

COMMON COUNCIL
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 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 – Absent
Daniel Weigold – Present
Jacie Worrick – Present

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

MINUTES Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve an overview of the October 22, 2013 meeting minutes as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

PUBLIC HEARING – ESTABLISHING ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA Mayor Daniel opened the meeting as a public hearing.

Have no comments or questions the public hearing was closed.

RESOLUTION 2013-27: CONFIRMATORY RESOLUTION – DESIGNATION OF ERA

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to read Resolution 2013-27 by title only, Ben Romine seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Resolution 2013-27 a confirmatory resolution designating certain real estate within Columbia City, Indiana as an economic revitalization are (ERA) pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1 Et. Seq.

Mayor Daniel reminded Council that this would establish a City wide economic development area.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve Resolution 2013-27, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

BRAD SMITH – GIS DEMONSTRATION Brad Smith, GIS Coordinator, was present to give a demonstration on the capabilities of the new GIS software.

ORDINANCE 2013-31: AMENDMENT TO WATER BOND ORDINANCE

Motion was made by Ben Romine to read Ordinance 2013-31 by title only, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2013-31 an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2004-16 and No. 2006-22 and authorizing the reissuance of certain outstanding waterworks revenue bonds of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Rosie Coyle explained she has been working with OW Krohn's office on the reissuance of our 2 bonds from 2004 and 2006 to try and get our rates back down. She advised Buzz worked with two different banks and found the best thing to do was to go back through Star Financial; they gave us a new rate which would save us on both bonds approximately \$150,000 for the term of the bonds. She explained Ice Miller has prepared an ordinance that needs to be passed in order to proceed.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to pass Ordinance 2013-31 on an emergency basis, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2013-30: 1ST READING 2014 ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARY

ORDINANCE Motion was made by Dan Weigold to read Ordinance 2013-30 by title only, Ben Romine seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2013-30 an ordinance fixing the annual salaries of all elected officials of the City of Columbia City, Indianan effective December 28, 2013 for the year 2014.

Dan Weigold believed that Council should stay at the same rate but have had a chance to research on the Mayor's pay. He explained the information they received shows our Mayor's pay was pretty equal to Mayors of other Cities our size. He stated there were a lot of variables that get thrown into this but when breaking it down by population and departments being managed we were right in the middle. He suggested the Mayor's pay be increased the same as what the other employees were receiving.

Ben Romine explained that IACT does an annual salary survey by classes of cities and towns. He stated in comparing city size and population we are on the higher end of the pay scale but not all of them have the utilities we have so in comparing by utilities we are on the middle to lower range. He agreed with Dan Weigold to give the Mayor the cost of living raise the employees were getting; he felt it would keep us in line. He shared in looking at the last 4-5 Mayors, some have been very engaged and others have not; while we have a very engaged Mayor currently the next one might not be as engaged and the salary would follow them as well.

Nicole Penrod felt it was important to note that they were setting the salary for the position and not for the person.

Dan Weigold added by state statute there was no such thing as a part time or full time Mayor; it was how that person chooses to run that office at the time.

Dan Weigold noted that the City Council pay would stay the same, the Mayor and City Clerk Treasurer would get the \$1040.00 increase just like everyone else.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to accept the Salary Ordinance 2013-13 with the changes voiced earlier, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS Department reports were given by Mike Dear, Terry Wherry, Mike Cook, Tim Longenbaugh, Jeff Walker, Shawn Lickey and Mark Green.

MAYOR'S REPORT Mayor Daniel reported that Attorney McNagny would be available at City Hall from 1 – 4 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday's of the month if anyone has a need to meet with her. He advised we had over 50% participation at the City/County Joint Health Fair. He reported the Housing Authority has their first meeting on November 19. He shared that they were close to being done with the second newsletter and would be getting it out to our residents by the beginning of December. He reported that he, Jeff Walker and Ben Romine had an opportunity to hear Jim Clifton, author of The Coming Jobs Wars.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE Ben Romine reported they met for about 2 hours to discuss the ordinances. He advised the animal ordinance would be coming to Council shortly, there were some old ordinances taken off the books and were completely rewriting the nuisances ordinances.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle