

**COMMON COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018**  
**6:00 P.M.**

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

**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 December 28, 2017 meeting minutes as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT** Dan Weigold nominated Walt Crowder to remain as Council President, Jennifer Romano seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, the nominations were closed. Nicole Penrod, Jennifer Romano and Dan Weigold all voted in favor of appointing Walt Crowder as Council President. Walt Crowder abstained.

**ORDINANCE 2018-1: PARKING AMENDMENT – WEST VAN BUREN STREET**

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to read Ordinance 2018-1 by title only, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2018-1 an ordinance amending Chapter 75, Traffic Schedules, of Title VII of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Mayor Daniel advised this ordinance would designate no parking on the north side of West Van Buren Street between Walnut and McDonald Streets.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve Ordinance 2018-1 as first reading, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**ORDINANCE 2018-2: ILLICIT DISCHARGE TO STORMWATER SYSTEM** Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to read Ordinance 2018-2 by title only, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2018-2 an ordinance amending Chapter 56. Illicit Discharge and Connection to the Municipal Stormwater System, of Title V of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Mayor Daniel explained this ordinance specifies that our stormwater system was specifically for the corporate boundaries and does not include the 2 mile jurisdictional boundary.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve Ordinance 2018-2 as first reading, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS** **Mark Green** – hired Jacob Johnson as the aquatics facility manager, finished up with brick sales, tickets on sale for father/daughter dance. **Tom LaRue** – Board approval of hiring process for an additional firefighter. **Kelly Cearbaugh** – thanked other departments for helping with snow removal. **Shawn Lickey** – routine substation inspections, Christmas decorations down, meeting with IMPA and AEP regarding the 69KV transition we will have to go through, **Tony Hively** – Officer Rob Sands started with the department and will do official swearing in ceremony at the next meeting, reported on department stats, body camera upgrades, fire arms simulator training research, dispatch training and was approved to hire an additional police officer and dispatcher. **Mike Shoda** – frozen meters, water main break at Collinwood and Main Street. **Jeff Walker** – Wooddale project update, meeting regarding 2 businesses looking for either tax abatement or incentives for new facilities on unimproved property and SDI sewer update. **Mike Cook** – lost heat in headworks building causing many issues within the building, permit update, year-end report for IDEM and EPA. **Terry Wherry** – SDS reinstalling cameras at Every Kids Dreamland, Cody Rice back at school but still available to do work remotely.

**JOSH COLLINS – COALITION AGAINST BIGGER TRUCKS** Josh Collins explained his organization was a nonprofit dedicated to trying to keeping heavier tractor/trailers off of the roads. He shared they have been doing this work for 15 years now and the reason they work on this issue was because of safety and infrastructure components.

Mr. Collins reviewed a powerpoint with Council.

Mayor Daniel asked what it was they were asking of the Council. Mr. Collins explained one thing that worked well was a local government resolution simply stating the concern for bigger, heavier trucks. He advised another thing was to write a letter on behalf of the Mayor and Council.

Nicole Penrod advised she would like to see a sample letter before moving forward. Mr. Collins advised he could send a template for a Resolution and also a draft letter.

Walt Crowder questioned the percentage of Indiana that was supporting this request. Mr. Collins advised he could get Council a list of other grassroots officials, local government and law enforcement that have been a big help in Indiana. Walt Crowder was interested in seeing who along the US 30 corridor was participating. Mr. Collins advised he would send over a packet of information.

Walt Crowder questioned Chief Hively from a law enforcement standpoint what the maximum length a semi or vehicle could be without having flaggers or escorts. Chief Hively was unsure but would get the information to Council.

Mayor Daniel questioned Chief Hively if he had a position or stance on this. Chief Hively advised he did not.

Mayor Daniel advised once he receives the packet of information it would be put in the dropbox for Council to review prior to the next meeting.

**MAYOR UPDATE** SDI project moving along and hope to be able to give more information in 2-3 months, would be part of a Mayor's panel in Muncie for the Leadership and Community Economic Development portion of the Indiana Economic Development Course and then would be going to Fort Wayne for a Mayor's/Commissioner's caucus sub-committee meeting, will be holding a local Whitley County US 30 planning meeting to figure out next steps, goal setting with department heads and will be attending the IMPA Legislative dinner on Monday, January 22.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

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Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle