

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2009
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor James Fleck – Present
Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle – Present
Attorney Lindsey Grossnickle – Present

Council Members

Walter Crowder – Present
Nicole Penrod – Present
Don Sexton – Present
Roger Seymoure – Present
Dan Weigold – Present

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

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT Dan Weigold nominated Walt Crowder to continue as Council President. The nomination was second by Don Sexton. Having no other nominations the nominations were closed.

Council voted unanimously to accept Walt Crowder as Council President, Crowder abstained.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING AWARDS Awards were presented to the district winners.

PETITION TO REZONE: PARKVIEW HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC. –

ORDINANCE 2009-1: ZONING AMENDMENT – 1ST READING Upon the motion of Sexton second by Penrod to read Ordinance 2009-1 by title only, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2009-1 an ordinance amending the zoning classification of certain property from the “R-1” single family residential zoning district to the “GB” general business zoning district.

David Sewell reported the plan commission held a public hearing on the petition as required. He explained the request was to change the zoning from the “R-1” to the “GB” and contains 42.43 acres and is located on the south side of SR 205 and west of US 30. He advised the Commission considered the request and hearing no public comments they recommended approval for the rezoning.

Upon the motion of Sexton second by Seymoure to pass Ordinance 2009-1 for first reading, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2008-26: AMENDMENT TO SEWAGE RATE ORDINANCE FOR

RURAL USERS: 1ST READING Upon the motion of Crowder second by Penrod to read Ordinance 2008-26 by title only, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2008-26 an ordinance amending Title 5, Chapter 51, sewage service, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Mayor Fleck explained the ordinance addressed the modification of rates for rural users particularly as it relates on Business 30. He advised there was a committee that looked at the equities with respect to the rates and the modifications that needed to occur. He

stated they also had inquiries to other places to make sure it was ok since there was a bond issue. He advised it only affected 2 or 3 people.

Upon the motion of Crowder second by Penrod to accept Ordinance 2008-26 as first reading, all voted aye.

Mayor Fleck advised the public hearing would be held on January 27 at 7:00 p.m. during the next regular Council meeting.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION COUNCIL APPOINTMENT Mayor Fleck advised there were several appointments that needed to be made and since he has not had a chance to talk with the Council about recommendations he asked to postpone the issue.

MINUTES Upon the motion of Weigold second by Seymoure to approve an overview of the December 23, 2009 meeting minutes as presented, Crowder, Sexton, Seymoure and Weigold voted aye, Penrod abstained.

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT Mike Cook reported the aeration project was finished and the only thing left was a small seeding project that would be done in the spring. He advised they did a walk through and found a few warranty items that needed addressed. He reported the secondary gate installation was going well. He advised IDEM would be inspecting the plant on January 20 and do a laboratory audit on January 21.

FIRE DEPARTMENT Tom LaRue discussed the four stages of a snow emergency.

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT Larry Whetstone reported they continue with the tree trimming and helped the street department with snow removal.

PARK DEPARTMENT Mark Green reported the father/daughter dance was scheduled for February 20 and were taking registrations for that.

Rosie Coyle thanked the police and fire employees for helping with snow removal at City Hall since Troy has been off.

EAGLE GLEN ENTRANCE & STREET SIGNS Mayor Fleck reported they received a letter from the president of the association at Eagle Glen. He advised the City had been working with them regarding the water that collects at the entrance to the subdivision. He stated they also had a safety issue with the street signs in that the paint has faded on the decorative wood signs and is difficult to read the street name. He advised they had cost estimates that have been presented by the association and the City said they would share in that cost since we had an obligation to maintain the signs in accepting the subdivision.

OSHA TRAINING/DIVERSITY TRAINING Walt Crowder questioned if there was any information that could be shared regarding the two new programs for this year.

Mayor Fleck advised they met regarding the Diversity Training. Tom LaRue felt it was going to be a good program for everyone to go through. Attorney Grossnickle questioned if it would be a yearly program. Mayor Fleck advised not necessarily but did not know. Attorney Grossnickle questioned if all City employees would do it. Mayor Fleck advised

they would. He stated it was vital because we needed to make sure we were in compliance with the law. He advised he would like to have the Council involved to the extent they could.

RETREAT Mayor Fleck advised that Kate Love-Jacobson with the diversity training indicated that if she was selected she would like to have an introductory session during the retreat. He felt the department heads knew what was expected of them with respect to their plans for this next year. He advised he also asked for input from the departments on how they could shave whatever they needed to if the spending had to be reduced. He stated a location had not been selected and the two dates they were looking at were February 9 & 10 or February 19 & 20.

Nicole Penrod advised Thursday & Friday would work better for her.

Walt Crowder questioned if the event would require an overnight stay. Mayor Fleck advised it was all still to be determined. Walt He felt there were advantages to having it overnight but the downside was there would be expenses involved.

Dan Weigold pointed out that the father/daughter dance was on the 20th and wanted to make sure he would be back for that.

Roger Seymoure felt the 19th & 20th would work the best for him, Sexton agreed.

Having no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor James Fleck

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle