

**COMMON COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021  
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 – Absent  
Tad Varga – Present  
Daniel Weigold – Present

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

**MINTUES** Motion was made by Jennifer Reffitt to approve an overview of the February 23, 2021 meeting minutes as presented, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**SWEARING IN OF NEW POLICE OFFICER BRAXTON MADISON** Rosie Coyle performed the swearing in ceremony for Braxton Madison.

**ORDINANCE 2021-5: 2<sup>ND</sup> READING EXECUTION OF THIRD AMENDMENTORY AGREEMENT WITH IMPA** Motion was made by Walt Crowder to read Ordinance 2021-5 by title only, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2021-5 an ordinance of the City of Columbia City, authorizing the execution and delivery of the Third Amendatory Agreement to the Power Sales Contract between Indiana Municipal Power Agency and the City of Columbia City, and other matters connected therewith.

Motion was made by Tad Varga to approve Ordinance 2021-5 on second and final reading, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**ORDINANCE 2021-6: RE-ESTABLISHING CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING** Motion was made by Tad Varga to read Ordinance 2021-6 by title only, Jennifer Reffitt seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2021-6 an ordinance/resolution reestablishing Cumulative Capital Development Fund.

Mayor Daniel advised this was something that we do periodically to re-establish the rate of the CCD Fund. He explained, ultimately, we establish the rate and over time the State cuts it and then makes us re-establish it. He noted this was the fund the aquatics facility bonds were paid out of.

Motion was made by Walt Crowder to approve Ordinance 2021-6 on first reading, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye.

### **PETITION FOR ANNEXTION – WHITLEY COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS**

Mayor Daniel advised this was for the new high school property. He shared we have been working with the school corporation on this for quite some time now. He noted this was a 100% voluntary annexation as they came to the City for the annexation.

Attorney McNagny advised she will need to meet with Chip Hill and Mayor Daniel to work on the fiscal plan.

**ORDINANCE 2021-7: ANNEXATION WCCS 1<sup>ST</sup> READING** Motion was made by Jennifer Reffitt to read Ordinance 2021-7 by title only, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2021-7 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 Tad Varga to approve Ordinance 2021-7 on first reading, Jennifer Reffitt seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**QUOTES FOR PARK POLE BARN** This issue was tabled until the next meeting.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS** **Shawn Lickey** – street light poles hit by semi’s, daily operations. **Mike Shoda** – installed drain at 604 E. Ellsworth. **Mike Cook** – received request for substantial completion from Crosby, working on UV system, sludge hauling, phosphorous system up and running, update on hiring process.

**CARDINAL GRAIN PROPERTY** Tad Varga reported they were finally injecting a reagent into the ground at the old Cardinal Grain property. He shared they will continue this for the next week or so and hopefully will rectify the issue so they can move onto the next phase.

**MAYOR REPORT** Mayor Daniel reported there was a US 30 local planning meeting coming up, WJHS radio program coming up, Youth Council meeting next week and lunch with the Mayor on March 19.

**PARKING ORDINANCE – CHERYL HAMMONS** Cheryl Hammons of 113 N. Park Drive was present to discuss the ordinance regarding parking in the yard. She explained she does not have a big driveway and has two other people in the home who drive so they are always moving cars to get in and out. She advised she received a warning for parking along her driveway and wondered if there was a way to change the ordinance. She shared she could see if someone was parking along the street and in the grass or if it was a junk yard but her property was not a junk yard.

Mayor Daniel noted this was part of our City ordinances but has also had some concerns brought to him as well. He shared City Council does have the authority to change the ordinance if they so choose. He felt there was probably good reason for putting the ordinance in at some point in time. He also understood parking availability was different in different areas.

Ms. Hammons felt to a point they should be allowed to do what they want; she could see if it was becoming trashy then someone would need to step in.

Walt Crowder felt there needed to be some homework done on the issue.

Mayor Daniel agreed with the idea of not allowing vehicles to be parked on the grass but felt they should look at the opportunity to have pull-offs or gravel. He shared we do not necessarily want individuals pulling over the curbing or sidewalks and felt strongly about keeping the curb cut narrow then veering out from there.

Dan Weigold advised he would check with the Plan Commission on the issue.

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