

**COMMON COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2019  
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 – Absent  
Daniel Weigold – Present

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

**MINUTES** Mayor Daniel noted under the Redevelopment Commission discussion regarding the brown building, he thought Tad was referring to the brown building as they do not own a brown building. He also noted the spelling of Ohki alley was incorrect.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve an overview of the October 8, 2019 meeting minutes as amended, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, Walt Crowder, Nicole Penrod and Dan Weigold voted aye, Jennifer Romano abstained.

**2020 BUDGET ADOPTION** Mayor Daniel shared our tax rate was projected to drop and our assessed valuation increased about 10%. He gave an overview of where funds were budgeted and what projects were planned for 2020.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to approve the 2020 budget as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**ORDINANCE 2019-19 SALARY ORDINANCE 2020 - 1<sup>ST</sup> READING** Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to read Ordinance 2019-19 by title only, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2019-19 an ordinance to be known as the 2020 salary range/benefit ordinance.

Motion was made by Walt Crowder to approve Ordinance 2019-19 as first reading, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**ANNUAL TRASH PICKUP** Mayor Daniel shared there was a lot of trash according to Jim at Advanced Disposal. He advised he asked his assistant to get tonnage reports so that he can do an analysis over past 3 years. He shared if we continue to have an uptick in the amount of junk, where financially it just was not sustainable, we may have to go back to just one pickup per year. He felt it would be something the Trash Committee would meet to make that decision collectively.

Mayor Daniel noted Advanced Disposal has been bought out by Waste Management; he did not believe it would change anything now but will certainly change things in the future. He suggested they would probably be coming back with rate increases.

Jennifer Romano questioned if there was a notice mechanism in place for those citizens who may not be sure when the pickup is and still put things out after the fact. Mayor Daniel shared they can send the police or street department over to inform the residents of the pickup dates. Kelly Cearbaugh questioned if they could still contact the garbage company to pick items up for a fee. Mayor Daniel advised they could.

Mayor Daniel advised he did notice a fair amount of TV's out but noted those, as well as other electronics, have to go to the Recycle Center. He advised the landfills cannot legally take those items. He also shared he received reports from citizens who have ended up with tires and other items that were not allowed. Kelly Cearbaugh shared they had \$700+ of tires just from the fall pickup. Mayor Daniel shared that he struggles with this as he felt it was good to get rid of the junk but truly believes a fair amount is being brought in from outside of the City limits. He noted there were other options when it comes to junk pickup.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS** **Scott Leatherman** – update on new police vehicles, update on interviewing process, reported on the server switchover. **Mike Shoda** – started working on east tower. **Mike Cook** – update on LTCP, United Consulting mailing flyer to residents regarding LTCP project, sludge hauling in November, update on 600 E project, received information from U.S. EPA regarding the potential of having to remove nitrogen in the future. **Shawn Lickey** – De-energized old McDonald's building and permanent service installed and running at the new location, install conduit for Van Buren Flats project, relocated electric service for the Jefferson Street lift station, traffic light pole replaced at Line and Van Buren Street and cost about \$20,000 for the repair, downtown crosswalk lights being replaced with LED, working on crosswalk signal malfunction at Line and North Street due to a lightning strike, street lights installed in Ravenwood Section 2, began installation of AMI infrastructure.

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