

**BOARD OF WORKS
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016
5:00 P.M.**

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

The Columbia City Board of Works met in regular session with all members except Crowder present., Mayor Daniel presiding.

MINUTES Motion was made by Weigold to approve an overview of the February 9, 2016 meeting minutes as presented, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

BID OPENING: CEMETERY MOWING Rosie Coyle advised she received one bid from Wise Property Management. She opened and read the bid of \$15,000 for 2016 or for 3 years a locked in price of \$15,000 for 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Mayor Daniel questioned how that compared to what we were paying. Rosie Coyle advised we were paying \$14,400.

Dan Weigold questioned if that included the leaf work that was discussed. Rosie Coyle advised that was in the specs.

Mayor Daniel advised they would take the bid under advisement until the next meeting.

NORTHSIDE GRILL – 116 W. VAN BUREN STREET: BID OPENING FOR REPAIR OF STRUCTURE Craig Wagner, Building Inspector, was present and advised there were no bids submitted for the repair of 116 W. Van Buren Street.

Craig Wagner explained they received a complaint concerning the north wall of the old North Side Grill. He advised after examination they found that someone had hit the building again. He added that between the two doors on the north end of the building, the brick veneer had cracked apart from the inside veneer and the outer layer had pushed out. He stated they also discovered for the north addition of the building they used sandstone soft brick and the birds have eaten their way through the brick and are nesting inside the wall; the entire north section, especially the east and north wall, needed to be tuck pointed. He advised they have been trying to work with who they think is the owner about getting the chimney's fixed for 2 years but it has not been done so they added this in the unsafe building order. He shared at this point they would probably have to find a contractor to get it done. He added to complicate matters, the people served as the recorded owners advised they no longer own the building but his office could not find a recorded contract or land contract to show that. He shared the previous owner was sure they did not have any ownership on it but by State Law he has to serve the recorded owners.

Mr. Wagner reported they have exhausted the normal route they would follow for repairs so at this point it was up to the Board of Works as to what to do. He advised they could see if they could find a contractor to do the work. He felt it would probably be less than \$10,000. He advised State Law does allow for City employees to do the work if less than \$10,000.

Dan Weigold confirmed the \$10,000 was just for the brick work and not the roof, etc. Mr. Wagner advised the only thing they were addressing was what was apparent from the outside but he did have an appointment with someone of the C.C. Redevelopment Commission on Thursday to go through the building.

Rosie Coyle confirmed the City would have to pay for this. Mr. Wagner advised the City would pay for it but the owner will be billed. He explained the previous owner, or the presumably new owner, have yet to produce any kind of documentation to show transfer of property so the previous owner will be billed for the work.

Dan Weigold questioned what our options would be. Mayor Daniel shared there was some investigation occurring and recommended we try to find someone to get the repairs done. Mr. Wagner suggested another option could be, if they cannot get anyone to fix it, that they order demolition of the old part that was in such bad condition. He advised the building was still square but was unsure of the condition of the roof.

Mayor Daniel suggested we extend the time period for another 30 days and reach out beyond the Whitley County area for bids. He confirmed the Board would have the ability to reject the bids. Mr. Wagner advised they would.

Dan Weigold advised he would like to try to find out who really owns the building. Mr. Wagner advised they know who presumably paid for the building but neither the previous owner nor the presumed current owner could give documentation saying it actually happened. He advised that puts the City in a very precarious position going forward.

Mr. Wagner reported the State of Indiana shuttered the doors on the business and assumed all of the equipment was still in the building, increasing its salability.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to direct Craig Wagner to solicit bids outside of Whitley County for the project for 30 days from today to open bids at the April 12, 2016 Board of Works meeting, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

STREET CLOSINGS – ABATE OF INDIANA Pam McCoy with Abate of Indiana advised they were having a motorcycle awareness ride on June 25 and would like to start at the court house. She understood it could interfere with the Farmer's Market but suggested it could also benefit the Market.

Mayor Daniel questioned what the anticipated turnout was. Ms. McCoy was not sure as Whitley County has been a dead county for Abate; she would like to see 100 but was not sure that would happen.

Ms. McCoy explained they would probably have a sign in table from 11:00 – 1:00.

Dan Weigold questioned if they needed to submit a map of their route. Ms. McCoy explained they would just line the bikes up and then leave from here. Mayor Daniel felt they just needed to figure out where it made sense to line them up. Dan Weigold felt the only option would be Van Buren Street. Mayor Daniel agreed. He was not sure they would want to block off Van Buren but could maybe do just the parking spaces. He questioned Ms. McCoy if they wanted the whole street closed off. Ms. McCoy advised they would. Mayor Daniel suggested they maybe block off Chauncey Street from Market to Van Buren.

Police Chief Hively advised they could cone off parking spaces around the court house if Chauncey Street is not enough.

Rosie Coyle noted June 25 was the Old Settlers Day parade. Ms. McCoy advised the ride was a sanctioned event so they have to have it on June 25. Mayor Daniel suggested they could start at the 4-H grounds, the library or DeVol Field. Ms. McCoy shared that they do not have to start in Columbia City and could maybe start in Churubusco since they are ending in South Whitley.

Mayor Daniel hated to push them out of Columbia City but felt because of the circumstances it may be best for them to start in Churubusco. He provided Ms. McCoy with OSD parade contact information.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to deny the street closing request for ABATE, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

STREET CLOSING – 3 ON 3 BASKETBALL Rosie Coyle explained this was the same as in the past. Chief LaRue expressed concern for where the tents and structures were going to be located.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the street closing permit request from the Columbia City Main Street Association for the 3 on 3 basketball tournament from 6 p.m. on June 17 to 4 p.m. on June 18 with the caveat that they have to work with the Fire Marshall on any structures, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

STREET CLOSING – OLD SETTLERS DAYS Rosie Coyle advised it was the same as in previous years.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the Old Settlers request from June 21 – 25 with the street closing beginning June 20, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

QUOTES FOR SEWER CLEANER Mike Shoda reported he had been getting prices for used equipment. He explained Brown Equipment had a truck that was previously owned by Ossian that had been repaired, reconditioned and new equipment installed. He stated a brand new truck would cost \$394,000 but could get this 1999 truck for \$69,500. He reported he looked at a 2005 vactor truck that cost \$90,000 more than the 1999. He did not feel going up 6 years and \$90,000 was worth it. He explained even if they would approve purchase of the equipment he would still

have the right to turn it down when they bring it over for training if he did not feel it was what they want or was not doing the job.

Dan Weigold questioned where the money would come from. Mike Shoda advised water and storm water would both pay for it.

Mayor Daniel questioned what this piece of equipment would be used for. Mike Shoda explained it would be used to help with leaks and cleaning around pipes as well as cleaning storm drains.

Mayor Daniel confirmed this would replace the trailer vac. Mike Shoda advised it would. Mayor Daniel questioned if the idea was to try to get rid of the trailer vac and then those dollars would go to recoup some of the funds put out. Mike advised that was correct. Mayor Daniel confirmed Brown Equipment did not want the trailer vac as a trade in. Mike advised they did not.

Mayor Daniel shared when water took over storm water it really increased what they use the vac machine for. Mike Cook was in favor of the purchase. He shared that his department pays for the repairs of the other jet machine and advised it was designed for cleaning sewers, not for sucking up mud.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to go ahead with the quote from Brown Equipment in the amount of \$69,500.00 with the opportunity for Mike Shoda to deny the purchase if it does not meet his standards, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

WATER AND WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT GENERATORS Mike Shoda reported he had money setback for a generator. He explained the generator would run the whole plant; the filter system, chlorine system, the well, the chlorine pumps, etc. He shared that the generator and for Rider Electric to hook it up would cost \$82,000 plus there would be a \$5,025 added for Peerless to install a relay so that only pump 7 and one high service pump would run. He added when the power is on they run off of tower pressure but if power goes out they would probably lose SCADA so they would also need to add a line pressure in the plant so that it will run off of the system pressure instead of the tower pressure.

Mike Cook shared his generator quote was \$70,044.00.

Shawn Lickey advised he chose not to proceed with a generator for his department; they would not be in the building when the power was out and were also not producing a product like water and wastewater. He shared they had a backup for the gates and the fuel pumps were on the existing generator which is manually switched over.

Terry Wherry shared if any point in the fiber ring was without power it will be down. He explained if the outside locations are without power, the ring is cut at that point in the network and information would bounce back and forth. He advised that could affect some of the SCADA system, security cameras, etc. Mayor Daniel questioned if that could be put on the manual backup at the MSF. Shawn Lickey there is but they usually do not fire up the generator.

Mayor Daniel advised he would like to get the quotes from both water and wastewater for the next meeting. He stated he and Rosie would look over the finances.

Shawn Lickey advised if it would be more advantageous in lowering costs from Rider he would go in on the project. Mike Shoda advised he would talk with them. Mayor Daniel felt we needed to have our ring lit especially in long term outages.

BILLS Motion was made by Dan Weigold to pay the bills for February 24, 2016, for the amount of \$912,828.55, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to pay the bills for March 7, 2016 in the amount \$620,528.98, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

MAYOR VEHICLE Shawn Lickey shared that the Mayor expressed interest in getting a different vehicle, of which the electric department generally furnishes. He reported the Jeep Grand Cherokee that the IT Director drives, also provided by the electric department, was just returned from its third time of being repaired at \$2500 every time and advised they would like to get rid of that vehicle before having to put more money into it. He explained vehicles would be passed around so that the Mayor would have the Ford Escape he currently drives and Terry Wherry would get the blue Taurus the Mayor currently drives; they would trade in the Jeep and the maroon Taurus stored at the MSF on a pickup truck that he would then drive. He shared he would like to get something similar to what Chief Hively just purchased. He asked for permission to go out for quotes to present at the next meeting; permission was granted by the Board.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle