

**BOARD OF WORKS
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017
5:00 P.M.**

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

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

MINUTES Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve an overview of the April 11, 2017 meeting minutes as presented, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, Mayor Daniel and Walt Crowder voted aye, Dan Weigold abstained.

Motion was made by Walt Crowder to approve an overview of the April 11, 2017 executive session meeting minutes as presented, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to approve an overview of the April 29, 2017 special meeting minutes as presented, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, Weigold and Crowder voted aye, Mayor Daniel abstained.

2017 STREET BID OPENING Rosie Coyle opened and read bids received from Wayne Asphalt \$204,054.00; Brooks Construction \$ 261,430.00; E & B Paving \$275,475.00 and Niblock Excavating \$229,450.00.

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

REQUEST FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: WOODDALE SUBDIVISION Rosie Coyle opened and read bids received from Engineering Services total bid price of \$113,400.00; A & Z Engineering total bid price of \$51,870.00; United Consulting did not bid; RQAW total bid price of \$61,000.00; Christopher Burke total bid price of \$130,000.00; Lochmueller Group total bid price of \$113,400.00; Midwestern Engineering total bid price of \$86,500.00; StructurePoint total bid price of \$120,000.00; Wessler Engineering total bid price of \$128,000.00 with an alternate of \$15,000 for sidewalks; GAI Consultants total bid price of \$87,000.00; VS Engineering total bid price of \$93,300.00 and DLZ total bid price of \$79,000.00.

Mayor Daniel advised they would take the bids under advisement until the first meeting in June.

RIGHT OF WAY APPLICATION FOR UTILITY IMPROVEMENT; QC COMMUNICATIONS/MEDIACOM Walt Crowder questioned if there had been conversations between Mediacom or the fiber company with our superintendents. Shawn Lickey advised the path they have outlined is the same path of our street light wire; should he have conversations with them he would warn them of that. Mayor Daniel questioned if there was

concern with the route they were taking. Shawn Lickey shared he wanted to avoid them being directly located underneath our facilities.

Walt Crowder shared he would like to have some contact with them before they start.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the application to locate utility improvements within city right of way for QC Communications on behalf of Mediacom with the caveat that they discuss with our electric department regarding the location of utilities and if there was apparent conflict it get worked out prior to construction, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

STREET CLOSING PERMIT: POP UP MARKETS – BREWHA ALLEY Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the request for the pop up markets as presented, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

STREET CLOSING PERMIT: FIRST FRIDAY’S DOWNTOWN STREETS Rosie Coyle advised they have met to talk through everything and advised they would be filing for an entertainment permit through the state.

Mayor Daniel questioned the time they requested to close the streets and suggested if the event was going to run from 5 – 9 p.m. it should maybe be amended to close streets from 4:00 – 9:30 p.m. to allow for set up and tear down. Chief Hively was ok with the amendment.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the request for First Fridays with the amendment of the streets being closed starting at 4:00 p.m. and ending at 9:30 p.m., Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

STREET CLOSING PERMIT: MOVIE ON THE SQUARE – JUNE 2ND Motion was made by Dan Weigold to approve the request as presented, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, Weigold and Crowder voted aye, Mayor Daniel abstained.

STREET CLOSING PERMIT: MOVIE ON THE SQUARE – SEPTEMBER 1ST Motion was made by Dan Weigold to approve the request as presented, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, Weigold and Crowder voted aye, Mayor Daniel abstained.

FLOWERS DOWNTOWN: SHARON GEIGER/ANN FAHL Sharon Geiger and Ann Fahl were present to discuss the large flower pots they would like to place downtown. Ann Fahl shared the pots would not obstruct the view of traffic and the flowers would grow to about 14” tall.

Mayor Daniel confirmed the pots would not obstruct the walkways. Sharon Geiger advised they would set back from the corners not right on the point.

Ann Fahl advised she and Sharon Geiger would take care of watering the flowers in those 3 pots.

Walt Crowder questioned if the pots would be removed. Ann Fahl advised they would be removed at the end of summer.

The Board unanimously approved the request to place flower pots in the downtown area.

MOBILITIE POLE PLACEMENT Ken Dunn with Mobilitie was present to further discuss their request for pole placement. He explained in talking with Shawn Lickey, Mobilitie would install a pole right next to the existing pole since Shawn was not sure when he wanted to move the City equipment over.

Shawn Lickey explained the pole Mobilitie wishes to locate to serves several purposes. He advised it was agreeable to him because there was no primary wire on the pole; he would never agree to them taking space on a primary pole. He explained this was a secondary pole; it has a contactor that has underground secondary service wires on it, it has meters on it and several City facilities on it as well. He shared his solution was to have Mobilitie install their own pole, get everything up and running and then we would move our facilities over when they get time. He advised they would eventually need to have discussion on who would retain ownership of the pole and would like to get the Board's input on that. He felt the bigger picture was to move forward in getting something going and felt it was a good case for both Mobilitie and the City.

Attorney McNagny questioned if this would fall under the new permit requirements that were recently passed. Mr. Dunn advised it would not fall under that because this would be a pole replacement basically; the State enrollment act prohibits a jurisdiction from preventing a co-location. Attorney McNagny advised it was not a prohibition but felt it was still within our process. Mayor Daniel felt at the very least it would be a formality. Mr. Dunn advised if something needed to be done they could take care of it.

Walt Crowder understood there were logistics, challenges and business decisions and it had been shared before that we need this but there was no data to back it up. He advised he was struggling with this for one; it was unknown what company Mobilitie represents. Mr. Dunn advised it was Sprint. Walt Crowder added that Mobilitie was telling the City there was a need for this but there was nothing supporting why we needed it as he was unaware that anyone has lost signal in downtown Columbia City. He shared from a business standpoint he was really struggling with the process. Dan Weigold agreed and since we now have a system in place he would like to follow that as well. Mayor Daniel shared his opinion has changed a little on the matter partially because, from an aesthetic point of view, he felt Mobilitie has tried, in general, to use existing infrastructure but did concur with Walt Crowder and Dan Weigold in regards to the need; he was not sure the need has been completely justified. He advised he could see a future need as the community grows and cellular companies expand and improve service to customers. He felt his opinion has changed on this because as he and Shawn Lickey have been in discussions he felt both he and Shawn have become more comfortable because of the location of the actual facility; it was not on a primary pole, it was not in a residential neighborhood, it was hidden away, etc.

Dan Weigold expressed a concern if they would allow one, where would the next one possibly go. Mayor Daniel felt in this circumstance they were able to list why this location works. He

felt they could find in the Findings of Fact why this pole was different from a pole in a neighborhood.

Dan Weigold questioned how many more of these would complete their network. Mr. Dunn advised they were only planning on one but if there becomes a need for two they would look first at co-locating in the same way they did with this one. He advised they very much try to avoid residential neighborhoods. He shared the only reason he could see why they might need a second one would be for the hot spot areas shown on the coverage map which were around the courthouse and Eagle Tech.

Walt Crowder requested data and facts to be able to make a good business decision. Mayor Daniel questioned if that information was something that could be provided. Mr. Dunn advised the cellular industry was extremely propriety and protective of that data. He advised they do not even share data with Mobilitie, they just tell them where they want the facility. He shared the standard answer they are given from Sprint was they would not put the investment in the community unless there was a need. Discussion took place on communities that Mobilitie has facilities or will have facilities installed.

Mayor Daniel noted that we now have a process but if there was not a chance in which Mobilitie may have the ability to install on this pole, he would hate to have Mr. Dunn jump through hoops and lead him through the process if there was not going to be an opportunity for them. Dan Weigold advised he would like to have conversation with Shawn Lickey and have the benefit of hearing what Mayor Daniel has heard but would still like to follow the process.

Mayor Daniel felt in the meantime they could have Attorney McNaghy get information to Mr. Dunn as to how the process should go and any forms that need to be filled out. He also invited the Board of Works members to meet with Shawn Lickey one on one.

BILLS Motion was made by Dan Weigold to pay the bills in the amount of \$830,562.65, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

MSF GENERATOR Shawn Lickey reported the generator at the MSF was in need of replacement. He asked for permission to get bids. He advised the current generator was a mobile unit.

Mayor Daniel questioned how often the unit was taken out. Shawn Lickey advised the current one has not been out very often just because of its age and performance. Mayor Daniel questioned if it would behoove them at all to not have a mobile unit. Shawn Lickey felt it came down to level of customer service, which the Board sets. He advised he could get the cost both ways; it would be the same generator unit it would just be whether it is mounted on a trailer or not. He thought the original intent was to rent the unit out but it was never marketed very well.

The Board granted permission.

Shawn Lickey noted this purchase would push back the purchase of a new boring machine.

Having no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle