

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017
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 Board of Works 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 24, 2017 meeting minutes as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, Walt Crowder, Nicole Penrod, Jennifer Romano and Dan Weigold voted aye, Tad Varga abstained.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve an overview of the February 7, 2017 meeting minutes as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, Walt Crowder, Nicole Penrod, Jennifer Romano and Dan Weigold voted aye, Tad Varga abstained.

WILLIAM SMITH – BLUE MEDICAL – YEARLY UPDATE William Smith was present to give an update on Blue M Medical. He reported he was able to get his ISO Certification; it took nearly a year and a half between registration and going through the process. He shared the next area is to improve and increase relationships to continue their growth.

TREE BOARD UPDATE – KEN LUNDQUIST Ken Lundquist gave an update on the Tree Board activities. He reported the Tree Board was awarded \$18,314.00 in federal funds for their 2016 Community and Urban Forestry Assistance Project. He announced the City of Columbia City was selected for the ISA Gold Leaf Award. He explained the significance of the award and presented Mayor Daniel, on behalf of the Columbia City Tree Board, the Indiana Arborists Association Gold Leaf Award.

Ken Lundquist advised we were on track to receive the Tree City USA award for the 23rd year in a row.

MAYOR UPDATES Mayor Daniel reported the youth council would be meeting on Thursday; he would be in Indianapolis to discuss road funding; City retreat was scheduled for February 23 & 24; he and Shawn Lickey will be in Washington DC for the APPA rally February 28 through March 1. He requested a change in a couple meeting dates for 2017; switch October 10 to October 17 and December 26 to December 28.

RDC PRESENTATION – REGIONAL CITIES FUNDING FOR AQUATICS FACILITY

Tad Varga advised their presentation went really well. He was grateful to Council for approving the bond as the RDC voted at the end of their meeting to not take any more applications for funding. He shared the projects presented went over the budget remaining by about \$2-\$3 million. He advised it would be 4 weeks before we would hear anything and if approved it would be another 2 weeks for the State's approval.

Nicole Penrod questioned if this would be an all or nothing thing. Tad Varga explained the impression he got was everyone who presented was going to get something. He felt we would get enough to launch the project. He advised there were other companies out there that were still interested in supporting and donating to this project.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle