

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2012
7:00 P.M.**

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

Council Members

Nicole Penrod – Absent
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 Penrod and Worrick present, Mayor Daniel presiding.

MINUTES Mayor Daniel pointed out a grammatical error under the Street Department.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve an overview of the February 14, 2012 meeting minutes as corrected, Dan Weigold second the motion, all voted aye.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS – PEAK PERFORMANCE PROPERTIES Rosie Coyle reported they have to apply every year to make sure they were doing what they promised. She advised they actually have 9 employees and had estimated 4. She stated it was a 10 year abatement and this was their 2nd year.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve the abatement for another year, Dan Weigold second the motion, all voted aye.

PARKING COMMITTEE Bill Simpson reported they were considering several options as far as possibly expanding handicapped parking in the downtown area and the potential problems with employee parking around City Hall. He advised the committee did hear from one downtown business owner on their parking concerns. He stated they were also looking at the parking ordinance. He advised the committee hoped to have something to present within the next month.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT Jeff Walker reported Mike Dear and he would be meeting with American StructurePoint next Monday regarding the SR 205 project; the project was past the 2nd submittal to INDOT, the option to purchase was signed and has been forwarded onto the National Park's Association for review. He advised the Mayor and himself were working with members of the Redevelopment Commission to identify his transition into the economic development side and also met with a group on a Brownfield site. He reported he was working with Gene Haskins on some ideas for further outreach of the storm water program and utilization of the website.

IS/COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT Terry Wherry reported Amie LaRue finished updating their SOP manual and Matt Minier created a training overview for Dispatch so they have a record of what everyone has been trained to do. He advised they published the new park website and reported on the computer replacements.

WATER DEPARTMENT Mike Dear reported they fixed shut off valves on 3 old meter settings and have been exercising valves around the North and Oak Street area and Forest Parkway area. He advised he attended the AWWA conference in Indianapolis.

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT Larry Whetstone reported on their tree trimming, insulator/switch replacements and pole replacements.

POLICE DEPARTMENT Tim Longenbaugh reported the training schedule for the year was posted; they have mandatory and optional trainings throughout the year. He advised 2 of his officers, Tim Pittenger and Jeff Chapman, attended the Indiana Drug Enforcement Seminar. He reported Officer Gary Parrett will be their Reserve Coordinator who will coordinate between the command staff and reserves. He advised the Detectives continue to work with the Fort Wayne PD on the possible link of our Walgreens robbery and other robberies in Allen County. He reported he and the Captain would be meeting with EMA on Monday to start planning risk assessment for the Mayor's Ride and Old Settlers.

FIRE DEPARTMENT Tom LaRue reported on the Stockamp Ranch barn fire. He advised a lot of his guys have been attending training.

PARK DEPARTMENT Mark Green reported the cottonwood tree at Kenneth Wright Park has become a safety issue and will be taken down. He advised they were planning a pre-bid meeting for the trail and bridge project on March 19 and hope to award it April 23. He reported this was the last week for baseball registration but softball would continue. He stated they were replacing all 4 dugouts at the Park and reported on April 27 they have scheduled a mother/son fun night at Paige's Crossing.

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT Mayor Daniel gave a report for Mike Cook as he was out sick.

MAYOR'S REPORT Mayor Daniel reported 2 Redevelopment Commission bills died in the House which was a very good victory for local government but there were other bills they were not as successful on. He advised they continue to try to figure out what those bills mean to local government and how they can try to cut pieces out of those bills and attack at the next session.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle