

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 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 – Present
Jennifer Romano – Present
Tad Varga – Present
Daniel Weigold – Absent

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

MINUTES Motion was made by Tad Varga to approve an overview of the March 27, 2018 meeting minutes as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, Walt Crowder, Nicole Penrod and Tad Varga voted aye, Jennifer Romano abstained.

PUBLIC HEARING – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS Mayor Daniel noted they currently have \$200,000.00 set aside in the Rainy Day Fund for Park bathrooms and was asking for an additional \$200,000.00 from the Rainy Day Fund to offset the 10 year agreement with Lutheran. He explained Lutheran was contributing \$500,000.00 towards the Aquatics Facility but that was to be paid over a 10 year period. He advised he was asking the \$400,000.00 be set aside for the Aquatics Center with the payback from Lutheran going back into the Rainy Day Fund.

Mayor Daniel recessed the meeting to hold a public hearing on the additional appropriations request. Hearing no comments or questions the public hearing was closed.

RESOLUTION 2018-12: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to read Resolution 2018-12 by title only, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Resolution 2018-12 Additional Appropriations Resolution.

Walt Crowder questioned over the next 10 years would the payments go back into the 2 categories it was being taken out of. Mayor Daniel explained all of the money was coming from the Rainy Day Fund so it would all go back into the General Rainy Day Fund but those funds could be reassigned if Council wanted.

Jennifer Romano confirmed there would be no bathrooms this year. Mayor Daniel advised that was correct; they would be put on hold for an additional year.

Motion was made by Tad Varga to approve Resolution 2018-12, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2018-6 PANHANDLING AND SOLICITATION – 1ST READING Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to read Ordinance 2018-6 by title only, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2018-6 an Ordinance amending the Panhandling and Solicitation regulations for the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Jennifer Romano discussed the problems caused and concerns of our citizens. She also mentioned the number of local organizations available to help citizens in need.

Shawn Ellis with the Lighthouse was present to talk about their organization and how they were able to help those in our community. She distributed information to Council on their 2017 statistics. She advised they work very closely with the jail system, community corrections, probation, DCS and others. She explained they were not an emergency shelter meaning that when someone comes to them they require a minimum stay of 30 days; they work with the individuals to assess all of their needs and the barrier that is causing homelessness.

Mrs. Ellis shared, regarding the panhandling situation, they get calls weekly from well-intentioned citizens who report these homeless individuals standing at the Kroger intersection and other areas. She advised these individuals need help but they do not want the kind of help the Lighthouse provides. She shared they have had staff and Board members address these individuals but they express no interest in the program. She stressed to Council that the homeless individuals in this community do not stand on a corner holding a sign saying they need money. She shared if individuals want to make an impact, give donations to organizations that are servicing individuals in our County, not to those who do not live in our community.

Mayor Daniel felt the “push-pull” of this ordinance first and foremost was the safety issue, not only for those individuals but for the vehicles going by, but then there is the kindness of our community.

Jennifer Romano explained the contents of the ordinances.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve Ordinance 2018-6 as first reading, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2018-7 MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS – 1ST READING Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to read Ordinance 2018-7 by title only, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2018-7 an ordinance of the Common Council amending the Municipal Code of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Attorney McNagny explained many of the changes were cleaning up fines to a set amount as well as listing the penalties within the ordinances themselves and removing the classifications in the Ordinance Violations Bureau area.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve Ordinance 2018-7 as first reading, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2018-8 AMENDMENT TO PARK ORDINANCE – 1ST READING Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to read Ordinance 2018-8 by title only, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2018-8 an ordinance amending Chapter 96; Parks Department, of Title IX of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Attorney McNagny shared there may be additional changes as the aquatics facility is completed but at least needed to change the name to Russel and Evelyn Fahl Aquatic Center. She advised there were a few other park things that have been removed or fines changed.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve Ordinance 2018-8 as first reading, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2018-9 CODE OF ORDINANCE UPDATES Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to read Ordinance 2018-9 by title only, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2018-9 an ordinance enacting and adopting the supplement of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Columbia City, Indiana and declaring an emergency.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve Ordinance 2018-9 on first and final reading, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2018-10 CODE OF ORDINANCE UPDATES Motion was made by Tad Varga to read Ordinance 2018-10 by title only, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2018-10 an ordinance enacting and adopting the supplement of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Columbia City, Indiana and declaring an emergency.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve Ordinance 2018-10 on first and final reading, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2018-11 VACATE ORDINANCE – 1ST READING This ordinance was tabled until the next meeting.

ORDINANCE 2018-13 PEDDLER’S/MOBILE VENDORS AMENDMENT – 1ST READING This ordinance was tabled until the next meeting.

CITY HALL ENERGY SAVINGS CONTRACT Mayor Daniel reported Rosie Coyle, Troy Gawthrop and he met regarding the energy savings contract. He advised there were 2 proposals and after interviewing both parties they decided to go with Perfection Group.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Kelly Cearbaugh** – working on brick crosswalks, limb pickup, leaf mulch available. **Mike Shoda** – Jefferson Street between Marshall and Hilltop they had 2 breaks so was just a matter of time before they would need to get that main replaced.

WOODDALE PROJECT Mayor Daniel reported the neighborhood pre-construction meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 23. He thought it would be the very end of April/early May to get started and mid/late October for completion.

MAYOR UPDATE Mayor Daniel reported the LTCP was at 90% design. They were preparing to apply for the OCRA construction grant for the project and were eligible for up to \$600,000.00. He reported the Board of Works held interviews for the police and firefighter positions and individuals have been selected. He advised Movie on the Square will be June 1st. He reported he would be gone April 11 – 18. Mary Raber Arbor Day was scheduled for Friday, April 20.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle