

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019
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 Nicole Penrod to approve an overview of the December 27, 2018 meeting minutes as presented, Tad Varga seconded the motion, Walt Crowder, Nicole Penrod, Tad Varga and Dan Weigold voted aye, Jennifer Romano abstained.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve an overview of the January 8, 2019 meeting minutes as presented, Walt Crowder, Jennifer Romano and Dan Weigold voted aye, Nicole Penrod and Tad Varga abstained.

2018 27TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LIGHTING AWARDS Jennifer Romano presented awards to the 2018 Christmas lighting winners. She announced the southwest winner as 1422 Glenwood Drive, southeast winner was 2420 Whispering Trail, northeast winner was 708 Redbud Court, northwest winner was 214 Bay Bridge Court and a tie for overall at 601 Columbia Parkway and 318 Shorewood Court.

JON GOTZ – 2018 MS4 ANNUAL ACTIVITIES REPORT Jon Gotz was present to discuss the annual MSF Annual Activities report that was distributed to Council. He highlighted a few topics within the report.

TRAIL STUDY – PUBLIC INPUT Mark Hearld with VS Engineering was present to discuss the PER they completed on the trail to the new high school. He advised there were several different options and reviewed those with Council. He shared the preferred route was to go down the west side of Line Street, cut across Radio Road on the south side and then meander down the Blue River bank to SR 9 to the school property.

Mr. Hearld discussed some of the challenges as being the railroad crossing, crossing south Line Street to Radio Rd, bridge to cross the Blue River and a 3 x 3 box culvert near the north edge of the school property line.

Mr. Hearld reviewed the cost breakdown with Council. He advised the construction costs were just under \$1 million.

Mayor Daniel shared they were working with Lori Shipman on writing a Next Level Trails Grant. He explained Next Level Trails was a portion of funding that became available when the Governor renegotiated the contract regarding the toll road. He advised it would be an 80/20 matching program.

ORDINANCE 2019-2: PEDDLER'S PERMIT – 1ST READING Mayor Daniel requested, since the ordinance was just sent out this afternoon, to have discussion and then do 1st reading at the next meeting.

Jennifer Romano explained the suggested changes in the ordinance pertaining to mobile businesses, fee structures for permits, safety check lists and proof of insurance.

Mayor Daniel asked for clarification in Section 112.05 (e) regarding conducting business on or in front of private property, if they would park in front of the Chamber of Commerce would they have to seek approval from the Chamber. Jennifer Romano advised that would be considered City property. Mayor Daniel confirmed anything on the street or sidewalk would be considered City property. Jennifer Romano advised that was correct.

Mayor Daniel questioned in Section 112.14 (a) what the thinking was to strike out having approval be given by the Board of Works. Attorney McNagny advised she added that after talking with the Clerk's Office; would it be a problem to always come to the Board of Works and if it is done for one it would have to be done for all so wouldn't it be easier to just make it when the streets were already closed down.

Mayor Daniel questioned if there was a difference between businesses that come from Fort Wayne or out of state versus those from Whitley County. Jennifer Romano advised that had not been discussed.

Dan Weigold questioned if this would pertain to fundraisers. Jennifer Romano advised this would not apply.

Mayor Daniel asked this ordinance be put on the next meeting for 1st reading.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS **Shawn Lickey** – reconductoring project update, rebuilt line on 700 N., will start working on Tree Board removal list, derrick truck specs. **Terry Wherry** – working on moving things to the new squad room. **Kelly Cearbaugh** – snow removal, working on Community Crossings grant. **Scott Leatherman** – Hunter LaRue completed police academy and graduated with honors, Gary Archbold retiring with City after 20 years and will be going to work for the County, update on City Hall remodel.

MAYOR REPORT Mayor Daniel advised he met with some members of the Regional Sewer District to continue to work on a potential agreement, had the Jimmy John's ribbon cutting and would be holding the Mayor's Roundtable at the Peabody Library.

YOUTH COUNCIL Jackson Longenbaugh, President of the Youth Council, was present to report on what they have been doing. He reported 3 of the seniors on the Youth Council would be traveling to Bloomington for a Youth Council Summit.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle