

BOARD OF WORKS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017
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 January 24, 2017 meeting minutes as presented, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

PUBLIC HEARING – UNSAFE BUILDING – 368 N. OAK STREET Craig Wagner, Building Inspector, was present to give an update on the unsafe building at 368 N. Oak Street. He shared he began working with Mr. Correa in April of last year; his initial plan was to have the house repaired and rented out but was having too much difficulty getting a fair price or anyone to work on the home so he decided to have it demolished. He advised he had a signed contract with a local excavator to have the building demolished. He shared the final date on the order was March 4.

Mayor Daniel confirmed the City would only have something to do with it if Mr. Correa did not have the building demolished by that time. Mr. Wagner advised that was correct.

RIGHT OF WAY CURB CUT AGREEMENT – INDIANA FIBER NETWORK Mayor Daniel advised he and the department heads met to discuss this. He felt the department heads were now comfortable moving forward with the caveat that the company continues to keep the City notified as they go forward.

Mayor Daniel brought up the question that Walt Crowder had in terms of the route and he explained it was to directly connect some of the offices.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the curb cut request for Indiana Fiber Network and OCM as presented with the caveat that every time they would be cutting across or into a street they notify our department heads, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

METRONET AGREEMENT Mayor Daniel explained Attorney McNagny, himself, Jon Myers and the individuals at Metronet have been going back and forth on some contractual things. He felt they may do a special session next week once the agreements were finished and approved by Attorney McNagny. He reviewed some of the points in the agreement to bring the Board up to date. He noted something they would be talking about at City Council is tax abatement; they initially were looking at the possibility of a TIF district which would be a 20 year TIF district but have come back to with a 10 year 100% tax abatement. He shared they have

talked about a grant to get the build out to happen and economically feasible for the company which would be a total of \$500,000; \$200,000 from the City, \$200,000 from the County Redevelopment Corporation and \$100,000 from the Commissioners. He advised they were looking at a piece of property near our north water tower to put their hut site on which would probably be a long term lease scenario or purchase for fair market value. He shared the City would be receiving services from Metronet for reduced costs. He noted they would be using our utility poles and in the areas that do not have poles they will go underground.

Dean Avey noted they have also been working with the schools and just gave them a proposal that would connect all of their facilities with very fast internet speeds.

MODIFICATION OF SIDEWALK REQUIREMENTS – 866 EMANCIPATION COURT

Jeff Walker explained he was contacted by the builder of the home that is under construction at Lincoln Estates lots 14 & 15. He shared on behalf of the property owner the builder wanted to know if they could possibly do a modification of the requirements for sidewalks extending from one property line to the other. He explained as you enter Lincoln Estates, both sides have a common area with no lots until you get to the curve; at that point on the right hand side are lots 14 & 15. He shared there was also a stone boulder wall which concerned the builder because to construct a typical sidewalk it would put the sidewalk into the stone. He explained the builder was asking to start the sidewalk where the proposed driveway was and then extend north to the property line as spelled out in the agenda packet.

After review of pictures and much discussion, motion was made by Mayor Daniel to deny the request to deviate from the standard requirements, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

DEER CHASE – PHASE III – NIPSCO GAS LINE Rosie Coyle advised NIPSCO wanted to start February 1, 2017; she talked with Kelly Cearbaugh and Mike Shoda about it.

Kelly Cearbaugh assumed the work would be done between the curb and sidewalk but there have been times where they have bored across an intersection and then it humps the road up. Mayor Daniel questioned if the Board would approve this, should it be with the caveat that when they start to bore across or under one of our streets that an employee needs be present. Kelly Cearbaugh did not feel it would impact anything and really would not see any issues until people start driving over it. He advised he was ok with it.

Motion was made by Crowder to honor the request from NIPSCO to start the installation of gas service for Deer Chase, Phase III, Section 7 as presented, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

DRAINAGE ASSESSMENT Dan Weigold explained every year they have to assess the drains within the City limits. He shared the assessment this year was for the amount of \$6,020.10. He advised in the past the funds have been taken out of storm water.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to pay the drainage fees for our residents in the amount of \$6,020.10, Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

BILLS Motion was made by Dan Weigold to pay the bills in the amount of \$1,391,678.68 as presented, Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle