

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2017
6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Ryan Daniel – Present
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, Mayor Daniel presiding.

MINUTES Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve an overview of the July 25, 2017 meeting minutes as presented, Walt Crowder, Nicole Penrod, Jennifer Romano and Tad Varga voted aye, Dan Weigold abstained.

ORDINANCE 2017-21: PARKING VIOLATIONS – 2ND READING Motion was made by Tad Varga to read Ordinance 2017-21 by title only, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2017-21 an ordinance amending Chapter 71, Parking Regulations, of Title VII of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Mayor Daniel explained this changes the ordinance from a ‘not less than \$50’ to ‘not less than \$100’ fee for handicapped parking violations.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve Ordinance 2017-21 on second reading, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

REMC APPRECIATION NIGHT Mayor Daniel explained every year we have representation as a customer of REMC at the appreciation night and annual meeting. He advised the meeting was August 26.

Walt Crowder offered to go as the City’s representative.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Shawn Lickey** – new mechanic started, finished up interviews for journeyman lineman position, began pulling ropes and wires for the backup feed to the wastewater treatment plant, transformer failing at west substation, trimming trees. **Mark Green** – Pow Wow this weekend, softball fundraiser, groundbreaking for aquatics facility on August 29, bid opening for aquatics facility August 17 at 1 pm. **Tony Hively** – part time dispatcher started, JA Car Show and gearing up for Veteran’s Marathon. **Jeff Walker** – SDI upgrade update, 2 new housing rehab applications, Quail Ridge looking to build another building which would be an amendment to their existing plat, technical review of next phases of Lincoln Point and

Chesapeake Landing, Kroger grand opening August 18. **Kelly Cearbaugh** – limb pickup, tree trimming, paving project complete.

WEST VAN BUREN PARKING Walt Crowder questioned the status regarding parking on West Van Buren Street. Jennifer Romano recalled there were potentially a few options that could be done and questioned if they should go ahead and set up a meeting with the residents in the area. Mayor Daniel advised he could get something set up. Walt Crowder questioned if they should review those options prior to that. Jennifer Romano felt they should assess the viable options. Tad Varga agreed. He shared the options were to leave it how it is and utilize parking behind their homes, change it to one side parking or the third option was to make it no parking at all. Jennifer Romano noted she and Walt Crowder had another discussion to possibly widen the street. Walt Crowder felt there was still more to be done on that particular piece but felt it was an option to at least look at.

Chief Hively advised he took pictures and videos and uploaded to the dropbox for Council to review.

Tad Varga suggested the Parking Committee meet to put together the options for presentation.

MAYOR UPDATE Mayor Daniel reported he and Rosie Coyle met with a company regarding the guaranteed energy savings program. He shared they provided information for them to do an initial audit of what potential savings could be but did not have any information yet. He shared a meeting was held with INDOT regarding US 30 and the 5 year plan that has been produced for transportation infrastructure in Whitley County. He did not feel it was very helpful but did have a document in his office of the projects that will be taking place over the next 5 years in Whitley County; nothing that will really impact Columbia City in and of itself. He advised he did address the stoplights at Lincolnway and US 30 and the duration of the lights. He shared he took a visit to Shady Grove Farms. He advised it was interesting to see the laws and regulations they were under from a farming operation as it was very similar to what we handle from a wastewater treatment perspective. He reported he and Shawn Lickey had a phone conference with IMPA regarding Net Metering and ways in which we can address that. He reported he and Mark Green will be meeting with Lutheran regarding the aquatics facility and clinic.

ATV'S - UTV'S - 4 WHEELER ORDINANCE Dan Weigold advised he was approached again by an individual regarding the use of ATV's, UTV's and 4 wheeler's in the city limits. He felt it was worth having the Ordinance Review Committee review to see what the possibilities are and what other communities were doing.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle