

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 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
Donald Sexton – Present
Roger Seymoure – Present
Daniel Weigold – Present

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

MINUTES Motion was made by Sexton to approve an overview of the October 13, 2009 meeting minutes as presented, Penrod second the motion, Crowder, Penrod, Sexton and Weigold voted aye, Seymoure abstained.

PUBLIC HEARING – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY PROJECT Mayor Fleck recessed the council meeting and opened the public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Project. He introduced Anna Marie Lindinmeyer from Region 3A and advised she was doing the grant writing for the grant.

Ms. Lindinmeyer reported disaster recovery money was given to the Office of Community and Rural Affairs for different types of projects; one being for sewer and water projects. She advised this was noncompetitive funding that OCRA invited Columbia City to apply for. She stated it was a 60% grant of the total costs of the project. She reported they publicized \$4,795,000.00 and the grant was going to be \$4,795,029.00 which would put the local match through SRF at \$3,152,686.00. She advised they hoped to have submitted this before now but there were a lot of requirements that had to be met before the application could be submitted. She stated the biggest thing holding them up was they had to get an environmental review. She advised it also had to be publicized in the newspaper for 30 days which that time period would be up on November 12. She explained SRF would not give the local match letter until that time period was up. She was not sure how long it would take for OCRA to review the application.

Hearing no further comments or questions Mayor Fleck closed the public hearing.

POLICE DEPARTMENT Mike Petersen advised they were focusing on Halloween and the Veteran's Marathon. He reported their speed sign was back in service. He further discussed the route and patrol arrangements for the marathon.

STREET DEPARTMENT Kelly Cearbaugh reported they started leaf pickup and also had the sweeper out. He advised Mark Green asked for help in taking the pavilion down at Baker Park.

WATER DEPARTMENT Mike Dear reported the contractor completed all the testing on the water lines in section 2 of Chesapeake. He advised all of the fire hydrants had been painted and they were working on a service line leak on Main Street in front of Trier's. He reported they had been exercising valves as weather permitted.

COMMUNICATIONS/IS DEPARTMENT Terry Wherry reported one of the computers went down in the utility office as well as the exchange server but was able to get everything back up and running. He advised he had a link on the City website for the Veteran's Marathon website.

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT Mike Cook reported they have been working on the older secondary's #1 & #2 getting them ready for winter. He advised Bob Furnas was promoted to Supervisor on Monday. Mayor Fleck explained Bob had been functioning as Supervisor for about 8 months but now had all of the certifications to make it official.

RESOLUTION 2009-24 – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY PROJECT Motion was made by Weigold that we approve Resolution 2009-24, Sexton second the motion, all voted aye.

2010 BUDGET FINAL APPROVAL Rosie Coyle explained there was no increase and was the same as this year. She advised it needed to be sent to the state but we had until the time the state approved it to make adjustments they just could not add to it. She reported the assessed valuation came in \$31 million higher than what she advertised which was good. She added that the actual affect of the circuit breaker for Columbia City for next year would be almost \$23,000 and then for 2011 it would be \$30,000.

Roger Seymoure questioned if there was a reassessment that was to take place in 2010. Dan Weigold advised they had already started a portion of it. Roger questioned if it would affect taxes for 2011 or later. Mayor Fleck thought it would appear on the 2012 taxes. Roger confirmed it would not affect what we would get in 2011. Mayor advised that was correct.

Motion was made by Penrod to approve the 2010 budget as published in the newspaper and designated in the public hearing, Seymoure second the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2009-20: NET ENERGY METERING Mayor Fleck reported he had some feedback but has not had a chance to investigate. He stated some people in the windmill business and alternative energy have said that we set the standard too tight and made it more expensive than it needs to be for people who want to use alternative methods. He felt they may need to tweak the ordinance somewhat.

Attorney Grossnickle advised she would change whatever the Council wanted her to change. Mayor Fleck felt they needed to look into it a little more and asked to table the ordinance.

Crowder made a motion to table Ordinance 2009-20, Penrod second the motion, all voted aye.

TREE BOARD APPOINTMENTS Walt Crowder recommended continuing to have Ken Lundquist and Gloria Baker participate on the Tree Board, Seymoure second the recommendation, all voted aye.

CENSUS Rosie Coyle advised she and the Mayor had been working on things for the 2010 Census and informed Council they would be hearing a lot about it.

BUDGET MEETING A budget meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, November 17 at 5 p.m.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor James Fleck

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle