

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020
6:00 PM**

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

Council Members

Walter Crowder – Present
Jennifer Reffitt – 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.

MINTUES Motion was made by Dan Weigold to approve an overview of the November 24, 2020 meeting minutes as presented, Jennifer Reffitt seconded the motion, all voted aye.

STORMWATER PERMITTING FEES – ORDINANCES 2020-36 – 1ST READING

Motion was made by Jennifer Reffitt to read Ordinance 2020-36 by title only, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2020-36 an ordinance amending Chapter 56, Illicit Discharge and Connection to the Municipal Stormwater System, of Title V of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Mayor Daniel explained this ordinance was a result of the discussion at the previous meeting regarding the stormwater construction permitting fees. He noted our current fees were \$50 and do not necessarily cover all of the costs that go along with it. He advised this was not a money making venture but actually a cost recovery venture more than anything. He shared all of the fees outlined were established with the guidelines of Jon Gotz who effectively manages this portion of our stormwater practices.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve Ordinance 2020-36 on first reading, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – RDC Walt Crowder reported Tad Varga and Scott Gates were both willing and accepting to stay on as representatives of the RDC.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to retain Tad Varga and Scott Gates to the Redevelopment Commission, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Scott Leatherman** – Braxton Madison paperwork under review at PERF. Patrolling for Presents scheduled for December 19 at Morsches Park and will be a drive through situation between 5 – 7 pm.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION Mayor Daniel reported the Redevelopment Commission met and had much discussion over the remediation of the LML site. He shared the RDC has been working with SME who presented a contract to do the remediation which would cost somewhere around \$400,000.00. He reported the Redevelopment Commission decided to move ahead with the contract.

Mayor Daniel reported Pat Hatcher has decided to step down from the RDC and he appointed Samara Thompson to take over that position.

FOREST PARKWAY DITCH Dan Weigold gave an update on the ditch project that the City helped to fund on Forest Parkway.

MAYOR REPORT Mayor Daniel reported he was doing all of his evaluations via zoom. He met with the Lieutenant Governor's office to give updates on what is going on in Columbia City. He advised Lori, Chip and he were working on a grant opportunity regarding the trail and potentially funding free public Wi-Fi around the City. He had a meeting with other legislators to discuss City and Town issues in preparation for the next session. He reported he, Beth and Rosie met to discuss the Annual Awards Banquet; they did not feel it made sense to try and have it and will be sending out letters to everyone.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle