

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2018
6:00 P.M.**

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

Council Members

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

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

MINUTES Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve an overview of the June 12, 2018 meeting minutes as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFICER – HUNTER LARUE Rosie Coyle performed the swearing in ceremony for new police officer Hunter LaRue.

SWEARING IN OF FIRE FIGHTER – BLAKE FORRESTER Rosie Coyle performed the swearing in ceremony for new fire fighter Blake Forrester.

ORDINANCE 2018-18 – 2ND READING – REZONE 621 N. SR 9 Motion was made by Tad Varga to read Ordinance 2018-18 by title only, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2018-18 an ordinance amending the zoning classification of certain property from the “GB” general business industrial district to the “R-3” multi-family residential district.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve Ordinance 2018-18 on second reading, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2018-17 – SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – 2ND READING

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to read Ordinance 2018-17 by title only, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2018-17 an ordinance amending the City of Columbia City salary ordinance for 2018.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve Ordinance 2018-17 on second reading, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye.

TREE BOARD REPORT Mayor Daniel read the Tree Board report in its entirety. He shared that everyone was encouraged to visit the Tree Board website to further review the Management Plan.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Tony Hively** – letter of intent to retire, Board approval to hire police officer as well as a dispatcher to fill the position left by a resignation, researching

equipment upgrades to dispatch consoles and getting quotes, Old Settlers action plan. **Scott Leatherman** – expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve the community and the department in the position of Police Chief at the retirement of Chief Hively. **Shawn Lickey** – installation of AMI meters, updates on new services, reviewing bids for new bucket truck, attended the APPA national convention, finished work at the Aquatics Center and Patterson Dentistry. **Mike Shoda** – flushing hydrants. **Mike Cook** – working on 700 E liftstation pumps, certifications and permits for SDI project, certification for spec building in Rail Connect Park, sludge hauling. **Mark Green** – baseball and softball winding down, fireworks on July 3rd, update on aquatics center, grand opening for Aquatics Center is July 7th. **Kelly Cearbaugh** – working on Squawbuck Road. **Jeff Walker** – returned to work, working on Wooddale issues as well as SDI project, RFP for former Nick Miller building, working with Attorney McNagny on NOVA property.

MAYOR REPORT Mayor Daniel gave an update on the City Hall renovations and shared some of the offices would be moved around. He and Chief Hively explained where each office would be relocated within City Hall. He advised when they started talking about space usage and looking at the future they felt with the renovations happening now, it just made sense to do it now. He explained further with the renovation project, as the company came through to seal the outside of City Hall, their lift moved some of the red stamped concrete squares in the sidewalks in front of City Hall. He advised he, Kelly Cearbaugh and Rosie Coyle discussed the issue; he has started to look at different options that would decrease long term maintenance and increase safety value but still make it look nice.

Mayor Daniel gave an update on the Regional Sewer District. He advised the City has been working with them to see what their long term strategy was going to be. He shared there obviously would be areas in and around our city that would need sewer service and at some point Council was going to need to make a determination on a wholesale rate. He advised there was a lot of background work that goes into this and noted some of the areas they were currently looking at were Coesse, Blue River Estates and Eastgate.

Mayor Daniel reported they were still working to finalize agreements for the SDI project. He advised they were moving forward with the OCRA grant for the Long Term Control Plan in the amount of \$700,000.00. He thought notification of award would be in August. He reported he had a meeting in Warsaw with the new Finance Chairman, Mayor Thallemer and some others regarding the US 30 project.

Having no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle