

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 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 – Present
Tad Varga – Present
Daniel Weigold – Absent

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

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

SWEARING IN CEREMONY: POLICE CHIEF GARY PARRETT AND FIREFIGHTER

ZACHARY GARDNER Rosie Coyle performed the swearing in ceremony for newly appointed Police Chief Gary Parrett and Firefighter Zachary Gardner.

POLICE REPORT Gary Parrett gave an update on the training facility, Officers Baker and Branecki graduated the academy and Officers Madison and DeBus were sent to the academy, 911 upgrades, Shane Caudill new Dispatch Supervisor and Dispatch Shift Leads have been appointed and will take effect April 24.

ORDINANCE 2021-7 ANNEXATION WCCS 3RD READING – FISCAL PLAN Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to read Ordinance 2021-7 by title only, Jennifer Reffitt seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2021-7 an ordinance of the City Council 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.

Mayor Daniel noted this incorporates the fiscal plan into the annexation. He advised this has been publicized but did not believe there had been any written responses submitted at this point.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve Ordinance 2021-7 on third and final reading, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2021-8 AMENDMENT TO HOUSING AUTHORITY APPOINTMENTS –

2ND READING Motion was made by Jennifer Reffitt to read Ordinance 2021-8 by title only, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance

2021-8 an Ordinance amending Chapter 32, Administrative Departments and Boards, of Title III of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Mayor Daniel reminded Council that this amendment adjusts the Ordinance to reflect the State statute for Housing Authorities.

Motion was made by Jennifer Reffitt to approve Ordinance 2021-8 on second and final reading, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Chip Hill** – Ohki Alley grand opening on May 7, Wigent Excavating coming in to sculpt out where the amphitheater will go on the new park property. **Tom LaRue** – visited Springfield, OH to look at a training facility, Truck 105 back in service, Morsches Lumber expanding fence cutout around hydrant on West Van Buren Street, training with new airpicks. **Mike Cook** – new employees working great, received new pump for Gateway liftstation, issues at Ellsworth liftstation and addressed with the Engineer. **Kelly Cearbaugh** – removed salt boxes from the trucks, loading mulch at Park. **Mike Shoda** – switching houses on West Van Buren from the north side to the south side water line, repairing leak at old high school. **Terry Wherry** – new card reader at MSF.

MAYOR REPORT Mayor Daniel reported Theresa Ladd submitted her letter of resignation for her involvement in the Redevelopment Commission’s façade program. Chip Hill gave an update on the LML property. Mayor Daniel advised they held a US 30 planning meeting and were revising the planning concept document. He report they were still waiting on clarity for what the stimulus funds can be used for.

PARKING ISSUES Jennifer Romano reported she met with Scott Leatherman and Gary Parrett regarding the issue of people parking in their yards. She advised the issue was still being discussed and may take some time to figure out how to address it.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle