

**COMMON COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2018  
6:00 PM**

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 November 27, 2018 meeting minutes as presented, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**DISPATCH CENTER PRESENTATION – MOTOROLA** Scott Leatherman shared they would like to upgrade the dispatch center as the current equipment was over 30 years old and will not work with the Next Generation 911 when they move to that. He shared they have talked to both J & K and Motorola ERS to get quotes. He explained we would be looking at a 10 year contract on the equipment and would be replaced at 5 years. He noted another cost would be for the remodel of the area with the Kevlar walls and to upgrade the windows to protect the dispatchers. He advised they would have electrical upgrades as well as a system to ground the tower. He shared the approximate price for the remodel of the area was \$300,000.00 and approximately \$945,000.00 for the Motorola consoles, CallWorks software with complete replacement at 5 years, 24/7 hour tech support and monitoring of the system. He shared this would get us on board and ready to go for the conversion to the Next Generation 911 and mapping systems that will be coming in the next few years. He explained the initial cost would be spread over a 10 year contract; we would not have to start making payments until everything was installed.

Mayor Daniel reminded Council the idea was to move dispatch into what is currently the Mayor's Office and conference room area.

Jay Burla with Motorola Services was present to discuss their proposal on the dispatch center. He shared the two products he would be discussing was the MCC 7500 and CallWorks 911 switch. He explained if anyone in the community calls 911, whether a cell phone or landline, the first place it will hit is the CallWorks stations. He advised it would show the phone number and line information. He went on to explain the NextGen 911 system pertaining to cellular calls.

Mr. Burla discussed the Integrated Public Safety Commission which was a State of Indiana run entity that manages the statewide radio network. He advised the consoles Motorola was proposing actually tie directly into that radio system which is being utilized on a daily basis. He shared the State of Indiana signed up with Motorola on a 20 year contract implemented in 2016 so they were guaranteeing the life of the radio system through 2036. He explained a lot of the equipment in proposal, computers, servers, etc. would not last 20 years and have built those costs in to the proposal to budget easier. He advised the CallWorks system was automatically replaced right around the 5 year mark and the MCC 7500's have multiple pieces that are replaced over the lifecycle. He explained it all depends on which version the State was on, we would follow the same version and replacement pattern.

Mr. Burla shared in terms of financing they were looking at lease financing as an option which was a way to purchase larger amounts without needing cash up front. He advised

they have a funding group, Motorola Credit Corp., who works with Motorola to fund these types of projects; they have provided 5, 7 and 10 year options. He explained the MCC 7500's have an ongoing cost that is broken down over a 10 year period but is documented in a yearly payment starting around \$36,000.00. He shared the all in investment would be around \$1.35 million over a 10 year period from an equipment standpoint.

Dan Weigold mentioned the 911 calls currently go to the County and then are transferred over to the City and questioned if that would not happen anymore. Chief Leatherman advised it would; this pertains to cell phone calls that are transferred.

Mayor Daniel asked Mr. Burla to discuss the cost difference if we would move forward in December versus January. Mr. Burla explained they did give a little extra of a discount as Huntington County was implementing the exact same thing so having two projects next door was very enticing to them. He advised they provided a discount of \$102,623.00 which puts the project cost at \$945,011.00. He shared he was all for extending the discount as far as he could but one thing he could not control was the 7500 product was increasing in January by 10% – 20%.

Dan Weigold questioned how expandable the system was, if we would bring in another entity. Mr. Burla advised these types of systems were very expandable.

Mayor Daniel mentioned the interoperability was such that if a tornado were to demolish City Hall we could effectively pick up and move our dispatchers to another location that has the same system and take the calls for Whitley County/Columbia City. Mr. Burla shared an example of two counties who did just that. He stated if locally the building goes away, the local resources would be gone, but the statewide resources still remain. He advised the benefit of the system was there especially from that perspective and is why they were seeing a lot of counties utilizing this; instead of building a backup system they can utilize their neighbors.

Chief Leatherman advised this was a redundant system so if our normal system would go down we would still be connected by the T-1 line that is connected to the core. Walt Crowder questioned if the T-1 was shared or dedicated. Mr. Burla advised it was a dedicated and direct line. He advised these lines were always being monitored and in the event something would get cut we would lose some of the benefits in priority or talking to just about anyone throughout the State; however, locally we would still be operating in normal conditions and could continue to operate for a long period of time. He advised the equipment could not be updated the equipment when connection is lost but updates are usually scheduled weeks in advance not in a moment of crisis.

Walt Crowder questioned from a service aspect if the equipment was drop shipped. Mr. Burla advised they have spares throughout the State and have a very strict timeline they need to repair things because of the contract with IPSC so it is 24/7/365. He shared everything was monitored and they constantly have eyes on the equipment so if they start to see performance of a computer going slow, something simple as a fan, they will come out to replace it.

Walt Crowder questioned how deep they go with redundancy. Mr. Burla explained on the CallWorks side they have two redundant shelves that sit next to each other so if one goes down it automatically switches over to the other. He advised most things on the CallWorks side can be remotely fixed but the radio side is still hardware centric but very vetted as far as the equipment that is put in.

Tad Varga confirmed this would be a 10 year lease. Mr. Burla advised that was one of the options. Tad Varga questioned what happens to the equipment after the 10 years. Mr. Burla advised the City would own the equipment. He stated as long as we stay current with where the State was at, before our contract would expire, we could update for an additional 5 years if we wanted.

Walt Crowder questioned how it would work with channels and licensing; would we be required to be purchase a license on a per channel basis for the positions or frequencies. Mr. Burla advised the frequencies already exist through the State.

Mayor Daniel explained before they started getting into the numbers and the presentation of this, he was really struggling with the dollar amount of the project. He shared in talking with Terry Wherry he advised the majority of the things we currently use in dispatch were sometimes up to 30 years old. He noted it has been about 3 decades since a major improvement has been done in dispatch. He felt to ask to spread a payment like this out over a 10 year period, when we get an automatic replacement halfway through, not only gives new life to our dispatch center but also equips us for the future and with the reallocation of space it really made sense to do.

Dan Weigold questioned if some of the LOIT money could be used for this. Mayor Daniel explained his plan of action would be to build this into the LOIT budget yearly.

Dan Weigold questioned if taxes would be raised for this. Mayor Daniel stressed he had no intentions of raising taxes for this. He advised we have the LOIT funds we could use. He shared because of Council's stewardship, since the LOIT was passed and have started to receive those dollars, we have not appropriated the full amount and have funds set aside that could compensate for at least the first year.

Mayor Daniel advised the goal is to have a formal proposal in front of Council for the next meeting.

Chief Leatherman noted, in terms of expandability, they have built in the capability to expand the power system and UPS so that if we do have to expand it would be seamless.

**RESOLUTION 2018-34 ADOPTION OF FISCAL PLAN – SITE AND SI INVESTMENT PROPERTIES** Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to read Resolution 2018-34 by title only, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Resolution 2018-34 a resolution adopting a written fiscal plan establishing a policy for the provisions of services to an annexed area (SITE and Si Investment properties property).

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve Resolution 2018-34 on first and final reading, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**ORDINANCE 2018-36 ANNEXATION OF SITE AND SI INVESTMENT – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING** Motion was made by Tad Varga to read Ordinance 2018-36 by title only, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2018-36 an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Columbia City, Indiana annexing certain territory to the City of Columbia City, Indiana, placing the same within the corporate boundaries thereof and making the same a part of the City of Columbia City.

Motion was made by Walt Crowder to approve Ordinance 2018-36 on first reading, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**RESOLUTION 2018-33 ADOPTION OF FISCAL PLAN – DRATS PROPERTY** Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to read Resolution 2018-33 by title only, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Resolution 2018-33 a resolution adopting a written fiscal plan establishing a policy for the provisions of services to an annexed area (DRATS Property).

Motion was made by Tad Varga to approve Resolution 2018-33 on first and final reading, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**ORDINANCE 2018-35 ANNEXATION OF DRATS PROPERTY – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING** Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to read Ordinance 2018-35 by title only, Dan

Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2018-35 an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Columbia City, Indiana, annexing certain territory to the City of Columbia City, Indiana, placing the same within the corporate boundaries thereof and making the same a part of the City of Columbia City.

Motion was made by Tad Varga to approve Ordinance 2018-35 on first reading, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**ORDINANCE 2018-37 ESTABLISHING AN ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION FUND – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING**

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to read Ordinance 2018-37 by title only, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2018-37 an ordinance establishing an environmental remediation fund for the LML site located in the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Mayor Daniel explained this is an ordinance to designate a specific fund for the Redevelopment Commissions settlement proceeds from the lawsuit against LML and their insurers. He advised the amount was \$1.4 million. He stated the Redevelopment Commission needed a place to put these funds so they do not get mixed in with other funds. He advised these funds would be specifically designated for that site.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve Ordinance 2018-37 on first reading, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS** **Jeff Walker** – update on Ravenwood Section 2, renewed interest in the property at 314 W Van Buren and will issue another RFP. **Shawn Lickey** – Quail Ridge street lights complete, completed NOVAE conversion, completed Chesapeake Landing Section 4, update on Dollar General. **Kelly Cearbaugh** – televised sewer at Rail Connect for Fox Contractors, leaf pickup update, street sweeper out. **Tom LaRue** – annual candy giveaway Christmas Eve from 6-8 pm. **Mike Shoda** – new services to hook up, drain pipe in Westgate. **Mark Green** – letters for banner sponsors at aquatics center, Father/Daughter dance in February, selling aquatics center memberships.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING** Mayor Daniel reminded Council the next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, December 27.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor Ryan Daniel

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Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle