

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021
6:00 PM**

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

Council Members

Walter Crowder – Absent
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 and Walt Crowder present, Mayor Daniel presiding.

MINUTES Approval of the May 25, 2021 meeting minutes was postponed until the next meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING – TRASH COLLECTION RATES Mayor Daniel recessed the meeting to hold a public hearing on the trash collection rates. Hearing no comments or questions the public hearing was closed.

ORDINANCE 2021-13 TRASH COLLECTION RATES – 2ND READING Motion was made by Jennifer Reffitt to read Ordinance 2021-13 by title only, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye. Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2021-13 an ordinance amending Chapter 53 regarding the user fees to pay the costs of trash collection for residential customers with the City of Columbia City.

Mayor Daniel reminded Council he provided them with a list of communities of similar sizes and what their trash rates were. He advised if our residents were to privately contract, it would be double what we were proposing. He shared moving it from \$8.50 to \$11.00 sounds like a lot but compared to other communities we are at or lower than similar size communities.

Mayor Daniel also shared Waste Management has proposed going to a 2-day pickup; everything west of Main Street would be Tuesday and everything east of Main Street would be Wednesday. He advised this change would not happen until the 1st of August.

Motion was made by Tad Varga to approve Ordinance 2021-13 on second and final reading, Jennifer Reffitt seconded the motion, all voted aye.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS: JV INVESTMENTS – DUNHAMS, LABEL SHOPPER & WINGS, ETC. Motion was made by Dan Weigold to find JV Investments IN, LLC in compliance with real estate improvements and approve another year of abatement, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS: JV INVESTMENTS - DOLLAR TREE

Motion was made by Jennifer Reffitt to find JV Investments IN, LLC in compliance with real estate improvements for Dollar Tree and grant an additional year of abatement, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS: OAKVIEW TOOL Mayor Daniel noted this was for Oakview Tool doing business as Kyocera. He confirmed because they are a DBA it was ok to move forward. Rosie Coyle advised that was correct.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to find Oakview Tool Company, LLC DBA Kyocera SGS Precision Tools in compliance with personal property and grant an additional year of abatement, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye.

RESOLUTION 2021-15: POLICY FOR ELECTRONIC MEETINGS Marcia McNagny explained this was originally presented by AIM to give guidance on electronic meetings and attendance. She advised there has been some discussion on how to handle this for Board of Works so has amended the Resolution that was passed at the last meeting to include our Board of Works. She shared the Board of Works has concurred, should Council approve, for this to apply to them as well.

Motion was made by Tad Varga to read Revised and Restated Resolution 2021-15 by title only, Jennifer Reffitt seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Revised and Restated Resolution 2021-15 a resolution establishing the policy by which members of the Common Council, Board of Public Works and Safety and Committees may participate by electronic means of communication.

Motion was made by Tad Varga to approve Revised and Restated Resolution 2021-15 as presented, Jennifer Reffitt seconded the motion, all voted aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Mike Cook** – new control panel hooked up at Jefferson Street lift station, repaired low spot at Chauncey and Spencer, cleaning lift stations, 700 E project should be starting soon, sampling industries, ICE Student started. **Gary Parrett** – shared officer ‘wow’ moments, extra patrol at fire scene while investigators there, officer training, public announcement out about fireworks. **Kelly Cearbaugh** – replacing brick crosswalks with asphalt, looking into road improvements in the cemetery. **Mark Green** – update on baseball and softball games, Aquatics Center very busy, DNR grant submitted, presentation at Rotary, started construction on storage barn, concession stands very busy. **Shawn Lickey** – employee update, burying lines in Westgate, meeting with landscaper to repair Parkview property from electric work done there, Solar Park ribbon cutting.

MAYOR REPORT Mayor Daniel reported Chip Hill, Gary Parrett, Kelly Cearbaugh and he would be meeting with INDOT on SR 109 and Plaza Drive/Frontage Road intersection options; employee mid-term evaluations were happening; he would be handing mini mailboxes out to the high school graduates; he would be attending a ceremony with the Daughters of the American Revolution on the courthouse lawn; he would be selecting new Youth Council members and the US 30 project continuing to move quickly.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle