

**BOARD OF WORKS  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017  
5:00 P.M.**

Mayor Ryan Daniel – Absent  
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 except Mayor Daniel present, Walter Crowder presiding.

**MINUTES** Minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

**CEMETERY MOWING BIDS** Rosie Coyle opened and read bids from J & J Landscaping in the amount of \$14,680 for the first year, \$14,800 for the second year and \$14,900 for the third year; Emerald Knight \$17,777 for just 2017 and if we would award for three years it would be \$15,999 each year.

Bids were taken under advisement until the next meeting.

**119 N. ELM STREET – DEMOLITION CLEAN UP BIDS** Craig Wagner with the Whitley County Building Department reported they advertised for bids for the clean-up of the structure that was damaged by fire last fall at 119 N. Elm Street. He advised they received one bid and that was turned over to Rosie Coyle to open.

Rosie Coyle opened and read the bid received from Wigent Excavating for the amount of \$11,000.00; it does not include the removal of trees or fence. Walt Crowder confirmed that was an exception to the request. Mr. Wagner advised that was correct; they did not include the trees or fence, just the structure itself and refilling the site. He noted that was about what they have been getting for estimates.

Mr. Wagner gave some background on the proceedings of the property.

Walt Crowder questioned if this could go back on the owner for payment. Mr. Wagner advised it could; the amount of the demolition as well as administrative costs. He explained if they do not pay, there were various legal opportunities that State Statute allows for collection. He shared if they do not pay the bill it would be the City's responsibility to pay and could then file a lien on the property.

Motion was made by Weigold to accept the bid as presented and move forward with the demotion at 119 N. Elm Street, Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**LOCATE UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS IN RIGHT OF WAY – INDIANA FIBER NETWORK – 545 N LINE STREET**

Rosie Coyle advised they have paid their fee and the superintendents have reviewed the request.

Motion was made by Crowder to approve the utility improvements from Indiana Fiber for 545 N. Line Street, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**STREET CUT PERMIT: CENTURYLINK/UNITED TELEPHONE** Motion was made by Weigold to accept the permit to cut into curbs along Old Trail Road and West Ellsworth Street to begin 03/13/2017 and be completed by 03/31/2017, Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**REMOVAL OF AWNING – 124 W VAN BUREN STREET** Walt Crowder explained the request was from Richmond Construction for the removal of an awning at 124 W. Van Buren Street; beginning March 4 to include the closure of 4-5 parking spots as well as the sidewalk. He advised it would be for one day from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Walt Crowder suggested having our police department review the safety and make sure citizens were able to pass by safely.

Motion was made by Weigold to accept the street closing permit for March 4 from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. and to have the police department make sure the safety of citizens is taken care of, Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**WASTEWATER PUMP REPAIR** Mike Cook discussed getting spare parts for the pumps at the plant as their discount period ends May 31, 2017. He shared to get the parts for one pump it would be \$16,282.81; this would overhaul the entire pump and make it like new. He explained to get parts for both pumps it would be \$32,565.00 and there would be additional fees for them to rebuild the pumps. He advised if they would do a complete overhaul for both pumps, with our discount, it would be \$39,957.62.

Walt Crowder questioned what the life expectancy was before they would need to rebuild again. Mike Cook advised this would be the second rebuild on all of the pumps since they went into service in 2007, so about every 5 years they have had to rebuild. He hoped the ceramic coating would help them to last longer; every 5 years to spend this amount of money was a lot.

Walt Crowder confirmed to pre-buy the spare parts to have on the shelf for when a pump goes bad it would be about \$16,000. Mike Cook advised that was correct with an additional \$3,200.00 for them to pick up the pump, redo and reinstall it which would roughly be \$19,978.81 for one pump.

Walt Crowder questioned the shelf life and warranty of the parts. Mike Cook advised if it was 2 years from now they would still be under warranty.

Walt Crowder questioned the funding status. Rosie Coyle advised they were doing really good.

Motion was made by Crowder to take the recommendation of the Wastewater Superintendent to start the process of buying spare parts to keep on our vendor maintenance shelf for a quicker turn around during down time and by the end of May to go through the process again, to do one pump at a time and continue the rotation process as recommended for a total price of \$19,978.81, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**YOUTH COUNCIL** Cassidy Burdge was present to give an update on Youth Council activities.

**BILLS** Motion was made by Weigold to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$1,177,978.49, Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

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Walter Crowder

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Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle