

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017
6:00 P.M.**

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

Council Members

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

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

ORDINANCE 2017-5: AMENDMENT TO PRETREATMENT ORDINANCE – 1ST

READING Mike Cook explained in the past, different companies have had to pump ground water out for one reason or another and then want to discharge to the City. He shared the most recent one was Midwest Poultry in which the City had to come up with some type of agreement and a fee, as it costs to treat the water. He explained this ordinance would require people apply for a permit; there would be a fee for the permit as well as a surcharge on top of that.

Jennifer Romano questioned if they had a sense of what the fees would be or if it would be on a case by case basis. Mike Cook advised it would be on a case by case basis. He shared the application fee would be a flat fee and would be non-refundable. He added they would review the application and go on from there to determine how much the surcharge would be.

Walt Crowder questioned if the flat fee would be listed in the ordinance. Attorney McNagny shared it was their desire to be able to be flexible so they were not constantly coming to Council to change the ordinance. She shared it may be flexible but not from the stand point of establishing the policy and publishing it on the webpage.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to read Ordinance 2017-5 by title only, Tad Varga seconded the motion. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2017-5 an ordinance amending Chapter 55, Pretreatment of Pollutants, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve Ordinance 2017-5 as first reading, Walter Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

MINUTES Jennifer Romano noted a correction under the Farmer's Market discussion where it states 'County oversite' it should be 'accounting oversite'.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve an overview of the April 25, 2017 meeting minutes as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

TAX ABATEMENT UPDATE – STAFCO This issue was requested to be rescheduled.

DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION: FLOWER PLANTERS Tad Varga shared Sharon Geiger and Ann Fahl were looking at purchasing large flower planters to put on the street corners around the downtown area. He thought Sharon was going to be present with one of the planters.

The issue was tabled to obtain additional information.

YOUTH COUNCIL Jackson Longenbaugh was present to give an update on the activities of the Youth Council.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Council President, Walter Crowder

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle