

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022
6:00 PM**

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

Council Members

Walter Crowder – Present
Jennifer Middleton – Present
Jennifer Romano – Present
Tad Varga – Present via video
Daniel Weigold – Absent

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

MINUTES Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve the April 12,2022 meeting minutes as presented, Jennifer Romano, Jennifer Middleton and Walt Crowder voted aye, Tad Varga abstained.

Motion was made by Jennifer Middleton to approve an overview of the May 10,2022 meeting minutes as presented, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, Jennifer Middleton, Tad Varga and Walt Crowder voted aye, Jennifer Romano abstained.

ORDINANCE 2022-12: VACATE OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY – 2ND READING

Motion was made by Jennifer Middleton to read Ordinance 2022-12 by title only, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2022-12 Vacation of Public Right-of-Way.

Mayor Daniel reminded the Council this was for an unimproved alley on North Oak Street.

Motion was made by Jennifer Middleton to approve Ordinance 2022-12 on 2nd and final reading, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS – COLUMBIA CITY SOLAR ARRAY, LLC – PERSONAL PROPERTY

Motion was made by Jennifer Middleton to approve Columbia City Solar Array, LLC and grant an additional year of abatement, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS – OIG, LLC – PERSONAL PROPERTY

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve Quality Inspection Gage Personal Property abatement and grant an additional year of abatement, Jennifer Middleton seconded the motion, all voted aye.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS – RINLEY PROPERTIES – REAL PROPERTY Motion was made by Jennifer Middleton to approve Rinley Properties, LLC and grant an additional year of abatement, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS – KC JONES PLATING – PERSONAL PROPERTY Motion was made by Jennifer Middleton to approve KC Jones Plating and grant an additional year of abatement, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS – PRECISION PLASTICS – REAL PROPERTY Motion was made by Jennifer Middleton to approve Precision Plastics of Indiana, Inc. and grant an additional year of abatement, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS – PRECISION PLASTICS – PERSONAL PROPERTY Motion was made by Jennifer Middleton to approve Precision Plastics of Indiana, Inc. for their Personal Property abatement and grant an additional year of abatement, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS – PRECISION PLASTICS – PERSONAL PROPERTY Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve Precision Plastics of Indiana, Inc. for their Personal Property abatement from 2017 and grant an additional year of abatement, Jennifer Middleton seconded the motion, all voted aye.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS – KYOCERA – PERSONAL PROPERTY Motion was made by Jennifer Middleton to approve Kyocera SGS Precision Tools, Inc. and grant an additional year of abatement, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS – KYOCERA – PERSONAL PROPERTY Motion was made by Jennifer Middleton to approve the Personal Property abatement from 2020 for Kyocera SGS Precision Tools, Inc. and grant an additional year of abatement, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2022-13: GOLF CARTS AND UTV'S – 2ND READING Motion was made by Jennifer Middleton to read Ordinance 2022-13 by title only, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2022-13 this ordinance, if adopted, will replace Chapter 73, Sections 73.35 – 73.99 of the City of Columbia City, Indiana, Code of Ordinances to authorize the operation of golf carts and certain utility task vehicles on City streets.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve Ordinance 2022-13 on 2nd and final reading, Jennifer Middleton seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2022-14: ELECTRIC DECREASE – 2ND READING Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to read Ordinance 2022-14 by title only, Jennifer Middleton seconded the

motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2022-14 an ordinance amending the rates charges for the City of Columbia City Municipal Electric Utility.

Mayor Daniel explained this was for the elimination of the Indiana Utility Receipts Tax by the Indiana General Assembly. He noted this was a mandate.

Motion was made by Jennifer Middleton to approve Ordinance 2022-14 on 2nd and final reading, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2022-15: WATER DECREASE – 2ND READING Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to read Ordinance 2022-15 by title only, Jennifer Middleton seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2022-15 an ordinance amending the rates charges for the City of Columbia City Municipal Water Utility.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve Ordinance 2022-15 on 2nd and final reading, Jennifer Middleton seconded the motion, all voted aye.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS – JV INVESTMENTS

(DUNHAMS/DOLLAR TREE) Motion was made by Jennifer Middleton to approve JV Investments and grant their final year of abatement, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Mark Green** – baseball & softball games Monday - Thursdays, striped parking lots, aquatics center opens on Saturday, met with company regarding the field lights, fireworks will be July 3rd, 5 year plan for the park was complete, working with engineering to do pricing on a new natatorium, playground inspection on Kenneth Wright park, waiting on bolts for Every Kids Dreamland, employee retiring July 1, purchased used digital sign that will be placed at the new office location. **Mike Cook** – yearly crane inspections, kick off meeting with Donohue on force main project, in the closeout process with IDEM on the agreed order for toxicity reduction, approval to engage Midwest Engineering for the design repairs for the CSO 19. **Mike Shoda** – sidewalks replaced on Jefferson Street, cleaned ditch up on North Street by Pinecrest, discovered people were turning sprinkler systems on without notifying the City and will be back billing these customers. **Gary Parrett** – training at firing range, update on hiring process, letters delivered to residents who still have trash out from the citywide cleanup, approval to purchase 2 new vehicles, held department meeting with Dispatch. **Tom LaRue** – ordered uniforms and gear for new hire, still taking applications to fill open position. **Terry Wherry** – update on free Wi-Fi project. **Chip Hill** – Westgate project should be starting soon.

MAYOR REPORT Mayor Daniel reported the Board of Works approved accepting the 2nd phase of the Coesse sewer project that the Regional Sewer District will be doing. He shared they would be doing the project purely out of grant money and then handing the infrastructure over to the City. He shared the Board also approved street patching and paving.

HIGH GRASS Walt Crowder questioned, from a cost perspective for the properties that we have to mow the grass, was it an hourly rate or flat rate. Mike Shoda advised it was an hourly rate. He expressed concern that grass is 2 ft. – 3 ft. before they were able to get in and mow. He

advised they cannot see what is there and things sometimes damage their mower. Walt Crowder questioned if there were damages to the equipment could that be billable to the owner. Attorney McNagny was not sure it was written in the ordinance but felt we should be able to do that. She added it was the cost of the nuisance abatement so if we damage our equipment abating it, we should throw it right into the cost. She suggested she could amend the ordinance to add what the cost of abatement included. Mayor Daniel felt that was a good idea.

Having no further business to discuss Mayor Daniel called the meeting adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle