

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2018
6:00 PM**

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

Council Members

Walt Crowder – Present
Nicole Penrod – Present
Jennifer Romano – Present
Tad Varga – Present
Daniel Weigold – Present

The Columbia City Common Council 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 9, 2018 meeting minutes as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, Walt Crowder, Nicole Penrod, Jennifer Romano and Dan Weigold voted aye, Tad Varga abstained.

SWEAR IN NEW POLICE OFFICER ROBERT SANDS Chief Hively introduced Officer Sands to Council. Rosie Coyle performed the swearing in ceremony.

2017 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING AWARDS Jennifer Romano introduced the lighting winners and presented awards to Larry Burkholder, Mrs. Ora Kidd, Gary & Joann Bird, David & Diana Taylor and William & Diana Streby.

TAX ABATEMENT – BR REAL ESTATE LLC Riley Hollenbaugh was present representing the Whitley County EDC as Jon Myers had a prior commitment. He advised a letter was sent to Council showing the cost benefit analysis of this tax abatement. He explained the idea was for R B Real Estate to move their franchise headquarters from Fort Wayne to Columbia City. He advised they would be adding 6 jobs at about \$24.00 per hour average.

Mayor Daniel noted Whitley County was a part of the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership and one of the agreements amongst the officials, Mayors and Commissioners was that we would not poach jobs from other counties in the partnership. He advised Jon Myers did reach out to Fort Wayne to discuss this project and they had no problems with it.

Jeff Walker advised they had been working with R B Real Estate and Brian McMeeking for several months on this project. He shared this was an investment just shy of \$1 million; about \$650,000 thousand in real property investment and another \$250,000 thousand in personal property. He reported the Committee met and highly recommends a 10 year abatement for both real and personal property.

Tad Varga questioned the construction time frame. Mr. McMeeking advised they would like to get started as soon as possible.

RESOLUTION 2018-3: REAL PROPERTY Motion was made by Tad Varga to read Resolution 2018-3 by title only, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Resolution 2018-3 a Resolution of the Columbia City Common Council approving the deduction of assessed valuation for real property improvements located in the Columbia City Economic Revitalization Area.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve Resolution 2018-3 for a 10 year tax abatement on real property, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye.

RESOLUTION 2018-4: PERSONAL PROPERTY Motion was made by Walt Crowder to read Resolution 2018-4 by title only, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle Read Resolution 2018-4 a Resolution approving the deduction of assessed valuation for personal property improvements within an Economic Revitalization Area in Columbia City, Indiana.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve Resolution 2018-4 for a 10 year time period, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye.

JON GOTZ – ANNUAL MS4 REPORT Jon Gotz distributed and reviewed the annual MS4 report.

Walt Crowder questioned Mr. Gotz if he had any data on the number of people who participate in the Rain Barrel program. Mr. Gotz advised he kept an Excel spreadsheet of participants and had the data available if anyone wanted it.

Jennifer Romano questioned if any of the 234 tons of litter picked up at the Parks was recyclable. Mark Green advised they do have recycle cans at the Parks. Mr. Gotz advised that number was an estimate based on the containers they have at the Parks so expected some of it did go to a facility to be recycled.

AFFIRMATION DISCLOSURE FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS Mayor Daniel explained this was something that is done every year and is required by the State. He felt it was a good transparency exercise that would disclose any contracts the City may have with elected officials themselves or family.

Motion was made by Walt Crowder to approve Jennifer Romano's disclosure as presented, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, Walt Crowder, Nicole Penrod, Tad Varga and Dan Weigold voted aye, Jennifer Romano abstained.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to approve Rosie Coyle's disclosure as presented, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Tad Varga to approve Mayor Daniel's disclosure as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve Walt Crowder's disclosure as presented, Tad Varga seconded the motion, Nicole Penrod, Jennifer Romano, Tad Varga and Dan Weigold voted aye, Walt Crowder abstained.

Motion was made by Tad Varga to approve Dan Weigold's disclosure as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, Walt Crowder, Nicole Penrod, Jennifer Romano and Tad Varga voted aye, Dan Weigold abstained.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve Nicole Penrod's disclosure as presented, Tad Varga seconded the motion, Walt Crowder, Jennifer Romano, Tad Varga and Dan Weigold voted aye, Nicole Penrod abstained.

Motion was made by Walt Crowder to approve Tad Varga's disclosure as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, Walt Crowder, Nicole Penrod, Jennifer Romano and Dan Weigold voted aye, Tad Varga abstained.

ORDINANCE 2018-1: PARKING AMENDMENT – W. VAN BUREN – 2ND READING

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to read Ordinance 2018-1 by title only, Tad Varga 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.

Motion was made by Walt Crowder to approve Ordinance 2018-1 on second and final reading, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2018-2: ILLICIT DISCHARGE TO STORM WATER SYSTEM – 2ND READING

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to read Ordinance 2018-2 by title only, Tad Varga 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 Storm Water System of Title V of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Motion was made by Tad Varga to approve Ordinance 2018-2 on second and final reading, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

TRUCK SIZE AND WEIGHT LIMITS Mayor Daniel reminded Council that at the last meeting Josh Collins with the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks had presented information and was again in front of Council to make a determination on how to proceed.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to table the issue until the next meeting, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Mark Green** – IPRA Conference in Fort Wayne, aquatics facility update, Father/Daughter dance February 9 & 10, baseball & softball registration beginning in

February. **Jessica White, Mayor Intern** – working on neighborhood beautification grant program. **Jeff Walker** – Wooddale project update. **Mike Cook** – quotes to repair water line in headworks building, new level sensor on digester. **Kelly Cearbaugh** – repairing snow and salt equipment, running televising equipment on sewers, patching potholes, running sweeper. **Tony Hively** – K9 received safety vest. **Shawn Lickey** – fixed secondary wire on Squawbuck, began Tree Board tree removal, moved primary wire on Old Lake Road, aquatics facility transformer delivery update, AMI project update. **Terry Wherry** – City website hacked. **Tom LaRue** – CPR Training.

MAYOR REPORT Mayor Daniel reported he attended the IMPA Legislative Dinner. He talked with Jenny Reffitt about creating a Lemonade Day for our community which is a day that encourages young individuals to come up with a business plan and sell Lemonade. He will be attending the Mayor’s Roundtable in Plymouth on Friday. He advised Lunch with the Mayor will be February 2.

YOUTH COUNCIL Olivia Campbell was present representing the Youth Council and gave an update on their activities.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle