

**COMMON COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 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 – Absent  
Daniel Weigold – Present

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

**MINUTES** Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve an overview of the August 14, 2018 meeting minutes as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**HUMANE SHELTER UPDATE** Sandy Grey with the Whitley County Humane Shelter was present to give an update from 2017. She provided a copy of their brochure to Council. She reported they upgraded their software and had an anonymous donor purchase an email system for them. She advised they upgraded their website as well as the lighting at the shelter. She reported Abbie Ogden took over as the new director; she had already served the shelter in various capacities for 5 years.

Ms. Grey discussed some of their bigger cases involving dogs and cats. She advised their staff was very committed but it does stretch all of their resources.

Mayor Daniel noted the City contributes \$25,000 per year to the shelter and appreciates the partnership. He questioned what other partnerships the shelter had with other governmental organizations. Ms. Grey advised they get assistance from Larwill, South Whitley, Churubusco and Whitley County Council.

Walt Crowder questioned where they anticipate being in the next 5 years. Ms. Grey advised there were some upgrades the facility has needed for a long time such as refurbishing floors, painting, etc.

Nicole Penrod questioned how many animals they could house. Ms. Grey advised they had 44 kennels but it was pretty rare that all of them were filled at one time; the population of dogs turns over pretty quickly. She stated for cats it was hard to say but at one time they might have anywhere between 50 – 70 cats.

Jennifer Romano questioned the process for adoption. Ms. Grey advised everyone goes through an application process and they do reference checks for everyone. She shared individuals can

visit with the dog they are interested in and advised the shelter also contact the vet if the individual has one.

Ms. Grey advised they are always looking for more volunteers and talked about their volunteer training program.

**ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT** Mayor Daniel reviewed what had been discussed to this point. Walt Crowder advised he talked with Mr. Fitzpatrick about the program and was comfortable going forward with it. Jennifer Romano also felt it was a good idea but had reservation on the care of the vehicles. Dan Weigold agreed it was a good idea.

Mayor Daniel felt it helped to balance budget these things instead of having to budget different amounts each year. He agreed if this was a lock in contract he probably would have a different opinion but because it was open and gives flexibility he felt it would be a positive, not only from a cash flow but maintenance standpoint; plus our fleet would be top notch. He felt it would be important to make sure the public understood these were leased vehicles.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to move forward with the master equity lease agreement with Enterprise, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**ORDINANCE 2018-24 – BOND ORDINANCE SRF** Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to read Ordinance 2018-24 by title only, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2018-24 an ordinance concerning the construction of improvements to the sewage works of the City of Columbia City, in the issuance of revenue bonds to provide the cost thereof, the collection, segregation and distribution of the revenues of said works, the safeguarding of the interests of the owners of said revenue bonds, other matters connected therewith, including the issuance of notes in anticipation of bonds, and repealing ordinances inconsistent herewith.

Mayor Daniel explained this was for the new sewer line project going out to SDI.

Walt Crowder questioned if this was the last document that had to be signed. Mayor Daniel advised there was one more document hanging out there, which the Board of Works approved pending the definitive agreement.

Mayor Daniel noted the estimated amount for the total project was not to exceed \$8,935,000.00 but they were not anticipating spending that amount of money. Attorney McNagny noted the City was at \$6,435,000.00. Mayor Daniel advised the bids came in for the lift station portion 21% below the engineer's estimate but still had the force main project to come. He shared there were some pretty heavy penalties on not accomplishing things on time and would effectively come out of the contractor's pocket.

Mayor Daniel stressed this project would do nothing to residential, commercial or industrial rates and would only apply to SDI.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve Ordinance 2018-24 on first reading, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**ORDINANCE 2018-25 SDI MONTHLY FEE** Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to read Ordinance 2018-25 by title only, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2018-25 an ordinance amending Section 51.21, Public Works, of Title V of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana, establishing a monthly fee to be collected by the City from Steel Dynamics, INC., and other matters connected therewith.

Ross Hagen of Umbaugh & Associates was present to discuss the discharge amounts and monthly fee for SDI. He advised there was no increase or rate change to any other customer bills, this strictly pertained to SDI. Mayor Daniel confirmed this was just for the maintenance fee and not the capacity fee. Mr. Hagen advised that was correct.

Mayor Daniel explained at the start of negotiations, one of the things included was that SDI would pay a monthly maintenance fee; effectively this line was dedicated to them. He advised the monthly fee would be set aside in a special account and explained when maintenance was being performed on that line it would come out of that account but noted if for some reason there was a need to dip out of other accounts for a large repair we could do that. He noted SDI would be paying a monthly rate in addition to the monthly maintenance fee.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve Ordinance 2018-25 as first reading, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**ORDINANCE 2018-23 REZONE 875 E. BUS 30 – 2<sup>ND</sup> READING** Motion was made by Jennifer Romano 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.

Motion was made by Walt Crowder to approve Ordinance 2018-23 on second and final reading, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**TREE BOARD APPOINTMENT** Walt Crowder advised he would look into it.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS** **Terry Wherry** – lost switches at MSF and Park from the storm. **Mike Shoda** – Jefferson Street project done, tree causing storm water issues in Westgate. **Shawn Lickey** – installing street lighting in Wooddale, lightening damage at MSF, update on Dollar General project and various other projects. **Mike Cook** – received new pumps for Lincolnway, cleaned out lift station. **Kelly Cearbaugh** – grating alleys, televised new section of Chesapeake Landing, update on 50/50 sidewalk projects. **Mark Green** – Aquatics Center closing Labor Day, need lifeguards for next year, football and cheerleading programs started, Rivergreenway closed behind the light plant for sewer work, discussion of hiring a couple more maintenance people. **Scott Leatherman** – first round interviews for Dispatch, K9 graduation,

visited Adams County dispatch center, looking into installing cameras in the interview and evidence rooms.

**PARKING COMMITTEE – ARROWHEAD COURT** Dan Weigold reported he met with the parking committee. He took some time to talk with the residents on Arrowhead Court about one side street parking and the majority were in favor of it. He felt they needed to move on that as it was a big issue for emergency and garbage vehicles to get through. He asked for input on relaxing the ordinance pertaining to parking over a sidewalk within a driveway. He advised this would allow for 2 vehicles to park in a driveway and felt if they could get the cars in the driveway it would take them off the street. He noted there were a lot of ordinance violations out there as people were driving over the sidewalks to park in the yard.

Mayor Daniel questioned if we would go to one side parking would it alleviate the concern of cars getting hit or would it exacerbate the issue of more people driving over the sidewalks to park in their yard. Walt Crowder advised those streets were very narrow and would just need to go look at it and talk with the residents.

After additional discussion, it was decided to have the Parking Committee come back with a recommendation.

**MAYOR REPORT** Mayor Daniel reported we were not awarded the \$700,000.00 OCRA grant for the LTCP and would be going back in for the next round. He advised he has requested a meeting with the Holiday Inn Express owners.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor Ryan Daniel

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Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle