

**COMMON COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2018  
6:00 PM**

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 – Present

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

**MINUTES** Nicole Penrod noted a grammatical error under the elected official's salary ordinance discussion.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve an overview of the November 13, 2018 meeting minutes as amended, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**RESOLUTION 2018-31: APPLICATION FOR LOCAL MATCH** Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to read Resolution 2018-31 by title only, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Resolution 2018-31 a Resolution authorizing application submission and local match commitment.

Mayor Daniel explained this was to authorize the actual submission of our grant application for the Long Term Control Plan project to OCRA.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve Resolution 2018-31, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**PUBLIC HEARING – SITE, INC ANNEXATION** Mayor Daniel recessed the meeting and opened the floor to public comment regarding the Site, Inc. annexation. Hearing no comments or questions the public hearing was closed.

**PUBLIC HEARING – ARMSTRONG ANNEXATION** Mayor Daniel recessed the meeting and opened the floor to public comment regarding the Armstrong annexation. Hearing no comments or questions the public hearing was closed.

**ORDINANCE 2018-30 ELECTED OFFICIALS 2019 SALARY ORDINANCE: 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**READING** Motion was made by Tad Varga to read Ordinance 2018-30 by title only, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2018-

30 an ordinance fixing the annual salaries of all elected officials of the City of Columbia City, Indiana effective December 22, 2108 for the year 2019.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve Ordinance 2018-30 on second reading, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION LAWSUIT** Mayor Daniel explained the Columbia City Redevelopment Commission commenced an insurance recovery lawsuit against the LML Corporation, who was operating at 607 S. Chauncey Street. He stated the Redevelopment Commission was given this property a couple years ago for the intent to clean up and redevelop the property for future use. He stated as part of the lawsuit the Redevelopment Commission was alleging that LML Corporation contaminated the property; for an insurance recovery lawsuit we go after the insurance companies who covered LML during those time periods. He advised the lawsuit commenced and the Redevelopment Commission authorized him to negotiate a settlement with the insurance companies. He shared a settlement has been offered to the Redevelopment Commission and was accepted by them but City Council needed to affirm their decision to accept. He explained the agreement was for \$2.1 million; after attorney's fees it ends up being \$1.4 million to be put into a fund created for clean-up purposes. He advised this will be presented at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Daniel advised with the settlement the Redevelopment Commission and any subsidiaries of the City agree not to sue them in the future for that issue.

Jennifer Romano questioned if they had a sense of what it would cost to clean up the property. Mayor Daniel advised they really would not know until our contractor starts digging. He noted one of the big questions at hand, but won't know for a while, is if we will need to treat groundwater.

Dan Weigold questioned when clean up would start. Mayor Daniel explained the idea was to have money in the bank by the end of the year then the Redevelopment Commission could start going after contractors.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to concur and affirm the Redevelopment Commission's approval to settle the case between the Columbia City Redevelopment Commission and LML Corporation, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS** **Kelly Cearbaugh** – leaf pickup, winter maintenance. **Jeff Walker** – progress meeting for Contract A for the SDI project. **Shawn Lickey** – Christmas lights, meeting with AEP on conversion project, approval to hire employee to fill open position and working on job description on new position. **Mike Cook** – new spreader box for dump truck, repairs at plant and 700 E liftstation.

**BZA REPRESENTATIVE** Walt Crowder advised Cathy Gardner has accepted to fill the position on the BZA for 2019.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to approve Cathy Gardner for the BZA appointment, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**MAYOR REPORT** Mayor Daniel reported he and Scott Leatherman met with Motorola and ERS on the conversion of the Dispatch center. He advised they would be making a presentation to Council at the December 11 meeting. He reported the Utility Rate Advisory Board would be meeting to look at utility rates and where the different departments were financially. He gave an update on the City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor remodel project.

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