

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009
7:00 P.M.**

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

Council members

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

The Columbia City Common Council met in regular session with all members present, Council President Walt Crowder presiding.

MINUTES Upon the motion of Seymoure second by Penrod to approve an overview of the February 10, 2009 meeting minutes as amended, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2009-3: AMENDMENT TO WASTE DISPOSAL – 2ND READING Upon the motion of Weigold second by Penrod to read Ordinance 2009-3 by title only, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2009-3 an ordinance amending Title V, Chapter 53, Waste Disposal of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Rosie Coyle explained there were a lot of things that had changed dramatically since it was first started. She advised she and Attorney McNagny went through and changed the ordinance to match what was currently being done.

Upon the motion of Seymoure second by Weigold to accept Ordinance 2009-3 as second and final reading, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2009-2: ONE SIDE STREET PARKING (REVISED) 3RD READING Walt Crowder advised a vote would not be taken on the ordinance as Chief LaRue had additional discussion he wanted to share.

Chief LaRue explained the committee met and discussed the fact that there was a lot of the ordinance that needed cleaned up. He advised they would be abolishing some of the existing ordinances; other recommendations were to make it no parking on either side of Lincolnway or Park Street and Park Street from Hill Drive to Lincolnway and Lincolnway from 30 to Business 30. He stated at Countryside they would leave that just as it is.

Chief LaRue advised he took a copy of the amended ordinance to Kathy Heritier who was 2nd in charge at the 4-H. He stated he also delivered copies to the home owners on the east side of Lincolnway.

Walt Crowder confirmed there would be a revised letter sent to the home owners around the 4-H park. Chief LaRue advised there would.

Don Sexton advised they discussed Squawbuck in Council but did not see it on the ordinance. Chief LaRue did not think the committee discussed it because the whole pretence was for streets under 26 ft. in width. Walt Crowder questioned if Squawbuck was a challenge through there. Don felt there should be some consideration that if they were going to do it then all three roads be included. Attorney Grossnickle advised there were some limitations on Squawbuck right now; east side of the 4-H grounds to Lincolnway was no parking on the south side and from Park Street to Lincolnway there was no parking on the north side. Walt suggested taking the issue back to the committee.

Chief LaRue questioned if they could include Squawbuck with the next group of streets so they could keep moving on this ordinance. Council was comfortable with the recommendation.

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT Mike Cook reported the cranes for the storage tank were on order to replace the undersized ones but did not have a delivery date. He advised the parts to repair the mixer that fell off were in but did not have an installation date yet.

POLICE DEPARTMENT Brian Anspach reported they were having portable signs made up to use during the Old Settlers parade. He advised they received the two new cars.

Walt Crowder questioned if they shared the sign idea with the Old Settlers Committee. Captain Anspach advised they had not. Walt felt it should be shared with them.

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT Larry Whetstone reported they continue with the tree trimming for the Tree Board and trimming on the lines. Walt Crowder questioned what the estimate number of trees was. Larry thought 37 trees.

PARK DEPARTMENT Mark Green reported on the open air pavilion that was being constructed at Morsches Park. He advised the Father/Daughter dance went really well and had 275 people. He stated baseball registration was still going on through March 31.

TAX APPROVAL Rosie Coyle reported she got approval back on the taxes and the assessed valuation went down about \$51 million but did not have to lower anything except for a little of the street funds. She advised the tax rate would go up about 11¢. Roger Seymoure questioned if the cap had hit us. Rosie advised it did not but did not know about next year.

TRASH CANS Dan Weigold advised it was brought to his attention that trash cans were being left out by the road. He stated there was one address on Main Street that left their can out all week. He felt they needed to keep people abreast of what time they needed to be brought back in. He advised he would get the address to Rosie.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Walter Crowder, Council President

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle