

COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2012
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
Dan Weigold – Present
Jacie Worrick – Present

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

MINUTES Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve an overview of the November 13, 2012 meeting minutes as presented, Jacie Worrick second the motion, all voted aye.

YOUTH COUNCIL Emily Lewis with the Youth Council was present to give an update on what they have been doing. She advised they were in the process of preparing to educate 5th graders about government.

DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING Mayor Daniel questioned Council when they would like to schedule the 2nd meeting for December.

Ben Romine questioned if a meeting would be required. Mayor Daniel advised there were always things that pop up; he felt it would be easier to schedule a meeting than to try and scramble to get a meeting scheduled.

It was agreed to schedule the meeting for Wednesday, December 26; 5:15 p.m. for Board of Works and 7:00 p.m. for Council.

ORDINANCE 2012-32: EDC TARGET AREA – 2ND READING Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to read Ordinance 2012-32 by title only, Dan Weigold second the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2012-32 an ordinance designating an Economic Development Target Area within the corporate boundaries of the City of Columbia City, Whitley County, State of Indiana.

Mayor Daniel advised this distinguishes the area between Armstrong Drive and SR 109. He stated this would allow us to give tax abatements for commercial usage in that area.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve Ordinance 2012-32, Dan Weigold second the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2012-34: SUPPLEMENT TO CODE OF ORDINANCES Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to read Ordinance 2012-34 by title only, Dan Weigold second the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2012-34 an ordinance enacting and adopting a supplement to the code of ordinances for the City of Columbia City and declaring an emergency.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to approve Ordinance 2012-34 on emergency basis, Jacie Worrick second the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2012-37: 2013 ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARY Mayor Daniel noted that there were no changes from last year.

Motion was made by Jacie Worrick to read Ordinance 2012-37 by title only, Dan Weigold second the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2012-37 an ordinance fixing the annual salaries of all elected officials effective December 31, 2012 for the year 2013.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to pass Ordinance 2012-37 the salary ordinance for elected officials for the year 2013, Nicole Penrod second the motion, all voted aye.

2013 INSURANCE Rosie Coyle distributed information concerning the changes in the employee medical insurance for 2013. She stated there would be a 16% increase in the rates.

Dan Weigold felt an increase was inevitable but the extra money contributed to the H.S.A. or Flex account would help. Mayor Daniel agreed it would help offset the costs.

Ben Romine questioned what the City pays. Rosie Coyle explained the City pays 90% and the employee pays 10%.

Mayor Daniel noted that in discussing this with our H.R. Director she mentioned to expect additional expenses next year with the additional requirements of the Affordable Care Act.

BURNWORTH POOL UPDATE Mayor Daniel reported the Park Board approved a motion to opt out of the lease agreement with WCCS at the end of the 2014 season. He explained at that time the Park Board would cease operations at the pool unless a failure costing over \$20,000.00 would arise and if that happens the Park Board has the right to cease operations where they see fit. He advised with that decision they also decided to form an Aquatic Facility Taskforce and have asked 2 Council representatives to be a part of the Taskforce.

Nicole Penrod and Ben Romine offered to be part of the Taskforce.

STREET DEPARTMENT Kelly Cearbaugh reported this was the last week for leaf pickup, they have been preparing for snow plowing and would start hauling out wood chips to make room for trees being removed by the electric department. He advised he has been working with Attorney McNagny and Rosie to establish and adopt an ADA transition plan before December 31.

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT Mike Cook reported they would be hosting a seminar at the plant through the Northern Indiana Operators Association, the water pumps were repaired and they have the Christmas decorations up.

WATER DEPARTMENT Mike Dear reported on department meetings, general maintenance at the plant, pumpage was down, he met with a developer from Eagle Glen about the 12” water line to see if they were going to change the design from what they originally had.

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT Larry Whetstone reported they have been working on Christmas decorations and tree removal.

POLICE DEPARTMENT Tim Longenbaugh reported on the lighted Christmas parade, he advised they had 40 applicants for the new position and hoped to have the process complete by the first week of February, he and the Captain would be meeting with the Sergeants to discuss the performance evaluations and were working on a list of training and public relations opportunities for next year. He reported a group from the Criminal Justice Institute would be in to do an inspection to make sure we were in compliance with the Juvenile Justice Act.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT Jeff Walker gave an update on the trail & bridge project, he reported GAI’s survey crew was in town for the south west storm water project, he and Kelly have been discussing the 2nd phase of South Line Street and felt it would be a good time to take care of existing storm water problems so were working to get a couple quotes to get that area taken off of the combined sewer system, the Soil & Water Conservation District hired a new employee, John Goats, who would be starting December 3 and he would be meeting with him to go over the contractual requirements with the City, he sat down with representatives of Umbaugh & Associates who were doing the wastewater rate study to provide information on recently completed projects, projects in the works and proposed projects for the Long Term Control Plan as well as storm water.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle