

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2018
6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Ryan Daniel – Present
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 – Present

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

MINUTES Mayor Daniel noted a spelling error under the department reports.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve an overview of the February 13, 2018 meeting minutes as corrected, Tad Varga seconded the motion, Walt Crowder, Nicole Penrod, Tad Varga and Dan Weigold voted aye, Jennifer Romano abstained.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Tony Hively** – Board approval for an additional K9 and to promote within a K9 handler, range qualifications, reviewing policies for Dispatch, Power Phone training for dispatchers. **Shawn Lickey** – Board approval of mower purchase, continuing to get specs around for new bucket truck. **Mike Shoda** – storm water issues from all of the rain, Peerless started SCADA update, new services. **Mike Cook** – replaced pressure sensor on the Dystor, sandbagged Columbia Shores lift station due to all of the rain, SDI project update.

WHITLEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION BOARD

POSITION Walt Crowder reported there was a position open with Ben Romine's term coming to an end. He advised they could reappoint Ben or if there was interest in a replacement the issue could be tabled.

Dan Weigold questioned if Ben was interested in staying on. Walt Crowder advised he had not talked with Ben but thought he was.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to nominate Ben Romine to stay on as a member of the Whitley County Economic Development Commission, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

MAYOR UPDATE Mayor Daniel reported he had a meeting with the President of the Main Street Association, Emily Zeiger. He shared they were working on a couple of strategic partnerships. He advised he attended the NE Indiana Commissioner's caucus in Fort Wayne and a topic of discussion was the focus of recruiting and retaining Veteran's and their families. He

reported the Youth Council traveled to Indianapolis and met with Senator Zay, Representative Judy, Governor Holcomb, Superintendent of Public Instruction and Secretary of State. He advised they were able to sit in on some of the Senate session. He reminded everyone the State of the City address was scheduled for Friday, March 2. He reported the Redevelopment Commission would be holding a planning session from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. prior to their next meeting. He touched on the apartment development project that will be at the corner of Line and Van Buren as well as the workforce housing that will be built out by the Ravenwood subdivision. He reported the Youth Council would be meeting up with the Kendallville Youth Council to exchange ideas.

Having no further business to come before Council the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle