

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017
6:00 P.M.**

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

Council Members

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

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

MINUTES Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve an overview of the February 14, 2017 meeting minutes as presented, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye.

PUBLIC HEARING: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION 2017-1 Walt Crowder recessed the Common Council meeting to hold a public hearing on Additional Appropriations Resolution 2017-1.

Rosie Coyle explained the additional appropriations request was for the Park to purchase 2 new mowers. She advised this money was not previously budgeted for; the money was in the fund, just not appropriated.

Walt Crowder reported Mark Green received bids and would be presented to the Board of Works. He advised the appropriated money would cover the costs.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve Resolution 2017-1, seconded by Tad Varga, all voted aye.

The public hearing was closed and Council meeting was called back in session.

RESOLUTION 2017-4: SUBMITTAL OF CDBG GRANT Lori Shipman was present to discuss Resolution 2017-4 for the authorization, submission and local match commitment for an equipment grant to spur economic development. She explained we had done these types of grants before. She shared the recipient of the grant was Impact CNC; they will be purchasing 3 different pieces of CNC machinery that would add 30 new jobs. She explained the Resolution states the City would be committing the local match dollars but technically the company would be committing those dollars, the City was just passing them through.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to read Resolution 2017-4 by title only, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Resolution 2017-4 a resolution authorizing application submission and local match commitment.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve Resolution 2017-4 on first and final reading, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye.

SGS SPECIALTY GROUP David Eisamal, Division President, was present to bring Council up to date on the progress of their company. He shared they were up to 30 employees and their business has increased as well. He reported their company was sold last year to Kyocera and one of the biggest things they were interested in was the medical division here in Columbia City. He advised they have invested an additional \$826,000.00 in the facility, have brought in 3 additional machines and have plans to hire more employees. He did question if anything could be done about the internet within the community and noted he had talked with Mayor Daniel about it as well. He shared all of their business systems were wired through their corporate office located in Ohio so when there is internet difficulties they cannot do anything. He added the carrier in the area was very difficult to deal with; he was happy to offer help in any way, shape or form he could as he knew other businesses were suffering with the internet service too.

YOUTH COUNCIL Cassidy Burdge was present to give an update on Youth Council activities.

DOWNTOWN CLEAN UP DAY Tad Varga has planned a downtown cleanup day for April 15 with a youth group.

AQUATICS FACILITY Tad Varga reported they have not heard anything yet regarding funds from Regional Cities. He did request support letters from individuals be submitted. He shared an article from Michael Galbreath confirming the projects submitted exceeded the funds left but said it would not stop them from finding a way to fund all of the projects. He felt very optimistic that we would get the funding we need for the aquatics facility.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Council President Walter Crowder

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle