

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

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

Council Member

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

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

MINUTES Nicole Penrod noted under the minutes that there was not a second to the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve an overview of the February 12, 2013 meeting minutes as presented, Dan Weigold second the motion, all voted aye.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS: OAK VIEW TOOL: PERSONAL PROPERTY Rosie Coyle reported this was for 2014; everything was in compliance with what they originally put on their SB-1.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to find Oak View Tool in compliance with their personal property, Bill Simpson second the motion, all voted aye.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS: AARDVARK ENTERPRISE (OAK VIEW TOOL): REAL PROPERTY Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve the Aardvark Enterprises, LLC abatement for another year, Nicole Penrod second the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2013-1: AMENDMENT TO SEWAGE SERVICE ORDINANCE – 2ND READING Mayor Daniel advised that Jeff Walker, Mike Cook and Attorney McNagny have been working to get further clarification from IDEM to make sure we are doing what we need to be doing. He recommended tabling the issue until we get further clarification from IDEM.

ORDINANCE 2013-4: TRAFFIC ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS – STOP/SPEED – 2ND READING Motion was made by Ben Romine to read Ordinance 2013-4 by title only, Nicole Penrod second the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2013-4 an ordinance amending Chapter 75, traffic schedules, of Title VII of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Motion was made by Bill Simpson to approve Ordinance 2013-4, Ben Romine second the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2013-5: AMENDMENT OF PARKING ORDINANCE: CITY PARKING

LOT Motion was made by Dan Weigold to read Ordinance 2013-5 by title only, Ben Romine second the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2013-5 an ordinance amending Chapter 71, parking regulations, Title VII of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Mayor Daniel explained this ordinance stems from the Parking Committee who, after hearing from business owners and trying to find a good middle ground, the Committee is suggesting to the Council to make the municipal parking lot next to the Post Office free parking except for 2 handicapped spots and 3 spots that will be designated as 2 hour parking.

Bill Simpson noted that it also gives the people who live downtown an opportunity to park there.

Jason, owner of the Raupfer Building, was present to discuss his concerns and suggestions and noted that he had a signed petition regarding zoned and hourly parking. Deanna Arnold, with Jeff Arnold Law Office, was also present to discuss her concerns and suggestions for downtown parking.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve Ordinance 2013-5 for first reading, Nicole Penrod second the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2013-6: AMENDMENT TO PARKING ORDINANCE – FIRE LANES

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to read Ordinance 2013-6 by title only, Ben Romine second the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2013-6 an ordinance amending Chapter 94, Fire Prevention Code, of Title IX of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Bill Simpson explained this was to bring the fire code ordinance in line with State statute in regards to how a fire lane is to be marked.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve Ordinance 2013-6, Nicole Penrod second the motion, all voted aye.

WATER DEPARTMENT Mike Dear reported they replaced the motor saver at the booster station, he had 2 guys clearing an easement along US 30 and 100 S, he met with individuals on the Eagle Glen water line loop, he met with an individual on the garage project and should have more information at the next meeting.

BRANDON FORRESTER – DRAINAGE ASSESSMENT FEES

Mayor Daniel explained the Board of Works heard a presentation from Mr. Forrester regarding the option of paying the drainage assessment fees or passing it on to the tax bills and the residents would pay it. He advised it was the recommendation of the Board to pay it out of storm water fees.

Mr. Forrester distributed and reviewed information with Council. He advised he found in their records that the City has paid on behalf of the citizens going back to at least 1974 so there is precedence for this.

Mayor Daniel advised the total the Board of Works was recommending was the \$14,747.11 and the \$357.69 for our easements.

Motion was made by Ben Romine that the City pay for the drainage assessments out of storm water funds, Dan Weigold second the motion, all voted aye.

FIRE DEPARTMENT Tom LaRue offered to answer any questions from his report and reported some of his guys were repairing the ceiling in one of their storage areas.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT Jeff Walker reported customer service visits began for the commercial power billing customers, he advised there was an industrial customer who was looking at the possibility of expanding and he was working on getting information that might possibly get them some incentives. He advised he recently finished the spreadsheet for the downtown property owners within the redevelopment commission area and would like to eventually survey the owners with basic information to provide ideas as far as their immediate and long term plans are with their properties. He discussed the rain barrel program that was being proposed.

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT Larry Whetstone reported on miscellaneous projects and did some work at the Library.

Shawn Lickey reported they would be partnering with the high school graphics design class to design a new logo for the electric department.

POLICE DEPARTMENT Tim Longenbaugh reported on training, they had a command meeting to discuss goals, they did a walkthrough of Little Turtle and Eagle Tech, their new officer came in and road a few hours with Sergeant Insley, they would be starting vehicle and equipment inspections and would be ordering the new in-car computers.

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT Mike Cook advised he received a draft permit from IDEM for the splash pad, he mailed out the EPA sludge report, he received quotes on the Coesse generator but will not be acting on this right away, they would be replacing some things at the plant to improve on safety and would be purchasing a new gas meter for the headworks building.

YOUTH COUNCIL Brett Roberts reported on their business walks to the downtown businesses.

MAYOR'S REPORT Mayor Daniel gave an update on some of the things he has been doing.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle