

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025
6:00 PM**

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

Council members

Jennifer Middleton – Absent
Leslee Robinson – Present
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. Mayor Daniel called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. All stood to say the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES Mayor Daniel pointed out a couple misspellings under the department reports.

Tad Varga made a motion to approve the January 28, 2025, meeting minutes. Leslee Robinson seconded the motion. Leslee Robinson, Tad Varga and Dan Weigold approved; Jennifer Romano abstained.

ORDINANCE 2025-1: AMENDMENT TO TRAFFIC SCHEDULE – 2ND READING

Jennifer Romano made a motion to read Ordinance 2025-1 by title only. Tad Varga seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2025-1 an ordinance amending Chapter 75, Traffic Schedules, of Title VII of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Mayor Daniel reminded the Council that this ordinance was regarding the stop intersections as well as the speed limits on the new streets of Timber's Edge Section 2.

Leslee Robinson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-1 on second and final reading. Tad Varga seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Chip Hill** – Board of Works approved the contract with the Whitley County School Corporation for the Test Kitchen, our Community Engagement Specialist Bill Dittlinger gave notice that he will be moving on from the City, pre-construction meeting on the Blue River Trail on February 13th, update on the skate park. **Tom LaRue** - vehicle machine rescue training, reviewing and updating department information on the City's webpage, troubleshooting Sierra Wireless issues, hiring process is going well and candidates will be starting their ride along interviews, Holmatro Tools was in to inspect all of the rescue tools. **Kelly Cearbaugh** – met with company out of Ohio on mulching of leaves, assisting with tree removal, preparing for weather coming in. **Matt Heiden** – father/daughter dance went great, baseball and softball sign ups started in the office on Monday, Kissinger Electric started on the

police training facility putting in a new electrical box and breakers and troubleshooting some areas. **Mike Shoda** – fire hydrant damaged from accident and was replaced. **Gary Parrett** - extended hiring process to February 22nd, should have our cars by Friday from Copsgear, field training day for the officers within our department, Car 22 which is one of the detective's vehicles was totaled and are negotiating with insurance, network shutdown on Sunday a.m. with no issues. **Mike Cook** - New pump at Main Street operating better than expected, signed a quote with Merrell Brothers to do sludge hauling, met with three separate companies to get quotes for lining the inside of the digester after the old cover comes off, update on Dystor agreement, hosted a seminar today and will be hosting another one in March and September. **Shawn Lickey** – still reviewing and updating terms and conditions, continue on the utility pole replacement project, pole attachment applications from Brightspeed on 700 N. to town of Etna, IMPA Prairie State Energy campus tour is April 16th -17th which is tour of their generation facility, their coal mine and anyone interested should let him know, buying utility poles for their replacement project.

MAYOR REPORT Mayor Daniel reminded everyone that City Hall will be closed on Monday for Presidents Day. He advised he was planning to go down to Indianapolis for a combined mayor's roundtable as well as State House visits. He reported they have Youth Council next Thursday. He shared that he and Rosie sat in on an introductory on-boarding type meeting regarding the National League of Cities Service Line Warranty Program that we signed up for. He reported they held a fire territory discussion among the fiscal bodies. He advised he was hesitant to move too much further in the conversation knowing that there is a high likeliness, based on what was heard at the meeting, that we probably will not even be a part of the conversation because of Columbia Township being out. He discussed several legislative issues.

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

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle