

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 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 – Absent
Daniel Weigold – Present

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

MINUTES Jennifer Romano noted a spelling error under Ordinance 2017-11. Mayor Daniel also noted under the Utility Office Remodel discussion it should refer to the City Hall Security Committee.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve an overview of the May 23, 2017 meeting minutes as corrected, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, Nicole Penrod, Dan Weigold and Walt Crowder voted aye, Jennifer Romano abstained.

ORDINANCE 2017-10: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RIDER – 2ND

READING Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to read Ordinance 2017-10 by title only, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2017-10 an ordinance adopting and Economic Development Rider.

Shawn Lickey explained this was basically a pass through rebate from IMPA to spur growth and economic development. He shared if we would get a large customer who would use over 1 megawatt of service IMPA would rebate their service for the first 5 years. He explained the discount would come off of our IMPA bill.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve Ordinance 2017-10 on second and final reading, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

PUBLIC HEARING – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION GENERAL

OBLIGATION BONDS OF 2017 Mayor Daniel recessed the meeting as a public hearing. Hearing no comments or questions Mayor Daniel closed the public hearing.

ORDINANCE 2017-12: APPROPRIATING THE PROCEEDS OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to read Ordinance 2017-12 by title only, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2017-12 an ordinance of the City of Columbia City appropriating the proceeds of the general obligation bonds of 2017.

Mayor Daniel reported the City was officially approved for funding by the IEDC; the Board of Works approved the sub-recipient agreement between the Northeast Indiana Regional Development Authority and the City to acquire the Regional Cities funding. He advised we were still on track for ground breaking in August.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve Ordinance 2017-12 on emergency basis on first and final reading, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

PRECISION PLASTICS TAX ABATEMENT Mayor Daniel advised this would be tabled until the next meeting.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS Council reviewed the Statement of Benefits for Stafco, KC Jones, Oakview Tool, Quality Gage, Burnham/Kerr – Dunham’s & Dollar Tree, Peak Performance, Impact C & C, DOT America and Precision Plastics.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve the following: Stafco, KC Jones, Oakview Tool, Quality Gage, Burnham/Kerr - Dunhams, Burnham/Kerr – Dollar Tree, Peak Performance, Impact C & C, DOT America and Precision Plastics as being in compliance, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Shawn Lickey** – completed Precision Plastics project, completed Holiday Inn Express 3 phase service, began engineering 3 phase service for the empty space behind Wings, Etc., installed power to park sign, new services, working on Net Metering ordinance, approved to hire the vacant position left by Ron Gallmeyer 3-4 years ago. **Mike Cook** – update on new truck, started painting projects, reviewing applications for open position, set flow meters, doing overhaul on one of the primary sludge pumps. **Tony Hively** – Officers Ayers & Barber will be graduating from academy on Friday. **Kelly Cearbaugh** – 50/50 sidewalk projects, Catherine Avenue update, sprayed alleys, Community Corrections painting curbs, seeking applications to fill mechanics position. **Mike Shoda** – new services, finishing up at Eagle Glen. **Jeff Walker** – update on the easement acquirements for LTCP. **Mark Green** – Jr. Golf tournaments, baseball/softball games still going on, new bathroom project on hold, new park sign, splash pad going, thanked Wheeler Mechanical for sponsoring fireworks.

MAYOR UPDATE Mayor Daniel reported he and Shawn Lickey went to Illinois to visit the Prairie State Energy Campus where IMPA was a 13-14% owner. He shared this was a power generation facility that was built across the street from a coal mine so they were able to tour both the facility and the coal mine. He reported on the mailbox handout to the high school graduates. He also reported on the new school groundbreaking, Mayor’s Roundtable, mid-term performance reviews, Old Settlers and the Whitley County Amateur Radio Club event.

TREE BOARD APPOINTMENT Walt Crowder reported there was still an opening on the Tree Board.

Jennifer Romano questioned how long the term was. Walt Crowder believed it to be 3 years.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle