

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

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

Council Members

Nicole Penrod – Present
Ben Romine – Present
William (Bill) Simpson – Present
Daniel Weigold – Present
Jacie Worrick – Present

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

MINUTES Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve an overview of the January 27, 2015 meeting minutes as presented, Jacie Worrick seconded the motion, Penrod, Romine, Weigold and Worrick voted aye, Simpson abstained.

TAX ABATEMENT REQUEST – IMPACT CNC Jerry Busche with Impact CNC was present to discuss the tax abatement request and their expansion plans. He explained they were looking at expanding their building on Williams Drive but decided they could purchase the building on Swihart Street, put a healthy investment into it and turn it into a nice manufacturing plant. He stated they would be investing almost \$500,000.00 into the building, not including the equipment and jobs they would be creating.

Ben Romine questioned if they would be moving equipment in from another location. Mr. Busche explained it would be about 16 pieces and was not a fraction of what they would be putting in the new building.

Nicole Penrod advised she did not see the point sheet. Jeff Walker explained the Tax Abatement Committee met and advised they were over 20 points which was well in excess of the 8 point requirement.

RESOLUTION 2015-4: APPROVING DEDUCTION OF ASSESSED VALUATION FOR EQUIPMENT Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to read Resolution 2015-4 by title only, Ben Romine seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Resolution 2015-4 a resolution approving the deduction of assessed valuation for personal property improvements within an economic revitalization area in Columbia City, Indiana.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve Resolution 2015-4 for a term of 10 years on a sliding scale, Jacie Worrick seconded the motion, all voted aye.

STATEMENT OF BENEFITS Ben Romine noted they had an estimate of \$4 million in equipment, \$50,000 in IT equipment, are creating 80 new jobs with a payroll of a little over \$2.3 million.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve the Statement of Benefits, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

RESOLUTION 2015-5: APPROVING DECLARATORY RESOLUTIONS AMENDING REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Motion was made by Ben Romine to read Resolution 2015-5 by title only, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Resolution 2015-5 City of Columbia City approving declaratory resolutions, an amended Redevelopment Plan and an Economic Development Plan of the Redevelopment Commission and approving the order of the Columbia City Plan Commission.

Ben Romine reported this was approved unanimously by the Redevelopment Commission. He stated they would like to create a new TIF area along the railroad corridor which has a lot of manufacturing buildings that were in various states of disrepair. He explained the Redevelopment Commission wanted to put a TIF there to work on cleaning it up, redeveloping it and use the TIF revenue to reinvest in the area. Jeff Walker added that they have targeted several properties that were poised for redevelopment in that area. Ben Romine advised they also added the Smith's Funeral Home property to the downtown TIF; they were not able to help them with their project since they were outside of the TIF area. Jeff Walker added that they took the former Testworth property out of the existing TIF and moved it to the new area. Ben Romine advised the existing TIF expires in 2025.

Motion was made by Jacie Worrick to approve Resolution 2015-5, Bill Simpson seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2015-1: AMENDMENT TO THE PRETREATMENT ORDINANCE – 2ND

READING Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to read Ordinance 2015-1 by title only, Ben Romine seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2015-1 an ordinance amending Chapter 55, Pretreatment of Pollutants, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve Ordinance 2015-1 on second reading, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2015-3: ADOPTION OF THE SUPPLEMENT OT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES

Motion was made by Ben Romine to read Ordinance 2015-3 by title only, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2015-3 an ordinance enacting and adopting a supplement to the Code of Ordinances foe the City of Columbia City and declaring an emergency.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve Ordinance 2015-3 on an emergency basis, Jacie Worrick seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2015-6; AMENDMENT OF NUISANCE ORDINANCE This issue was tabled.

HUMANE SHELTER YEARLY REPORT 2014 Dan Weigold advised there was a report submitted to Council but requested that a representative come in to explain in detail. Nicole Penrod agreed.

Rosie Coyle advised she would notify Mark Espich to come to the next meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Tom LaRue** – final inspection on new fire truck, training. **Jeff Walker** – SR 205 update, tentative tax abatement coming. **Mike Shoda** – hooked up meters on wells, water main to C & R Plating. **Tim Longenbaugh** – training calendar, car quotes, DTF meeting regarding changes, new hire process, update on 2 new officers. **Mike Cook** – boiler repair, pump replacement at Armstrong lift station. **Shawn Lickey** – Tree Board tree removal, trimming lines in Columbia Shores, change over at Oakview Tool, fuel pump options, fiber update.

2015 BUDGET UPDATE Rosie Coyle reported they had to cut \$314,000.00 in the general, \$56,000.00 in the street and about \$74,000.00 in the park and lost over \$9,585,894.00 in assessed value. She advised she was told the loss was from \$1,496,000.00 in appeals from 2013, \$4,289,000.00 was due to trending and \$3,799,000.00 was due to tax abatements and exemptions.

Rosie reported they were able to make the cuts and everything was approved but it was really a hit.

Dan Weigold noted we were starting to catch up with the circuit breakers and the effects of some of the State's decisions made a few years back.

FIREWORKS UPDATE Nicole Penrod gave an update on the Fireworks issue. She felt Mr. Coyle understood we could not change the dates he requested we change and also knew where the fireworks were coming from and would call if they start on the days outside of what is allowed.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Council President Daniel Weigold

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle