

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018
6:00 P.M.**

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

Council Members

Walter Crowder – Present
Nicole Penrod – Absent
Jennifer Romano – Present
Tad Varga – Present
Daniel Weigold – Present

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

MINUTES Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve an overview of the February 27, 2018 meeting minutes as presented, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to approve the February 27, 2018 Executive Session meeting minutes as presented, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye.

YEARLY TREE BOARD REPORT Ken Lundquist was present to give a report on the Tree Board activities from 2017.

CDBG PLANNING GRANT LOCAL MATCH – RESOLUTION 2018-5 Motion was made by Tad Varga to read Resolution 2018-5 by title only, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye. Rosie Coyle read Resolution 2018-5 a Resolution authorizing application submission and local match commitment, City of Columbia City.

Mayor Daniel explained this was the second step in the planning process for our downtown revitalization plan. He shared this was effectively saying the \$4,400 in matching funds would come from CEDIT from the unplanned projects category. He advised until we get the bids back we would not know exactly how much it would be but that would be the maximum match. He hoped to be able to acquire the grant within the next month or two.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve Resolution 2018-5 on first and final reading, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL INTENT FOR REIMBURSEMENT EXPENDITURES

Mayor Daniel shared this was from Ice Miller, who is our bond counsel. He advised the Board of Works approved the Letter of Intent with SDI for the economic development project which involves a new sewer line being built. He explained this basically states we are intending to finance the cost of the project and expect to issue debt through the SRF program in an estimated

amount of \$4.4 million in aggregate principal payments. He advised this was what Bond Counsel says we have to pass as a starting spot with this project from a financial perspective.

Attorney McNagny shared whether we use this or not is irrelevant but we need to have it in place in case we need to do the reimbursements.

Motion was made by Tad Varga to approve the Declaration, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Mark Green** – update on aquatics facility, attended the business expo at ISMS, baseball/softball registration closed and will be drafting teams, interviewing for part time workers for the park and pool. **Tony Hively** – Officer Fearnow selected as K9 handler, holding interviews for new dispatcher. **Mike Cook** – splash pad permit submitted, sludge report submitted to EPA, will begin biomonitoring next week. **Shawn Lickey** – replaced fiber chewed up by squirrels, finished cutting down Tree Board trees and have begun stump grinding. **Jeff Walker** – update on Wooddale project, working on easement for the LTCP and seeking proposals for a Phase I environmental to be done on a property the City is planning to acquire from NOVAE.

MAYOR REPORT Mayor Daniel reported the Youth Council traveled to Kendallville to meet with their Youth Council, Joint Advisory Board met to discuss stats on construction projects going on in the County and City, met with INDOT to discuss US 30 nothing has changed but at 500 E and US 30 they were working towards a J-turn to be constructed in 2021, will be attending the Mayor’s Institute on Thursday and Friday.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION Tad Varga reported the Redevelopment Commission met to do a lot of planning for the future; brainstorming for our downtown with development, growth and building upgrades.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle