

BOARD OF WORKS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016
5:00 P.M.

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

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

MINUTES Motion was made by Weigold to approve an overview of the August 23, 2016 meeting minutes as presented, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, Weigold and Daniel voted aye, Crowder abstained.

MOBILITIE – PERMIT APPLICATION SUBMISSION Kenneth Dunn with Mobilitie was present to review additional information with the Board regarding the permit application.

Dan Weigold shared he was struggling with placing these facilities in the right of way because of the potential use of utilities in the area.

Mayor Daniel had no doubt the service was going to be necessary as data needs expand but shared a concern that the Redevelopment Commission was working on a project with that piece of property; if their project goes forward would that potentially hinder this project.

Mr. Dunn explained from the presented location they had the flexibility to move 15 ft. in any direction; anything beyond that the team would have to come back out and verify everything again. He advised that process could take months because of the scope they are trying to achieve.

Walt Crowder questioned if anyone else in the State had moved forward with this. Mr. Dunn shared they have received approval for 3 in Elkhart County, 1 in Bristol, 1 in New Haven and 1 in Huntington City. Crowder questioned if the Board would table this offer would there be another opportunity for them to come back in a year to review it. Mr. Dunn could not answer that. He explained they were moving forward with a nationwide build out; the demand was there and was why they were requesting approval for this. He explained the provider does extensive research on situations in which the network becomes inundated. He shared that was what they were trying to relieve. He advised in the downtown area there have been events where they have lost signal strength and reliability due to festivals or general day to day business. He stated part of that was for their own good as well as their customer's but also for E911. Crowder confirmed they were just looking at the core of Columbia City. Mr. Dunn advised that was correct; the problem was during certain downtown events when the signal becomes unreliable and this would relieve that. Crowder shared he was not aware of any challenges we have downtown today.

Dan Weigold questioned Terry Wherry if he was aware of any incidents where we have had lack of signal strength. Terry advised we had, but not in years, maybe 5 years ago.

Additional discussion followed. Walt Crowder questioned again, if this would be tabled today could it be revisited in the future or was it a one-time deal. Mr. Dunn advised the only way he could answer was that the service provider has a demand that they are trying to meet.

Mayor Daniel was sure there were times when individuals in our downtown community needed a stronger more reliable cell phone service. His concern, from day one, was the location in our downtown district.

Mr. Dunn questioned if there would be an ability to move forward in another location. Mayor Daniel advised his concern was location but could not speak for the other Board members. Dan Weigold advised his #1 concern was putting anything in our right of ways as well as the proposed location. Walt Crowder felt as time goes on technology will continue to change but he just did not see the need that we would gain anything in downtown Columbia City. He shared it was not the location but did not know what we would be gaining at this point.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to deny the permit application as presented, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Attorney McNagny noted they would need to adopt findings of fact at the next meeting. Mayor Daniel advised they would do that at the next meeting.

STREET CLOSING REQUEST – J.A. CAR SHOW Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the J.A. Car Show street closing on August 5, 2017 from 6 a.m. – 2 p.m. as presented, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

STREET CLOSING REQUEST – ART IN THE ALLEY Motion was made by Crowder to approve the street closing request for Art in the Alley as presented, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

STREET CLOSING REQUEST – VETERAN’S MARATHON This request was tabled

STREET CLOSING REQUEST – CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT Motion was made by Weigold to approve the street closing request for a corn hole tournament at Yo 2 Go as presented, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

STREET CLOSING REQUEST – ART FESTIVAL/ART IN THE ALLEY Rosie Coyle advised this request has been withdrawn.

STREET CLOSING REQUEST – CCHS HOMECOMING PARADE Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the Homecoming Parade as presented, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

STREET CLOSING REQUEST – ALLEY NEXT TO SHOES & MOORE Motion was made by Crowder to approve the street closing request as presented for the masonry restoration work at Shoes & Moore, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW DETECTIVE Tony Hively reported Detective Tim Longenbaugh will be retiring October 5, 2016. He advised they held a selection process to replace Detective Longenbaugh and asked permission to finalize the promotion of Bill Simpson as Detective effective October 5, 2016.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the request, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

HIRING OF ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICER Chief Hively advised they were currently in the hiring process for the replacement of Officer Petersen and were down to the top 3 candidates. He requested permission to hire an additional person to replace Detective Longenbaugh. Walt Crowder confirmed it would be for entry level patrolman. Chief Hively advised it would be a probationary patrolman position. Walt Crowder and Dan Weigold advised they were fine with it. Mayor Daniel agreed.

AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES – SWCD Mike Shoda advised this was an annual agreement and nothing would be changing.

Motion was made by Weigold to approve the agreement for services and to designate Mayor Daniel as the signatory, Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

BILLS Motion was made by Weigold to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$696,711.70, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle