

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019
6:00 PM**

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

Council Members

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

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

MINUTES Approval of the minutes for March 12 and April 23 were postponed until the next meeting.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY - NEW POLICE OFFICERS Rosie Coyle performed the swearing in ceremony for new police officers Evan Myers, Nicholas Pepler, Caleb Wooldridge, Michael Porter and Jared Kelley.

ORDINANCE 2019-13: ISSUANCE OF SEWAGE WORKS REVENUE BONDS FOR THE REFUNDING OF THE CITY'S SEWAGE WORKS REVENUE BONDS OF 2005 AND 2006 – 1ST READING

Motion was made by Tad Varga to read Ordinance 2019-13 by title only, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2019-13 an ordinance concerning the refunding by the City of Columbia City of its outstanding Sewage Works Revenue Bonds of 2005 and Sewage Works Revenue Bonds of 2006; authorizing the issuance of sewage works refunding revenue bonds for such purpose; providing for the collection, segregation and distribution of the revenues of the sewage works and the safeguarding of the interests of the owners of the sewage works refunding revenue bonds authorized herein; other matters connected therewith; and repealing ordinances inconsistent herewith.

Mayor Daniel explained this would be for the refunding of bonds discussed in past meetings. He stated this would be a way in which the City could get a better rate on the sewage bonds; they would expire at the same time while potentially saving the City \$25,000.00 per year.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to approve Ordinance 2019-13 on first reading, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2019-2; MOBILE NON-FOOD VENDORS – 1ST READING

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to read Ordinance 2019-2 by title only, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2019-2 an ordinance regulating mobile (non-food) vendors.

Discussion took place regarding the hours of operation and changing the time frame for no selling between the hours of 10 pm and 6 am.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve Ordinance 2019-2 with the amendment to the time frame as discussed, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2019-08: AMENDING ANIMAL ORDINANCE – 2ND READING

Motion was made by Tad Varga to read Ordinance 2019-08 by title only, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2019-

08 an ordinance amending Chapter 90, Animals, Title IX of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Mayor Daniel explained this would remove the references to American Pit-Bull Terrior and clarified fines.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to approve Ordinance 2019-08 on second and final reading, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2019-11: AMENDMENT TO FOOD TRUCK ORDINANCES – 1ST READING Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to read Ordinance 2019-11 by title only, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2019-11 an ordinance amending Chapter 114, Restaurants, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Rosie Coyle thought the only change was to the timeframe allowed for selling.

Dan Weigold shared he received concerns for the fee schedule. Mayor Daniel noted the schedule was only approved to January 1 just to get through the season. He explained they tried to ensure it was closer to a level playing field between our downtown businesses and those who come in from out of town.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve Ordinance 2019-11 on first reading, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye.

RESOLUTION 2019-12: TRANSFER OF FUNDS Motion was made by Dan Weigold to read Resolution 2019-12 by title only, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Resolution 2019-12 an emergency Resolution providing for the transfer of appropriations for several departments of the City of Columbia City, Indiana for the Year 2019.

Rosie Coyle explained for the City Hall request she would like to transfer \$10,000.00 from the wage account to the maintenance supply account for the purchase of a new Gator. Mayor Daniel advised it would be used to water flowers, pick up trash cans, plow snow, etc.

Scott Leatherman explained his request to transfer funds from the wage account to the equipment and travel/physicals accounts would go towards paying for the physicals, equipment and uniforms for the new officers. He shared they also received a donation for the body camera purchase and would like to transfer the funds originally allocated for those to the vehicle account for the purchase of a third vehicle.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to approve Resolution 2019-12 on first and final reading, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS Rosie Coyle reported she and Jon Myers have worked on these quite a bit. She advised they pulled the ones who were not quite in compliance and would like for them to come to Council. Mayor Daniel shared the responses from Council members were if they were out of compliance they needed to be at a meeting to explain why they deserve another year of abatement. He shared Councilwoman Romano felt it would be an opportunity for them to tout what great things they are doing.

Mayor Daniel noted Burnham-Kerr was still showing not in compliance. Rosie Coyle shared Jon talked with Mr. Kerr quite a bit and understood where they were at; he agreed they were ok to be considered for approval.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS – PEAK PERFORMANCE Motion was made by Tad Varga to find Peak Performance in compliance and grant another year of tax abatement, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS – BR REAL ESTATE

Mayor Daniel noted this was an estimate; this was the building with Verizon so was an estimate versus actual. Rosie Coyle noted they do have another business that will be going in. Mayor Daniel noted they have already met their estimates and have exceeded in additional employees.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to find BR Real Estate in compliance and approve another year of tax abatement, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS – DOT AMERICA PP

2014 RP 2014 PP 2017 RP 2017 Mayor Daniel noted the first one was for their 2014 personal property. Motion was made by Dan Weigold to find DOT America, Inc., in compliance and grant another year of tax abatement for their 2014 personal property, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Tad Varga to find DOT America, Inc., in compliance and grant another year of tax abatement for their real estate improvements for 2014, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to find DOT America in compliance for their personal property of 2017 request and grant an additional year of abatement, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Tad Varga to find DOT America in compliance and grant an additional year of abatement for real estate improvements from 2017, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS – STAFCO Rosie Coyle noted this would be STAFCO's last year.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to find STAFCO in compliance and grant their last year of abatement, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS – RINLY PROPERTIES

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to find Rinly Properties, LLC in compliance and grant another year of abatement for real estate improvements, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS – QUALITY GAGE

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to find Quality Inspection and Gage, LLC in compliance for their personal property and grant an additional year of abatement, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS – ADMC ENTERPRISE

Motion was made by Tad Varga to find ADMC Enterprise, LLC in compliance and grant another year of their personal property abatement, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS – BURNHAM-KERR 2013 & 2015

Mayor Daniel noted from past years the actual employees and salaries were different; they over estimated. He noted in looking at their number of employees retained and current number of employees, they have not met their estimates, but in looking at their number of additional employees they have succeeded pretty well. He also pointed out for their estimated cost for real estate improvements they were over and above the improvements.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to find Burnham-Kerr Columbia City, LLC in compliance and grant another year of real estate improvement abatement, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Mayor Daniel advised this was for Dollar Tree and noted they had met their anticipation there. Motion was made by Tad Varga to find Burnham-Kerr Columbia City, LLC in compliance with their 2015 real estate improvement abatement and grant an additional year of abatement, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Mayor Daniel reminded those present that abatements were not off of the base; whatever the building was before the improvements were made, they were still paying taxes on. He explained after year 1 they were paying taxes on the new improvements made, the abatement was just delaying the full tax payment on the property. He advised businesses do pay all of the original taxes and then pay a stair step approach on the improvements as the years go by.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Scott Leatherman** – update on the dispatch center and Officer Porter would be going to the academy May 28. **Mike Cook** – 700 E liftstation went online and was in the 2 week test period, 300 S liftstation should be up in a week or two, LTCP pre-bid meeting had 10-12 contractors and should be pretty competitive, met with United Consulting on the phosphorus project.

MAYOR REPORT Mayor Daniel noted City offices would be closed for Memorial Day; held Youth Council informational meeting and had 4 new members coming on next year; Housing Authority looking at additional programs to help enhance what is offered; Lee Baatz, Chairman of the Utility Rate Advisory Board, would be present to discuss their position regarding the water rate; Memorial Day Parade 10:30 am – 11:30 am; budget meetings with department heads were starting; Mary Raber students would be visiting City Hall next Thursday.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION Tad Varga reported an offer was accepted on the old Whetstone building.

FAHL AQUATICS CENTER AWARD Tad Varga shared he attended an awards banquet for the Builders and Contractors Association for all of northeast Indiana. He reported the Fahl Aquatics Center won an award for design of projects in all of northeast Indiana.

Mayor Daniel noted the Fahl Aquatics Center would open May 25 for its first full season.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle