing more with less. He reported when technology changes and updates are given, with Spillman, those are included in the annual maintenance so there were no fees to upgrade to new versions.

Tad Varga questioned how often updates were done. Mr. Doyle explained about every 3-4 months.

Jennifer Romano shared for a number of years they have been building the system of information they have currently and questioned if there was a way for that to transfer into the new system or would there be an extra cost. Mr. Doyle advised that would be a data conversion and that can be costly but with this software it was basically writing an interface. Chief Hively shared that Spillman was one of the few CAD systems that do have a way to convert data. He advised they can build their database quickly, in a matter of a year or two. He shared that they also have a

contingency plan in place where they are able to download the current data in excel spreadsheets and store it digitally so they have a backup. Jennifer Romano questioned if there was an extra fee related to sharing information with Fort Wayne, etc. Mr. Doyle advised there was no added fee to query other agencies that use Spillman.

Terry Wherry asked Mr. Doyle to explain how they license it as far as users. Mr. Doyle explained the software was unique in that it was a site license which means you can put Spillman on as many computers as needed. Chief Hively added that other CAD companies will charge per device that is put on the system but with Spillman they would not only be able to put it on their computers in the cars but can also put it on their mobile phones.

Mayor Daniel questioned what the biggest benefit would be to go with Spillman versus any other company. Mr. Doyle explained Spillman was unique in that it was a single source data base which allows you to not have a lot of duplicate names and redundancies; Spillman is continually growing, have hired over 100 people in the last 18 months; long term costs and not ever having to go back and purchase a new system, just paying annual maintenance to update it.

Mayor Daniel questioned with the way the current system works, the County is the owner of the system and the City is a user. Chief Hively advised that was correct. Mayor Daniel questioned how this would be different. Chief Hively explained we would have soul ownership of the system; we could make changes and would have full control of the system. He advised we could add things or take away things, designate certain coding, etc. without having to go through someone else. He explained the way it is now, if the County would pull the plug on the current CAD system we would be done, there is nothing we could do. Mayor Daniel noted one of the things that have been talked about in our community recently was the idea that the County and City each should not have to buy a CAD system. He confirmed with Spillman the County and City would need to buy a separate system anyway. Terry Wherry advised that was correct and referred to the quote provided by Spillman. He explained the City cost would be \$299,000, which was half; the system could still be tied together if the County decides to go this route. He advised there would be no cost difference whether we go as a combined system or not. Mayor Daniel felt that was the key point as the citizens where hearing in the community that the City and County should be able to buy one system and be done with it but in fact, the vendor we are both looking at, the system requires that each of us be an owner of the system. He did not want this to be misconstrued by the public.

Jennifer Romano felt fortunate to have had the opportunity to spend time with the police officers out on the streets using the current software. She felt we were at a really critical point right now, what we had currently was very dangerous and as recently as Friday night they were having issues with it. She felt it was a matter of officer and citizen safety. She felt this may be one of the most important things were going to do for a while. She advised we had a safety tax in place for safety and felt keeping our officers and citizens' safe was of the upmost priority. She mentioned any day what we have currently could go down and that immediately puts officers at risk and could not in good conscience feel like what we have right now is ok.

Mayor Daniel questioned why we should not wait on this. Chief Hively explained we were at the mercy of the current CAD system; if it goes down we have nothing to fall back on, record

management, officer safety out on the street, quality of service to the public will degrade tremendously and would see the affect throughout the entire City because of it.

Mayor Daniel questioned what the time line was that the system would be fully implemented. Mr. Doyle advised the official answer was that it usually takes 14-16 months, partly because a lot of people buy it and they only have so many employees and partly because there was a lot of set up to do. He shared that they just started a new program that was for smaller agencies that do not have a data conversion. He hoped to be able to start before the end of the year and have it up within the first quarter of next year but could not say for sure.

Nicole Penrod confirmed the total cost would be \$299,159.00. Mr. Doyle advised that was correct and includes the first year of maintenance.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve the purchase of the Spillman CAD system, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Jennifer Romano questioned if there was a plan in place if the existing system goes down. Chief Hively advised Gina Conroy was figuring ways of saving the database on excel spreadsheets but there was no other resource but to go back to paper and pencil reporting.

2016 PROPOSED PUBLIC SAFETY LOCAL OPTION INCOME TAX BUDGET Mayor Daniel presented his proposed budget for the LOIT dollars. He thought we were projected \$456,000 and has tried to set aside \$56,000 for future cash reserves. He reviewed the proposal with Council; for police the CAD system, purchase and installation of GPS for handheld radios, new secured evidence system; for communications a digital video recorder for the many security cameras, 30 HD security camera upgrades, digital voice recorder and new dispatch console for the supervisor's office; for fire funds to help with the training program in the schools.

Jennifer Romano questioned since the funds would be coming in gradually if there was an orderly plan for these projects. Mayor Daniel advised we could not spend the money until we would get approval from the state anyway. Rosie Coyle explained the appropriation process.

Mayor Daniel asked Council for verbal approval to begin the ordinance process. All members present were in agreement to begin the process.

YOUTH COUNCIL Isabelle Anglin was present representing the Youth Council. She gave an update on their activities.

SECURITY LIGHT AGREEMENT AND RATE Shawn Lickey advised the security light agreement had not been looked at for about 10 years. He explained they have redone all of the coding and added LED technology as well as flood lighting. He advised these lights are strictly requested from the customer.

Rosie Coyle advised the customer is locked into the agreement for at least one year.

Rosie Coyle advised if Council approves of this they would need to do an ordinance first to change the rates. Council was in agreement to proceed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Mark Green** – getting things ready for spring, continuing with baseball and softball registration, will be at the Whitley County EXPO, letter to property owners about possibly moving the skate park to Kenneth Wright Park, 80’s band for fireworks celebration. **Shawn Lickey** – new services, Tree Board tree removal, researching mapping software. **Kelly Cearbaugh** – helping with concrete work at wastewater plant, raised manhole casting on Chicago Street, sewer taps at Coesse, patching and cleaning streets. **Mike Cook** – researching LED lighting, quote for generator, replaced pump on boiler. **Mike Shoda** – Blue Bell project, Main Street project. **Tom LaRue** – air pack testing, fire inspector vehicle done, Community Foundation grant presentation, mask fit testing, bottle testing, firehouse backboard repair, painting quotes. **Tony Hively** – update on new officers, office reorganization, training. **Terry Wherry** – App updates, new IP phone system, upgrades to Windows 10.

WHITLEY COUNTY EXPO Jennifer Romano reported the EXPO was scheduled for March 12, 2016 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Indian Springs Middle School. She advised it was a good opportunity to come and see a good cross section of our community as well as a lot of businesses and non-profit organizations.

THOMAS R. MARSHALL PLAZA Tad Varga reported they would be holding a “smoke in” where they will be selling cigars with a Thomas R. Marshall commemorative band on it. He thought the application was being sent in on March 11, they have hit all of their fundraising goals and had a target date of June 1 to have it open.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle