

**COMMON COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 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 6:02 pm. All stood to say the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES** Jennifer Romano made a motion to approve the October 22, 2024, meeting minutes as presented. Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted unanimously.

**ORDINANCE 2024-22: DOOR TO DOOR SOLICITATION AMENDMENT – 2<sup>ND</sup> READING** Jennifer Romano made a motion to read Ordinance 2024-22 by title only. Leslee Robinson seconded the motion, all voted unanimously. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2024-22 an ordinance amending Chapter 115, Door to Door Solicitation, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Attorney McNagny explained this amendment allows for the Board of Works to set the fee schedule.

Jennifer Middleton made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-22 on second and final reading. Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted unanimously.

**ORDINANCE 2024-23: MOBILE NON-FOOD VENDORS AMENDMENT – 2<sup>ND</sup> READING** Tad Varga made a motion to read Ordinance 2024-23 by title only. Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted unanimously. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2024-23 an ordinance amending Chapter 112, Mobile (Non-Food) Vendors of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Attorney McNagny advised this would be the same change as the previous ordinance.

Leslee Robinson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-23 on second and final reading. Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted unanimously.

**ORDINANCE 2024-20 SALARY AND BENEFIT ORDINANCE – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING** Jennifer Romano made a motion to read Ordinance 2024-20 by title only. Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted unanimously. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2024-20 an ordinance to be known as the 2025 Salary Benefit Range Ordinance.

Mayor Daniel pointed out that some of the wage ranges have changed because of where the wages hit with the 2% increase as well as some additional adjustments were made to the wastewater department. He also pointed out changes under the Police and Fire Departments as well as noted the change with Longevity pay.

Jennifer Middleton made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-20 on first reading. Leslee Robinson seconded the motion, all voted unanimously.

**ORDINANCE 2024-21 SALARY ORDINANCE ELECTED OFFICIALS – 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**READING** Jennifer Romano made a motion to read Ordinance 2024-21 by title only. Leslee Robinson seconded the motion, all voted unanimously. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2024-21 an ordinance fixing the annual salaries of all elected officials of the City of Columbia City, Indiana effective December 28, 2024, for the Year 2025.

Rosie Coyle explained Council members would remain at the same rate and the Clerk Treasurer and Mayor will have a 2% increase, which is the same as the full-time employees.

Dan Weigold made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-21 on first reading. Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted unanimously.

**ORDINANCE 2024-24 AMENDMENT TO PRETREATMENT ORDINANCE –**

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING** Jennifer Middleton made a motion to read Ordinance 2024-24 by title only. Leslee Robinson seconded the motion, all voted unanimously. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2024-24 an ordinance amending Title V, Chapter 51, Sewage Service, and 55, Pretreatment of Pollutants, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Mike Cook explained they added chlorinated water as a prohibited discharge and increased surcharges.

Jennifer Romano made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-24 on first reading. Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted unanimously.

**CIP BUDGET APPROVAL** Mayor Daniel reported this still needs to be reviewed by the County Council. He highlighted a few things in the budget.

Jennifer Romano made a motion to approve the Capitol Improvement Plan for 2024-2029. Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted unanimously.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS** **Chip Hill** – waiting to hear on start date for the Blue River Trail, Shared Kitchen is moving along. **Shawn Lickey** – continue with pole replacements, buried lines at Main and North Streets, fiber installed to Shared Kitchen, getting quotes to replace one of their trailers, updating Terms and Conditions, solar inspection off of 700 N., beginning January 1, 2025 IMPA electric rates will be decreased by 5% and will pass that savings onto our customers, law change for Indiana 811 regarding locates. **Mike Shoda** – sending out lead letters. **Matt Heiden** – updates on dugouts, planning Father/Daughter dance, attended the IPRA convention, ice rink going up, meeting with company to inquire about finishing Field 4, contacting inspector about having safety inspection on DeVol tunnel. **Mike Cook** – mixer in sludge tank broken, waiting on quotes for Dystor cover, updating CSO operational plan. **Gary Parrett** – updates on new employees, Justin Cornejo resigned and will be filling his position after the first of the year, received new computers, new Dispatchers are doing well. **Tom LaRue** – Truck 102 back in service, Truck 101 has a small leak, breathing air compressor back up and running, new Truck 105 is in service.

**YOUTH COUNCIL** Lilly Joseph was present to report on the activities of the Youth Council.

**MAYOR REPORT** Mayor Daniel reported he would be putting something out on Facebook regarding Level 3 of the PEL study. He shared that he would be in Indianapolis attending the Indiana Chamber Awards Dinner representing AIM and also would be attending a rural roundtable at Farm Bureau. He advised he would be doing a “windshield tour” with Senator Busch to drive around our community to show what is happening and things we need some support on. He reported he and Chip Hill

would be attending Retail Live in Indianapolis to try and continue retail attraction to Columbia City.

**LAST MEETINGS OF 2024** After some discussion, it was decided to plan for December 26 at 6:00 pm for the last Council meeting of the year.

**LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE** Jennifer Romano reported the Lighted Christmas Parade was scheduled for Friday, November 29 at 6:00 p.m.

**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST** Jennifer Romano requested anyone wanting to be considered for the lighting contest to have their displays up by December 1.

She asked Councilmembers to look around their districts and let her know of any that should be considered.

**REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION** Tad Varga reported they did the final testing on the LML property and were waiting on the results.

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

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Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

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Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle