

**COMMON COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024**  
**6:00 PM**

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

**Council Members**

Jennifer Middleton – Present  
Leslee Robinson - 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 called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. All stood to say the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Isabella and Eduardo Covarrubias.

**MINUTES** Mayor Daniel noted a spelling correction under his report.

Jennifer Romano made a motion to approve the April 9, 2024, meeting minutes as corrected. Leslee Robinson seconded the motion, Leslee Robinson, Tad Varga and Jennifer Romano approved and Jennifer Middleton and Dan Weigold abstained.

**AWARD – POLICE** Chief Parrett and Deputy Chief Chris Anderson presented Patrol Officer Nicholas Thomas with a Lifesaving Award. Chief Parrett shared that his actions were vital in saving the life of Louella Bartlett by initiating CPR and working with Sheriff Deputy Wayne Smith to administer an AED until the fire department and paramedics arrived.

Mr. Bartlett advised his wife was expected to have a full recovery in time.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS** **Shawn Lickey** - meeting with our SCADA Engineer from ENTRUST to rework a quote on automation, still working to replace poles on Bair Road, starting stump grinding soon, burying distribution line from the old Crooked Lake Golf Course Clubhouse to SR 109, losing one lineman and potentially two, had first successful fiber repair in the field, looking into designating one of his smaller bucket trucks for fiber repair projects. **Terry Wherry** - moving to our new circuits so will have more bandwidth on our secondary line and also our public Wi-Fi. **Kelly Cearbaugh** – working on sidewalk replacement on South Chauncey Street, doing jetting, cleaning and televising and had a nozzle demonstration last Wednesday, working on getting a new computer and software on the camera truck. **Matt Heiden** – first tournament of the season went well, pool equipment is in, police training facility roof is finished, Lear Corporation employees came in on Saturday and did a day of cleanup for Earth Day, working to get the splash pad around so it can open at the same time as the pool, Pool Manager will be leaving and are going to divide and conquer responsibilities to get through this season. **Gary Parrett** – update on hiring process, Shane Caudill and the shift leads completed their leadership training, gearing up for 1st Friday and Farmers Market.

**YOUTH COUNCIL** Jackson Shipman was present to give an update on the activities of the Youth Council.

**MAYOR REPORT** Mayor Daniel shared department reports for Tom LaRue, Chip Hill, Mike Shoda and Mike Cook. He reported he and Shawn Lickey will be heading to Washington DC with the Indiana Municipal Power Agency where they can speak with our Congressmen and our Senators about the importance of our electric utility and trying to keep legislation at bay. He shared Eagle Park groundbreaking was last Tuesday. He reported he spoke with the Ministerial Association about some of the things happening in the City and was working on a couple of different economic development type projects. He advised Kelly Cearbaugh and he met with Ryan Getts,

the County Highway Superintendent, as well as Commissioner Schuman to talk about different areas in terms of snow plowing. He reported the US 30 Coalition group met and there was a lot of conversation about some of the maps and the challenges that were presented.

**TREE BOARD** Jennifer Romano reported the Tree Board met and has a pretty robust list of things to try and accomplish this year. She advised they would have a booth at the first 1st Friday, and they will be planting trees at the elementary schools for Arbor Day.

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE** Leslee Robinson reported the Ordinance Committee met and reviewed some different ordinances. She advised Attorney McNagny was going to work on some changes for the Committee to review before presenting to Council.

**JOINT SEWER DISTRICT** Leslee Robinson reported they have completed 2 lines out of 139, but more applications were coming through for phase one of the project so were feeling confident that it is on a good path at this point.

Having no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Daniel called the meeting adjourned.

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Mayor Ryan Daniel

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Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle