

**COMMON COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2013**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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

**Council Members**

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 Worrick present, Mayor Daniel presiding.

**MINUTES** Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve an overview of the April 9, 2013 meeting minutes as presented, motion as seconded by Bill Simpson, all voted aye.

**SWEARING IN OF POLICE RESERVES** Rosie Coyle performed the swearing in ceremony for the new police reserves; Anthony Kumfer, Keith Fearnow and Jeremy Brice.

**ORDINANCE 2013-14: REMOVAL OF ELECTRIC JURISDICTION FROM IURC: 3<sup>RD</sup> READING** Motion was made by Ben Romine to read Ordinance 2013-14 by title only, motion was seconded by Bill Simpson, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2013-14 an ordinance amending Chapter 50, electric service, of Title V of the code of ordinances for the City of Columbia City, Indiana, relating to the removal of the City's electric utility from the jurisdiction of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.

Dan Weigold advised he had no phone calls on the situation, just a couple inquiries at church. Ben Romine advised he had not heard from anyone since the last meeting; Nicole Penrod and Bill Simpson also had no inquiries. Mayor Daniel advised he had one email mainly relating to the water rate increase from last year, it was not so much focused on the withdraw.

Dick Goodwin shared a letter regarding the disadvantages of opting out of the IURC. He stated at the last meeting there was a proposal made to look at a cap in the event Council wanted to raise the utilities 5% - 7%; he felt that would keep the citizenry knowing that Council was looking out for their best interest. Ben Romine questioned Attorney McNagny if she had a chance to look into the cap issue. Attorney McNagny stated since we already have an Advisory Board that was dropped for her.

Mayor Daniel advised he had no problem restarting the Advisory Board per our Ordinance but asked for assistance in figuring out the right people to put on the Board. Bill Simpson felt it was important that at least one person on the Board represent the people outside of the city limits that are our utility customers.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve Ordinance 2013-14 on 3<sup>rd</sup> reading, motion was seconded by Bill Simpson, all voted aye.

**ORDINANCE 2013-13: REMOVAL OF WATER JURISDICTION FROM IURC: 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**READING** Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to read Ordinance 2013-13 by title only, motion was seconded by Dan Weigold, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2013-13 an ordinance amending Chapter 52, water service, of Title V of the code of ordinances for the City of Columbia City, Indiana, relating to the removal of the City's water utility from the jurisdiction of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.

Motion was made by Bill Simpson to approve Ordinance 2013-13, motion was seconded by Nicole Penrod, all voted aye.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS** Department reports were given by Mark Green, Kelly Cearbaugh, Mike Dear, Larry Whetstone, Terry Wherry, Jeff Walker and Tim Longenbaugh.

**BLUE RIVER TRAIL – COLOR CODE** Dan Weigold suggested we look into painting different colored stripes on the trail so people could identify where they were at if they needed to call for help.

**YOUTH COUNCIL** Gabby Anglin reported they visited the water and wastewater treatment facilities, discussed the welcome sign and an overview of the year.

**ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE** Ben Romine reported the Ordinance Review Committee would be meeting again on May 7.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

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Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle