

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 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
Daniel Weigold – Present

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

MINUTES Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve an overview of the November 22, 2022, meeting minutes as presented, Jennifer Middleton seconded the motion, Walt Crowder, Jennifer Romano, Jennifer Middleton and Dan Weigold voted aye, Tad Varga abstained.

SWEAR IN OF NEW POLICE OFFICERS Rosie Coyle performed the swearing in ceremony for new Police Officers Kristopher Kreager, Mitchell Campbell and Nicholas Thomas.

REZONE REQUEST – 113 N. 200 E. – ESPICH PRINTING – ORDINANCE 2022-31 – 2ND READING Motion was made by Jennifer Middleton to read Ordinance 2022-31 by title only, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2022-31 an ordinance amending the zoning classification of certain property from the R-3 multi-family residential district to the GB general business district.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to approve Ordinance 2022-31 on second and final reading, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye.

2023 EMPLOYEE SALARY ORDINANCE 2022-29 – 2ND READING Motion was made by Walt Crowder to read Ordinance 2022-29 by title only, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2022-29 an ordinance to be known as the 2023 salary range/benefit ordinance.

Motion was made by Jennifer Middleton to approve Ordinance 2022-29 as second and final reading, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2022-30: 2023 ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARY ORDINANCE – 2ND READING Motion was made by Tad Varga to read Ordinance 2022-23 by title only, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2022-30 an ordinance fixing the annual salaries of all elected officials of the City of Columbia City, Indiana effective December 31, 2022, for the year 2023.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to approve Ordinance 2022-30 as second and final reading, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2022-34: ELECTRONIC TRANSFERS – 2nd READING Motion was made by Jennifer Middleton to read Ordinance 2022-34 by title only, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2022-34 an ordinance establishing a policy for electronic funds transfers and online banking for the City of Columbia City.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve Ordinance 2022-34 as second and final reading, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2022-35: FEDERALLY FUNDED PURCHASING – 2nd READING Motion was made by Jennifer Middleton to read Ordinance 2022-35 by title only, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2022-35 an ordinance establishing a purchasing policy for federally funded goods, materials and services.

Motion was made by Tad Varga to pass Ordinance 2022-35 as second and final reading, Jennifer Middleton seconded the motion, all voted aye.

SUSPENSION OF UTILITY BILLS Rosie Coyle explained every year we have utility accounts that we can not collect on due to bankruptcy or are deceased. She advised she needed Council's approval to suspend these accounts.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve suspension of utility bills for the 2022 bankrupt and deceased listing, Jennifer Middleton seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ARTS COMMISSION ORDINANCE CORRECTION Attorney McNagny explained under Section 4.04 had the IC Code of 5-2 and should be 5-3. She advised it was a typo and requested Council approve the correction.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to change the numerical typo, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Mayor Daniel shared his 4 appointees are Kay Fleck, Greg Hockemeyer, Mike Thomas and April Frazier. He advised the first meeting was scheduled for January 3rd.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Shawn Lickey** – update on Main Street lighting project, electric upgrades. **Kelly Cearbaugh** – awarded Community Crossings grant money for the 2023 street paving and patching, special limb pickup, finished with leaf pickup. **Mike Cook** – opened bids for CSO project, completing maintenance on SDI force main, meeting with Donohue and S & K to finalize force main plans, final data to United Consulting for CSO Operational Plan Update. **Mike Shoda** – water main extension competed to the new Bowen Center, hooking up new services. **Gary Parrett** – update on hiring process, Intern starting January 9, Patrolling for Presents scheduled for December 17 at Paige's Crossing, Dispatch running smooth. **Tom LaRue** – Colyn Iden starts January 3rd, Trent Stamper enrolled in Inspector I class, Christmas Eve candy giveaway will be 6 – 8 pm at the courthouse. **Mark Green** – ice rink open, preparing

for Father/Daughter dance, working on projects for Eagle Park, update on dog park and fundraising.

YOUTH COUNCIL Sam Bechtold with the Youth Council was present to give an update on their November meeting.

TAX RATE UPDATE Rosie Coyle reported our assessed valuation increased about \$79,000,000 resulting in our tax rate going down 9¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation.

MAYOR'S REPORT Mayor Daniel reported they continue to have conversations with the County on combined dispatch. He noted the final report is almost complete and is leaving it up to the County on what their next steps will be. He reported Culver's was now open. He advised Youth Council will be meeting. He shared US 30 is having office hours at the Library on Friday. He reported City Hall will be closed December 23 & 26 for Christmas.

ROAD NAMING Mayor Daniel shared he has written an Executive Order naming the frontage road in front of the Coon Hunter's Lodge as well as the new Community Foundation as Woods Way. He advised the road going back into the park will be named Morsches Park Drive.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION Tad Varga reported the RDC approved the Request for Proposals for the property at the corner of Jackson and Line as well can start working on usage of the LML Property.

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

Mayor Rayan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle