

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Ryan Daniel – Present
Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle – Present
Attorney Marcia McNagy - Present

Council Members

Nicole Penrod – Present
Jennifer Romano – Present
William (Bill) Simpson – Absent
Daniel Weigold – Present
Jacie Worrick – Present

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

MINUTES Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve an overview of the October 13, 2015 meeting minutes as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, Nicole Penrod, Jennifer Romano and Daniel Weigold voted aye, Jacie Worrick abstained.

PRESENTATION: REGIONAL CITIES INITIATIVE – JOHN SAMPSON This issue was postponed.

LONG TERM CONTROL PLAN: UNITED CONSULTING Keith Bryant with United Consulting was present to review the summary of the Long Term Control Plan, CSO phase. He stated the primary goal of this phase was to get the model up to pace and develop new possible options for projects then see how those fit into the thresholds set by the State and Federal Government and to see if they could come up with ways that might be less expensive or more beneficial as opposed to the projects still left to do. He stated they looked at several options but it became very apparent, from a sewer separation standpoint, that a lot of money was being spent and were not reaching the thresholds required by the State.

Mr. Bryant reviewed the plan summary and what had been done to this point.

Mayor Daniel requested Mr. Bryant discuss the standards the City was trying to meet and why we were forced to meet them. Mr. Bryant explained.

Mr. Bryant shared they had 19 different projects they modeled and was their recommendation to go with Project #6 Option #2 for \$8,530,000.00. He stated this would take all of the uncertainty out of the process.

Mr. Bryant reviewed the current LTCP cost commitments. He stated this includes several remote treatment plants at the CSO's. He shared those plants cost a lot to put in but also cost in the future with chemicals, electricity, equipment replacements, operation and maintenance. He stated these are very time consuming and would probably require additional staff.

Mr. Bryant pointed out that the City had committed to today's dollars of \$13 million whereas the project they were proposing meets the same threshold level at \$8.5 million. He went on to review the 20 year present value where the City would be looking to spend \$19 million versus \$8.5 million but then gets nothing but worse at the 40 year mark. He explained most of this equipment is designed for a 20 year life expectancy so at 40 years the City would be looking at replacing a bunch of equipment. He pointed out that the City could theoretically save \$18 million with what they were proposing.

Mr. Bryant felt their option would be a win/win in regards that the City would be saving money capital wise and every year thereafter with these options.

Mayor Daniel recapped the current plan that calls for multiple CSO treatment facilities that calls for mechanical processes, chemicals and potentially staff with capital costs of about \$13 million and the new proposed plan that basically has upsizing of pipes and lift stations, in pipe storage and would cost about \$8.5 million for a savings of about \$4.5 million. Mr. Bryant advised that was correct and a big savings for operation and maintenance long term. Mayor Daniel felt another important piece was we could complete this plan in one phase. Mr. Bryant advised another nice thing about this is in looking at the current projected rates that were done by Umbaugh; theoretically, what is set up for existing rates would pay for this entire project. He stated with the current plan the City would be looking at more rate increases down the road.

Jennifer Romano questioned Mr. Bryant if he felt relatively confident that the rules would not change within this time frame. Mr. Bryant did not believe they would in the next 10-15 years; maybe 20-25 years. He stated they have already approved 105 communities to do this and most of those have a 20 year schedule and most are only 4-5 years into it. He advised he would be shocked if they would.

Mayor Daniel questioned the probability of IDEM actually approving this change. Mr. Bryant felt if the City agreed to this and to do it in a shorter time period, he felt it was high probability because the City would be meeting the same threshold and doing it faster.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to take the advice of United and go with the new \$8.5 million plan in one phase, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2015-29: AMENDMENT OF PRETREATMENT ORDINANCE – 2ND READING Motion was made by Jacie Worrick to read Ordinance 2015-29 by title only, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2015-29 an ordinance amending Chapter 55 Pretreatment of Pollutants of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve Ordinance 2015-29 on 2nd reading, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

2016 EMPLOYEE SALARY ORDINANCE 2015-25 – 2ND READING Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to read Ordinance 2015-25 by title only, Jacie Worrick seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2015-25 an ordinance to be known as the 2016 salary range/benefit ordinance.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve Ordinance 2015-25 on 2nd reading, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2015-30: AMENDMENT TO THE LOAN FROM ELECTRIC TO STORM WATER – 2ND READING Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to read Ordinance 2015-30 by title only, Jacie Worrick seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2015-30 an ordinance of the City of Columbia City amending Ordinance No. 2014-6 authorizing the municipal electric utility to make a loan to the City of Columbia City storm water utility for the southwest storm water project.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve Ordinance 2015-30 on 2nd reading, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Mike Cook** – Columbia Shores lift station repair, US 30 manholes, 700 E lift station testing, flow testing. **Terry Wherry** - new servers. **Tom LaRue** – Halloween bash at Fire Museum, rescue tools serviced, monitor back and in service. **Shawn Lickey** – Dollar Tree project, Wings Etc. project, foundation poured for north substation breaker building, electrical upgrades. **Tim Longenbaugh** – Captain Hively returned from military leave, firearms training, FTO training for new officers, new officer interviews. **Jeff Walker** – SR 205 substantial completion with final completion May 2016, Reelcraft open house. **Mike Shoda** – West Park Drive done, north water tower back in service, truck purchased from fire department now in service.

YOUTH COUNCIL Anna VonSeggern and Chase Emmert were present representing the Youth Council. Chase Emmert reported on their activities. He advised they would not be having the Halloween Parade due to the lack of sponsors.

MEETING SCHEDULES – NOVEMBER & DECEMBER Council agreed to keep the Board of Works and Council meetings scheduled for November 24 and move the 2nd meeting in December to December 29.

MAYOR REPORT Mayor Daniel reported the tiles at Every Kids Dreamland were 80% complete. He advised he was in Warsaw for a US 30 Coalition Executive Committee meeting. He stated they would be moving forward as a body to try to work on the preferences of each community. He advised INDOT had a listening session to hear concerns of the Committee and felt they learned a lot from that.

HANNA STREET PARKING Nicole Penrod advised a resident in the area of Hanna Street Extended talked with her about parking issues. She stated he asked Council to look at the ordinance concerning the definition of curbs. She explained where the resident was they have a rolled curb and although they have never gotten tickets they have been talked to about the tires

being up on the curb rather than the street. She suggested the Ordinance Committee look at it. Mayor Daniel recommended having the Parking Committee look at it.

BIKE RAMP – WALNUT STREET David Wappes of 310 W. Market Street was present to discuss the bike ramp that resides at 202 S. Walnut Street. Mr. Wappes provided pictures to the Council. He mentioned this structure was addressed with Council at the beginning of summer and advised the structure was now deteriorating. He stated 80% of the neighbors signed a petition about this ramp. He asked Council to reconsider doing something about the ramp as it was deteriorating and was in the City’s right of way.

Nicole Penrod did not feel the Council had not done anything; it was determined the ramp did not fall under the ordinance; several people went out and looked at it. She shared whether Council members would want something like that in their neighborhood or not was irrelevant as they have to go by what the ordinance states.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle