

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2016
6:00 P.M.**

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 Tad Varga pointed out under the Metronet discussion spelling errors with the business name as well as the representative name.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve the December 13, 2016 meeting minutes as amended, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2016-28: REZONE ORDINANCE – 2ND READING Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to read Ordinance 2016-28 by title only, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2016-28 an ordinance amending the zoning classification of certain property from the R-1 single-family residential district to the R-2 two-family residential district.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to approve Ordinance 2016-28 on second reading, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2016-30: AMENDMENT TO THE TRAFFIC SCHEDULES – 2ND READING Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to read Ordinance 2016-30 by title only, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2016-30 an ordinance amending Chapter 75, Traffic Schedules, of Title VII of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Mayor Daniel advised this was for the one-way stops and speed limit signs for Quail Ridge and the new section of Deer Chase.

Dan Weigold questioned if there was going to be a de-acceleration lane on SR 205. Mayor Daniel advised he requested that of INDOT but they advised their traffic studies show one was not needed.

Rosie Coyle noted this should have been second reading but was published as first reading. Nicole Penrod and Tad Varga rescinded their initial motions. Mayor Daniel called for a vote to read Ordinance 2016-30 on second reading.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to read Ordinance 2016-30 by title only, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2016-30 an ordinance amending Chapter 75, Traffic Schedules, of Title VII of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve Ordinance 2016-30 as second and final reading, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

RESOLUTION 2016-31: TRANSFER OF FUNDS Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to read Resolution 2016-31 by title only, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Resolution 2016-31 an emergency resolution providing for the transfer of appropriations for several departments of the

City of Columbia City, Indiana for the year 2016 for the action and passage pursuant to IC 6-1.1-18.6

Mayor Daniel noted there was some equipment that Tony Hively would like to purchase.

Motion was made by Tad Varga to approve Resolution 2016-31, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye.

SUSPENDED UTILITY BILLS – WRITE OFF Rosie Coyle explained at the end of the year for the accounts of customers who are deceased or who have filed bankruptcy and we cannot collect on they are written off the books. She advised the ordinance violations and parking tickets were also included.

Motion was made by Tad Varga to approve writing the accounts off as presented, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye.

YOUTH COUNCIL Holden Schaefer was present to give an update on the youth council activities.

MAYOR UPDATE Mayor Daniel reported some of the US 30 Coalition members met with Senator David Long to talk about the US 30 project. He shared they had a good Mayors & Commissioners caucus; discussed what was good for the region and how to move the region forward as well as filling regional jobs.

PARKING COMMITTEE Dan Weigold reported the Parking Committee met to discuss the intersection of Spencer and Line Streets. He shared they came up with a solution to hopefully help with the congestion at that intersection.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW SESSION Jennifer Romano reported 17 people came out for the Chamber of Commerce Legislative preview session. She advised they would be doing more of these types of sessions and will be something most every month. She shared the different topics that were discussed.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING AWARDS Jennifer Romano advised they distributed the Christmas lighting awards and will be presenting plaques to the winners at the January 10 council meeting.

VIRTUAL MEETING POLICY Mayor Daniel thought at one point the topic of virtual meeting policy was discussed. He advised this would be something to talk with Attorney McNagny about what could and could not be done. He felt it would be beneficial for those who are gone but were still available through teleconference.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION RESIGNATION – BEN ROMINE Walt Crowder noted Ben Romine submitted his resignation from the Redevelopment Commission and felt it would be a good opportunity for a Council member to help out. He asked for anyone interested to let him know as it would be on the January 10 Council agenda to fill the position.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle