

**COMMON COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 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 via phone  
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 April 13, 2021 meeting minutes as presented, Jennifer Reffitt seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION** Mayor Daniel introduced Ken Lundquist, our Tree Board President for about 12 years. He shared Ken has recently decided to step down from the Board but was able to get him in to read the Arbor Day Proclamation one more time.

Mayor Daniel reported a tree would be planted at Mary Raber on behalf of the Tree Board.

**KEN LUNDQUIST DAY PROCLAMATION** Mayor Daniel proclaimed April 26 as Ken Lundquist Day in honor of his service and dedication to the Tree Board.

**ENTERPRISE RENTAL UPDATE** Eric Brady with Enterprise was present to give a report on our rental program with Enterprise.

**PARK STORAGE BUILDING** Mark Green reviewed building specifications and layout with Council. He shared since the last presentation costs have increased. He reviewed the quotes with Council and reported the total project costs were now \$430,000.00.

Mayor Daniel shared financing options from Star Bank. He advised he had hoped to have more answers on the American Recovery Plan, but the Feds have been slow to explain how the funds need to be handled. He shared they somewhat put the project off knowing we would be getting stimulus dollars to recover revenue but still have not gotten guidance on it. He advised he asked Mark Green to come back with this information and had Rosie Coyle check on the loan terms that were presented. He noted there was not a prepayment penalty on the loan through Star.

Mayor Daniel noted because of the volatility of the market the quotes were only good for 10 days. He advised the decision was up to Council, but he would like to move forward with the project. He shared even if we cannot use the stimulus dollars, they already discussed different

ways to fund it. He suggested moving forward with a loan and if we are able to pre-pay it, we do that rather than spending cash on hand.

Jennifer Reffitt felt they definitely needed to move forward with it. She did not feel they should do the entire amount and suggested option 2 may be a better option so there would be some out-of-pocket costs but would save on overall interest.

Jennifer Romano felt if a stronger plan were initially presented Council would have felt more comfortable about it. She advised she felt bad with the characterization that the time they waited to get a concrete plan was somehow responsible for the project costing more, but they needed more information.

Walt Crowder agreed with the comments being shared. He advised he liked option 2, which does give some flexibility. Walt Crowder shared that Mark has waited years for this. He felt this would give us more life out of our equipment. He advised he supported going with Option 2 with payoff using stimulus funds once received.

Rosie Coyle questioned the reason for not having more quotes. Mark Green advised he reached out to other companies but they did not want to submit a quote.

Motion was made by Jennifer Reffitt to move forward with the new Park Building with loan option #2, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**ORDINANCE 2021-9: ESTABLISH THE ARP CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY GRANT FUND (FUND #176)** Motion was made by Jennifer Reffitt to read Ordinance 2021-9 by title only, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2021-9 an ordinance to establish the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Grant Fund (Fund#176).

Mayor Daniel explained this was mandated by State Board of Accounts that we have a fund in which we can accept money into. He advised the next phase would be, after the funds were received, he and Rosie would prepare something and bring to Council for approval of appropriation of those dollars.

Motion was made by Walt Crowder to approve Ordinance 2021-9 on first reading, Jennifer Romano second the motion, all voted aye.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS** **Mike Shoda** – hooked up 4 new homes. **Chip Hill** – Ohki Alley grand opening Friday, May 7 at 4 pm. **Gary Parrett** – Milo Range reinstalling firearms simulation machine in new training building, hosting Spillman Police & Dispatch course, Dispatch shift leads in place. **Mark Green** – update on old high school property, baseball/softball tournament, new bathrooms open, starting to work at Aquatics Center, hosting Pickleball tournament during Old Settlers week, 3 on 3 basketball league this summer, training and interviewing summer help.

**TRASH HAULING CONTRACT** Mayor Daniel reported the trash hauling contract expires June 30, 2021. He reported they contacted Advanced Disposal, now Waste Management, to request a 1- and 3-year proposed extension. He shared he reached out to other communities and trash hauling companies to see where their costs were vs. others. He shared there was a fairly distinctive increase in the prices being passed to us but was hearing there was a lot of volatility in the market. He advised the prices presented by Waste Management were reasonable compared to the market.

Mayor Daniel explained, assuming the Trash Committee approves, the proposal being presented for a 3-year extension was in July of 2021 costs would increase from \$7.39 to \$8.70 next year to \$9.14 and following year to \$9.60. He advised it definitely means we are going to need to increase the trash rates. He shared in talking with other competitors and communities we will still be in the lower range when it comes to the majority of communities around us of similar size. He noted we have to have a difference of about \$1 per month in what we are charged and what we charge our customers in order to pay for bulk pickup days.

**MAYOR REPORT** Mayor Daniel reported US 30 planning continues from a local as well as statewide level. He shared there was some legislative changes that occurred. He and Chief Parrett would be meeting to select the Deputy Chief. Talking with an individual who is interested in developing property for housing and annexation into the City.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor Ryan Daniel

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