

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 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 – 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.

MINUTES Mayor Daniel noted corrections to the attendance of Dan Weigold and Tad Varga as well as a spelling error. Motion was made by Jennifer Middleton to approve an overview of the June 14, 2022, meeting minutes as presented, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2022-10 – FARMER’S MARKET – 2ND READING Motion was made by Dan Weigold to read Ordinance 2022-10 by title only, Jennifer Middleton seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2022-10 an ordinance amending Chapter 119, Farmer’s Market, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Mayor Daniel reminded Council that this ordinance deletes the Farmer’s Market from our Code of Ordinances as a clean up measure. He noted when the market began it was not its own entity but now is. He advised they already come before the Board of Works for street closures so this would not really change anything.

Motion was made by Tad Varga to approve Ordinance 2022-10 on second and final reading, Jennifer Middleton seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2022-18 – PURCHASING REGULATIONS AMENDMENT – 2ND READING Motion was made by Walt Crowder to read Ordinance 2022-18 by title only, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2022-18 City of Columbia City, Indiana, an ordinance amending Chapter 34 regarding purchasing for the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Motion was made by Tad Varga to approve Ordinance 2022-18 on second and final reading, Jennifer Middleton seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2022-20 – NUISANCE ORDINANCE ABATEMENT FEES – 2ND READING Motion was made by Jennifer Middleton to read Ordinance 2022-20 by title only, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2022-20 an

ordinance amending Chapter 95, General Regulations of Title IX of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Mayor Daniel reminded Council this allows for the City to collect for damages to equipment when abating a nuisance ordinance violation.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to approve Ordinance 2022-20 on second and final reading, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2022-21 – BUILDING DEPARTMENT FEES & CHARGES – 2ND

READING Motion was made by Jennifer Middleton to read Ordinance 2022-21 by title only, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2022-21 a joint ordinance amending the schedule of fees and charges for the Columbia City/Whitley County Joint Planning and Building Department.

Nathan Bilger, Planning Director, was present to explain the ordinance and fee schedule. He advised they had not updated the fees since 2016.

Motion was made by Jennifer Middleton to approve Ordinance 2022-21 on second and final reading, Tad Varga seconded the motion, Walt Crowder, Jennifer Middleton and Tad Varga voted aye, Dan Weigold abstained.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT Nathan Bilger reported that Culver's was underway and estimated to be open by Thanksgiving. He advised Starbucks was working on finishing the interior and should be open by August. He noted the Code Committee was looking at parking revisions as well as the parking code. Mayor Daniel discussed the extraordinary amount of parking that is required for new development and the actual lack of usage of that parking, not to mention the storm water issues that go along with it. Nathan shared that was one of the pieces that was being discussed.

Nathan Bilger advised there were discussions about extending the extraterritorial jurisdiction and also noted they have a couple Plan Commission members coming up for reappointment.

Walt Crowder questioned the status of the new jail. Nathan Bilger advised he was not on the Committee for that project but has been told they were still establishing timelines and were optimistic it would be constructed by late next year.

Nathan Bilger advised DOT America was looking to get their expansion started.

YOUTH COUNCIL Alina Houser, Junior at CCHS, was present to share what the Youth Council did at their last meeting in May.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Mark Green** – leak at trailhead bathrooms, aquatics center going well, started football registration, update on storm issues, fireworks on July 3rd with festivities starting at 6 pm. **Terry Wherry** – free wi-fi done and running, replacing switches damaged from the storm. **Shawn Lickey** – report on storm issues, grinding stumps, update on Main Street

lighting project. **Kelly Cearbaugh** – report on storm issues, finished City Hall sidewalks, limb pickup. **Mike Shoda** – electrical issues with water towers, 2 main breaks during the storm, reports submitted to State. **Mike Cook** – issues with lift stations during power outage, sludge hauling, crane repairs done, meeting with Midwestern Engineering on CSO19 upgrades, saved \$96,398.56 on the LTCP project. **Chip Hill** – update on Westgate project. **Tom LaRue** – still fixing equipment from storm, update on new hire process, need to address small issues with Old Settlers, ladder testing went well.

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

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle