

**COMMON COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 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** Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve an overview of the August 22, 2017 meeting minutes as presented, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, Jennifer Romano, Walter Crowder and Dan Weigold voted aye, Nicole Penrod abstained.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve an overview of the August 28, 2017 special meeting minutes as presented, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve an overview of the September 5, 2017 executive session meeting minutes as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**JOB DESCRIPTION: AQUATIC CENTER MANAGER** Mayor Daniel noted the job responsibilities for the Aquatic Center Manager have not changed; it was the title of the position that was in question.

Mark Green thought Council was leaning towards ‘Manager’ last time and is why it was titled that way. Jennifer Romano thought they all felt ‘Director’ was not the right name to be under a Supervisor.

Dan Weigold questioned if the summer swim team was really under the jurisdiction of the City. Mark Green advised it was but never really has been. Dan Weigold thought it was a separate organization that utilized our pool. Mark Green thought it was originally supposed to be under the Park but it has not been that way. He shared that Tad Varga indicated they were having some issues and the Park would be taking it back over.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve the position description for Aquatic Center Manager, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**ORDINANCE 2017-26: 2018 SALARY ORDINANCE – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING** Motion was made by Dan Weigold to read Ordinance 2017-26 by title only, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all

voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2017-26 an ordinance to be known as the 2018 salary range/benefit ordinance.

Mayor Daniel explained reasons for the changes in the salary ranges.

Discussion was held regarding the H.R. Director and incorporating ‘Safety Director’ to the job title. Mayor Daniel requested time to reach out to others on this.

Rosie Coyle continued reviewing the proposed changes in the salary ranges.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve Ordinance 2017-26 as first reading, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS** **Mike Cook** – reviewing permits, delivered pumps for testing, set flow meters, boiler inspection. **Tony Hively** – application process to fill position of officer transferring to FWPD, City Hall security enhancements. **Mark Green** – Burnworth Pool demolition update, Every Kids Dreamland bathroom replacement, approaching County again on aquatics facility, fundraising efforts for new pavilion, Mother/Son Halloween event on October 20.

**MAYOR UPDATE** Mayor Daniel reported he met with the Northern Indiana Rail Association regarding our interest in a passenger rail that would run from Columbus to Chicago. He advised it was still very, very preliminary. He reported LT Foundations and Brewha were working on a little pocket park that would be between Hosler’s and LT; he was working with them on that. He advised they continue to work with SDI on their increased discharge but nothing was official at this point. He reported he, Mark Green, Walt Crowder and Kelly Cearbaugh would be participating in the Trust Local golf outing. He reported on the activities of the Youth Council.

**TREE BOARD APPOINTMENT** Walt Crowder reported the Tree Board now has a full staff with the confirmation of Larry Walters.

**WHITLEY COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT** Walt Crowder shared they were still filling seats within the sewer district organization. He reported they held their first unofficial, informal meeting and would share information as he was able.

**ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE** Jennifer Romano reported the Ordinance Committee met to discuss the increased interest of allowing ATV/RTV type vehicles in town.

Having no further discussion to come before Council the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor Ryan Daniel

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Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle