

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023
6:00 PM**

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

Council Members

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

The Columbia City Common Council met in regular session with all members except Jennifer Middleton present, Walter Crowder presiding.

MINUTES Motion was made by Tad Varga to approve an overview of the February 28, 2023 meeting minutes as presented, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye.

YOUTH COUNCIL Avery Story was present to observe and take notes of the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING – ANNEXATION OF DYE PROPERTY Walt Crowder suspended the Council meeting in order to hold a public hearing on the Dye Annexation. Hearing no comments or questions the public hearing was closed.

ORDINANCE 2023-2: 1ST READING – DYE ANNEXATION Motion was made by Dan Weigold to read Ordinance 2023-2 by title only, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2023-2 an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Columbia City, Indiana, annexing certain territory to the City of Columbia City, Indiana, placing the same within the corporate boundaries thereof and making the same a part of the City of Columbia City.

Jennifer Romano advised this was a voluntary annexation.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to accept Ordinance 2023-2 on first reading, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Mike Cook** – received Engineer’s estimate for the force main project with added pumps for a total of \$1,276,855.00. He advised \$116,100.00 was the contingency so the project comes to \$1,160,755.00. He still believes we will be able to afford the project in house.

CHICKENS Melany Love of 113 E. Market Street was present to share her thoughts on allowing chickens in town.

Having no further business to discuss, Walt Crowder called the meeting adjourned.

Council President, Walter Crowder

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle