

**COMMON COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019  
6:00 PM**

Mayor Ryan Daniel – Present  
Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle – Present  
Attorney Marcia McNagny – Absent

**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 October 22, 2019 meeting minutes as presented, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, Walt Crowder, Nicole Penrod, Jennifer Romano and Dan Weigold voted aye, Tad Varga abstained.

**ORDINANCE 2019-19 SALARY ORDINANCE 2020- 2<sup>ND</sup> READING** Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to read Ordinance 2019-19 by title only, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2019-19 an ordinance to be known as the 2020 Salary Range/Benefit Ordinance.

Mayor Daniel noted one change from first reading was in regards to the clothing allowance in that instead of getting it in one lump sum at the beginning of the year it would be distributed quarterly; January, April, July and October.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve Ordinance 2019-19 on second and final reading, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**PUBLIC HEARING: ANNEXATION – RADIO RD. & SR 9** Mayor Daniel noted there was an issue with dates meeting up. After discussion with Attorney McNagny and Rosie Coyle they felt the best thing to do was to officially have a public hearing regarding the City property at the corner of Radio Rd and SR 9. He requested a motion to approve having a public hearing on the annexation on this date.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to approve holding a public hearing on the annexation of the City property located at Radio Rd and SR 9, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Mayor Daniel opened the meeting as a public hearing. Hearing no comments or questions the public hearing was closed.

**ORDINANCE 2019-21: ANNEXATION OF CITY PROPERTY – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING** Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to read Ordinance 2019-21 by title only, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2019-21 an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Columbia City, Indiana, annexing certain territory to the City of Columbia City, Indiana, placing the same within the corporate boundaries thereof and making the same a part of the City of Columbia City.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve Ordinance 2019-21 as first reading, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**DOWNTOWN PLANNING GRANT RESOLUTION 2019-22** Mayor Daniel shared this was from Lori Shipman for the downtown planning grant. He explained the resolution was basically to state that Council would fund the local match of \$4,400.00.

Motion was made by Tad Varga to read Resolution 2019-22 by title only, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Resolution 2019-22 Resolution authorizing application submission and local match commitment, City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve Resolution 2019-22 on first and final reading, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS** **Scott Leatherman** – update on new vehicles, opened application process again for the police department due to unsuccessfully filling the open positions with the last hiring process, Captain Parrett returned from training. **Mike Cook** – working at Main Street liftstation, new UV bulb installation, winterizing equipment and facility for winter, checking Christmas lights, review of phosphorus plan, waiting on approval from SRF for 600 E project, update on Jefferson Street project. **Mike Shoda** – water tower done and refilling, employee submitted retirement letter and will begin hiring process. **Chip Hill** – Ohki alley fundraiser. **Tom LaRue** – update on baby box, Truck 101 repairs. **Mark Green** – report on Mother/Son Halloween party, everything winterized, update on skating rink – opening Black Friday at noon until 5 pm, reviewed plans for the high school property and will have a public meeting on December 4, update on Veteran’s Marathon.

**GOLF CART UPDATE** Dan Weigold advised he was contacted again on the status of the golf cart ordinance. Jennifer Romano thought there would be something presented at the next meeting. She advised there has been much discussion on this subject and many factors to consider.

**REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** Tad Varga reported they approved payments on a couple façade grants; the B & E building as well as the building where Columbia City Nutrition is at.

He reported on the status of the Cardinal Grain building and advised they closed on the brown building.

**ALICE GOLDWOOD – ANIMAL ORDINANCE** Alice Goldwood was present to inquire if there were any updates to the animal ordinance concerning the dogs. Mayor Daniel brought Council up to date on the attack she and her dog experienced.

Mrs. Goldwood shared another incident she and her dog experienced with her neighbor's dog. Mayor Daniel questioned if the dog was on its property or did it cross over to the sidewalk. She advised she was on the sidewalk and the dog ran from their backyard. She shared she drove around and saw about 6 dogs in a matter of 10 minutes that were running loose. She expressed a concern for a child getting hurt.

Mayor Daniel questioned Mrs. Goldwood what her request would be of City Council to consider when it comes to the actual ordinance. Mrs. Goldwood advised she just got a copy of the ordinance and has not had time to review it. She felt there had to be some type of legality that says dogs cannot be free. She shared Columbia City has become a dog city; almost every house has a dog.

Mayor Daniel was not sure what could and could not be done but suggested a starting point of sending a reminder out to the public about dogs needing to be restrained.

After additional discussion, Mayor Daniel advised he and Chief Leatherman would have a discussion on the issue. He welcomed any suggestions from Mrs. Goldwood.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

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Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle