

COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 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 Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve an overview of the July 24, 2018 meeting minutes as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, Nicole Penrod, Jennifer Romano, Tad Varga and Dan Weigold voted aye, Walt Crowder abstained.

JEEP JAM DONATION Mike McCoy presented a check in the amount of \$1800.00 as a donation to the K9 program.

ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT Michael Fitzpatrick with Enterprise was present to explain their fleet management program. He noted 50% of the City's fleet was over 10 years old and they felt by cutting out a good portion, anywhere from 7-9 vehicles they have identified, they could drop maintenance cost by about 73% and help maximize resale on some of the vehicles.

Mayor Daniel advised Enterprise has done a great job in making sure we have all of the information needed to make sure there is a strong understanding of the program itself. He and Rosie Coyle have had countless meetings on this issue. He shared there was really no contract, meaning there was not a timeline that we have to agree to go into partnership with them. He added we could cancel at any time and keep the vehicles but would need to pay off the lease. He shared when it comes to the standard wear and tear of the vehicle it was a part of the program and was expected. He advised he contacted a couple of Cities, specifically Kokomo and Lebanon, that Enterprise deals with and they were both very complementary of the program.

Mayor Daniel explained because we are a City, we have the ability to purchase vehicles at a reduced rate. He gave an example that for a \$40,000 vehicle sitting on a car lot, the City would have the ability to purchase that same vehicle for \$24,000 - \$25,000. He stated after 2 – 3 years of driving the vehicle, Enterprise could go back into the market and sell that vehicle for \$25,000. He shared we basically get to drive off the difference in what is a resale value versus the brand new price and the equity then comes to the City.

Tad Varga questioned the plan for cycling the vehicles. Mr. Fitzpatrick reviewed the plan as they have detailed but it would be as the City would see fit.

Nicole Penrod questioned what happened if the wear and tear on the vehicles was above average. Mr. Fitzpatrick explained they structure the depreciation appropriate to the actual driving patterns. It was noted the City would never be in a position where a vehicle would not have replacement value.

Walt Crowder questioned if a vehicle would need to be serviced or goes down for some reason how they handle a replacement. Mr. Fitzpatrick explained it was their hope that with a program like this where vehicles are being replaced every 5 years that we would not run into that situation. He stated if it was a new vehicle through Enterprise it would likely be under warranty.

Walt Crowder questioned who would carry the insurance and with it being a lease, would the City own it or Enterprise. Mr. Fitzpatrick explained both Enterprise and the City of Columbia City would be listed. He advised in terms of insurance Enterprise could do all of the accident management and manage all of the repairs but that would be a separate conversation. He thought it would probably just remain as it is currently though.

Walt Crowder questioned if police cars were included in this package. Mr. Fitzpatrick advised he did not include them in this analysis because they require more equipment but could have that conversation and absolutely bring them into the program. Mayor Daniel noted the specialty vehicles were not included in the package (fire engines, digger derrick, etc.).

Mike Cook confirmed color choice would be an option. Mr. Fitzpatrick advised that was correct. Mayor Daniel shared another key point in that when we purchase a new vehicle it has to be outfitted and with this program when the vehicle is delivered it has everything on it. Mr. Fitzpatrick shared the goal was to make the vehicle turn-key for the City.

Walt Crowder advised he liked the concept.

Tad Varga questioned if they decide to move forward with this program when would it start. Mr. Fitzpatrick advised they would like to target the 2019 budget.

Tad Varga questioned the warranty on the vehicles. Mr. Fitzpatrick explained Enterprise covers all of the maintenance above and beyond what the normal manufacturer warranty might not cover.

Mayor Daniel noted Mr. Fitzpatrick has said if a department head really likes a vehicle and would like to keep it beyond the 2-3 year term they would have the ability to do that. He shared he really liked the flexibility of this program.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to move forward with the program, Dan Weigold seconded the motion.

Jennifer Romano advised she would like more time. Walt Crowder advised this was his first introduction to the program and would like time to digest and investigate further.

Nicole Penrod and Dan Weigold withdrew their motions.

Jennifer Romano requested to table this issue until the next meeting.

ORDINANCE 2018-22: AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE: 2ND READING

Motion was made by Tad Varga to read Ordinance 2018-22 by title only, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2018-22 an ordinance amending the text of Chapter 7 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve Ordinance 2018-22 on second and final reading, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2018-23: REZONE 875 E. BUS 30 – 1ST READING Motion was made by Dan Weigold to read Ordinance 2018-23 by title only, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2018-23 an ordinance amending the zoning classification of certain property from the “I-1” light industrial district to the “I-2” heavy industrial district.

Nathan Bilger, Planning and Building Director, was present to discuss the rezone request. He advised the location was the old Omni Source and former Killian property. He explained the history of the property and the previous zoning around the building there. He reported the Plan Commission had quite a bit of discussion on this request and sent a favorable recommendation to City Council.

Jennifer Romano questioned if there were any objections to the rezone by the neighbors. Mr. Bilger shared there was one but everything was worked out with them.

Rob Kruger was present representing the purchaser to explain their plan for the property. He shared the only concern they received was regarding the fence and they have written commitments for the extension of the fence.

Mayor Daniel confirmed this would be a satellite site for the Fort Wayne location. Mr. Kruger advised that was correct. Mayor Daniel asked Mr. Kruger to talk about their environmental stewardship. Mr. Kruger explained their processes. He advised IDEM and EPA come in to monitor their activities and in house procedures. He explained as part of the deal of the sale was Omni Source would take whatever was deemed as scrap.

Jennifer Romano questioned if any new jobs would be created. Mr. Kruger advised there could be up to 5.

Walt Crowder questioned if there was confirmation on the dust control. Mr. Kruger advised they were still checking into this.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve Ordinance 2018-23 as first reading, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Terry Wherry** – SDS was working on camera upgrades. **Mike Shoda** – installed tap for Wrights Medical, 6 services installed for new homes and finishing up on Jefferson Street. **Kelly Cearbaugh** – limb pickup, trimming branches in alleys, Cory Wood and Brad Lock passed CDL training, curbs installed in new section of Chesapeake Landing and sewer was in at Quail Ridge. **Mike Cook** – update on SDI project, repair on digester. **Tom LaRue** – fire department outside phone numbers have been transferred to Dispatch, discussions with the Sheriff on moving fire dispatch to the City. **Scott Leatherman** – met with ERS on designs for new dispatch center, interviews for dispatch position on August 28 & 29, police department continues to take applications until September 6, met with Dr. O’Connor on the new school year and met with Amy Biggs regarding an emergency exercise for Old Settlers.

TRICK OR TREAT Mayor Daniel reported the Board of Works approve trick or treat for Saturday, October 27 from 5 pm – 8 pm.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION Tad Varga reported there was discussion of donating the property between LT Foundations and Hosler’s to the Redevelopment Commission for a pocket park. He also reported they tabled the discussions on demolishing the Miller building on Van Buren Street.

Mayor Daniel explained the Redevelopment Commission has determined to dissolve the legacy TIF District that we have had for 25 years and reconstitute a new TIF District that would allow them to capture the Van Buren Lofts project.

Tad Varga gave an update on the Aquatics Center. He advised there was a tremendous amount of people coming in from outside of our community.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle