

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019
6:00 PM**

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 – Absent

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

MINUTES Minutes were postponed until the next meeting.

LOAN RESOLUTION; CSO – 2019-03 Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to read Loan Resolution 2019-03 by title only, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Loan Resolution 2019-03 a resolution of the Common Council of the City of Columbia City, Indiana authorizing and providing for the incurrence of indebtedness for the purpose of providing a portion of the cost of acquiring, constructing, enlarging, improving, and/or extending its sewage works facility to serve an area lawfully within its jurisdiction to serve.

Mayor Daniel explained this was part of the USDA loan they were working on for the LTCP project.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve Loan Resolution 2019-03, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye.

LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT OF ICE MILLER LLP – SEWAGE WORKS REVENUE BONDS Mayor Daniel explained in order to move forward with the USDA rural development process for the loan we are getting for the LTCP we have to have the engagement letters for Ice Miller as well as Bakertilly, which use to be Umbaugh, approved.

Motion was made by Tad Varga to approve the Letter of Engagement with Ice Miller, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ADVISORY SERVICES – USDA REVENUE BONDS – BAKERTILLY MUNICIPAL ADVISORS Mayor Daniel advised Bakertilly use to be Umbaugh and was the same people we have been working with for years.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve the Engagement Letter with Bakertilly, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2019-04: SEWAGE BOND – CSO – 1ST READING Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to read Ordinance 2019-04 by title only, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2019-04 an ordinance concerning the construction of additions and improvements to the sewage works of the City of Columbia City, Indiana, the issuance of revenue bonds to apply on the cost thereof and collection, segregation and distribution of revenue of said works; the safeguarding of the interest of the owners of said revenue bonds; other matters connected therewith including the issuance of notes and anticipation bonds and repealing ordinances inconsistent herewith.

Attorney McNagny thought the amount and interest rate were wrong in the bond ordinance itself. She advised there would still be a second reading and would have it corrected with them for the next meeting. She explained after adoption there would be a 20 day notice process and would continue to move forward.

Motion was made by Tad Varga to approve Ordinance 2019-04 on first reading, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2019-05: PARKING LIMIT TIME FRAMES – 1ST READING Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to read Ordinance 2019-05 by title only, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2019-05 an ordinance modifying the time frames for parking time limits set forth in Chapter 71, Title VII, of the City of Columbia City, Indiana municipal code.

Attorney McNagny explained the ordinance currently has 2 hr. parking through Saturday and changed it to Monday through Friday. She also cleaned up some language in the ordinance regarding holidays.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve Ordinance 2019-05 on first reading, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2019-06: PENALTY VIOLATION – PARKING Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to read Ordinance 2019-06 by title only, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2019-06 an ordinance modifying the penalty for violations of Chapter 70, of Title VII, of the City of Columbia City, Indiana municipal code.

Attorney McNagny explained this changes the penalty to a straight fee rather than a not to exceed amount.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve Ordinance 2019-06 on first reading, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2019-07: DOOR TO DOOR SOLICITATION – 1ST READING Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to read Ordinance 2019-07 by title only, Nicole Penrod seconded the

motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2019-07 an ordinance regulating door-to-door solicitation and peddling for the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Attorney McNagny advised this ordinance was purely for door-to-door solicitation and/or peddling. She explained there were a lot of exceptions in the ordinance covering 501c3's, religious groups, etc. but they are still required to register with the City in case there are phone calls.

Mayor Daniel questioned under Section 2 (b)(5) if that was for the telecommunications exemption. Attorney McNagny advised it was. Mayor Daniel explained the legislature pre-empted cities & towns to be able to regulate door-to-door sales for telecoms such as Dish, Direct TV, Mediacom, etc.

Motion was made by Tad Varga to approve Ordinance 2019-07 on first reading, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Shawn Lickey** – update on pole replacement project on 700 N., 90% complete with the Tree Board tree removal list, repaired scoreboard at high school baseball field, update on interview process. **Steve Sturgeon** – update on Chief LaRue. **Mike Shoda** – update on work on Hawthorne Lane. **Mark Green** – reviewed RFP's and contacted 4 companies to meet April 10 to hear their presentations, bathrooms open at Morsches Park, baseball & softball teams have been picked and practices have started, 10 lifeguards trained, update on Pickle ball and ½ court basketball courts at Aquatics Facility. **Jeff Walker** – update on Wooddale signs. **Gary Parrett** – police vehicles are ordered, received bodycams and have been issued out, update on new hires and dispatch center, Officer Eggleston in Phase 3 of FTO and is set to go to the Police Academy in May. **Mike Cook** – update on SDI project, replacing lighting at the plant, UV system up and running, approval to get quotes to replace 2 tractors.

YOUTH COUNCIL Kendall Scott, sophomore at CCHS, was present representing the Youth Council. She gave an update on what they have been doing.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE INTERN Attorney McNagny shared she has had an intern from Homestead who has been helping research a number of topics for the Ordinance Committee. She advised she has been very helpful to see what other communities around the state were doing on a number of topics.

MAYOR REPORT Mayor Daniel shared, with Jeff Walker's retirement, he and Beth Igney have been working on hiring a new Community Development Director. He reported Columbia City was awarded \$735,000.00 of Community Crossings funds for street repaving. He advised he was in Indianapolis lobbying on behalf of Columbia City.

WATER WELL 8 Mike Shoda reported Well 8 was in bad shape; the casing was bad. He advised the 3 options starting out were 1. re-case it, but that would drop the flow, 2. drill a new well there or 3. put it back the way it was and hope they do not pump sand. He stated to put it back the way it was would not work; the State of Indiana would not allow putting a well in the same location; IDEM said we could sleeve it but that would cause loss of water production. He

advised the best thing would be to drill a new well and the best place IDEM would ok it was by Well 9 that is located in Morsches Park. He stated we could put a new well anywhere in Columbia City but the problem was the water would have to be transferred to the water plant to be treated. He noted we would have more money in that if we do not already have a transmission line there. He shared the gentleman from IDEM said there would be no problem getting a permit if they drill by Well 9 plus the transmission line was already there which would save money.

Mayor Daniel advised he, Mike Shoda and Mark Green would be discussing what the best path forward would be.

Walt Crowder felt it was important to note we were not at risk. Mayor Daniel agreed and shared we were very blessed to have a plentiful aquifer under our feet. Mike Shoda advised we were not hurting now but if we continue to grow it makes it nice to have a supply. Mayor Daniel confirmed IDEM requires us to have a day's worth supply in the air. Mike Shoda advised that was correct but we actually have 2 million gallons in the air so were in good shape.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle