

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2016
6:00 P.M.**

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

Councilmembers

Walter Crowder - Present
Nicole Penrod – Present
Jennifer Romano – Absent
Tad Varga – Present
Daniel Weigold – Present

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

MINUTES Mayor Daniel noted one spelling error and the heading needed to be changed from Board of Works to Common Council.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve an overview of the September 13, 2016 meeting minutes as amended, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye.

REZONE: 402 W. VAN BUREN STREET – LAMONT RHOADES ENTERPRISES, LLC

Nathan Bilger with the Planning and Building Department was present to discuss the rezoning petition from R-1 to GB for 103 N. Walnut Street. He explained Mr. Rhoades was looking to purchase the property to expand his current business. He advised this was considered and forwarded with a favorable recommendation from the Plan Commission. He shared that the Plan Commission had conditions that became commitments in that there would be no outside storage of recyclable materials, petitioner shall install screening between the subject property and adjacent property to the north and the side yard setback would be no less than 10 feet.

Mayor Daniel questioned what the feedback had been from surrounding residents. Mr. Bilger advised the one resident to the north was at the Plan Commission meeting and had a few comments but none were particularly negative and had not received any other comments. Mayor Daniel confirmed as part of the process the surrounding residents were notified. Mr. Bilger explained the notice that goes out states that there would be a public hearing on the rezoning to GB.

Lamont Rhoades was also present to discuss the rezone request. He talked about the success of moving their business to the current location and reviewed their plans if the rezone was approved.

Walt Crowder advised he liked the concept of the proposed building.

Tad Varga shared he looked at the property and felt this would make a nice addition to the lot.

Mayor Daniel agreed it looked like it would be a nice addition to downtown Columbia City.

ORDINANCE 2016-15: REZONE 402 W. VAN BUREN – 1ST READING motion was made by Dan Weigold to read Ordinance 2016-15 by title only, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2016-15 an ordinance amending the zoning classification of certain property from the R-1 residential family district to the GB general business district.

Motion was made by Tad Varga to approve Ordinance 2016-15 as first reading, Walter Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Terry Wherry** – Parkview EMS dispatch being moved to Randallia Dr. location on December 6. **Mike Cook** – maintenance and inspections on equipment, putting lift station specifications in ordinance form. **Mike Shoda** – water main in at sewer plant and waiting on bacteria testing. **Tony Hively** – 4 weeks left for officers at the academy, canine selection process coming up, interviews for new police officers after Council meeting.

YOUTH COUNCIL Abbi Schrader was present representing the Mayor’s Youth Council and gave an update on what they have been doing.

MAYOR UPDATE Mayor Daniel advised he would not be present at the next Council meeting, they would be holding a stakeholders meeting for the west side of the County, Bicentennial celebration Thursday evening at Morsches Park, IACT Convention.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle