

**BOARD OF WORKS
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 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 Mayor Daniel shared he had given changes to Rosie Coyle concerning the June 27, 2017 minutes. Motion was made by Dan Weigold to approve the June 27, 2011 meeting minutes as corrected, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, Dan Weigold and Mayor Daniel voted aye, Walt Crowder abstained.

STREET CLOSING REQUEST – FIRE TRAINING Tom LaRue explained they would like to go through a mock experience to go over things that have worked in the past and those that have not. He advised they have talked to all of the businesses and they have all given thumbs up.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the street closing request for fire training on July 18 from 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT – 1135 W. FAWN COURT James Bentz of 1135 W. Fawn Court was present to discuss the encroachment request. He explained he would like to put in a fence but found out he had to be 10 ft. inside the survey stakes which would put the fence very close to their patio. He advised he has asked for a variance and has talked with his neighbor and they were ok with it.

Mayor Daniel questioned where utilities were in regards to where the fence would be. Jeff Walker advised he provided a map to Rosie Coyle and confirmed there were no utilities where he was planning to put the fence; all City utilities were out front. He explained if there would ever be a need to enter the area by a utility we would have the right to use it as an easement but would obviously work with the property owner to remove and reset the fence. Walt Crowder confirmed moving of the fence would be at the expense of the homeowner. Jeff Walker advised it would.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the encroachment agreement for 1135 W. Fawn Court as presented for the fence, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ALLEY CLOSING – CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Rosie Coyle explained they would be televising a show next to the Thomas R. Marshall plaza and were requesting to close the alley from 8 am – 11 am on July 27.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the alley closing request for July 27 from 8 am – 11 am as presented, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN RIGHT-OF-WAY WANRACK, LLC Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the right of way application permit to locate utility improvements within the City's right of way for all 4 locations; South Madison & East Market, Hanna & Towerview, Eagle Tech and Ellsworth between South Washington & South Line, with the caveat that the Water, Sewer and Electric utilities are notified to verify there is no conflict.

Discussion followed regarding the permit approval process and the need for companies to follow the process.

Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

304 N. MAIN – CURB/STREET CUT REQUEST – NIPSCO Motion was made by Dan Weigold to approve the request to cut into curbs, streets or alleys for 304 N. Main Street, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

TRICK OR TREAT Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to have trick or treat on Saturday, October 28 from 6 pm – 8 pm, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

UTILITY SERVICE PARTNERS - NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES – SERVICE CONTRACT Mayor Daniel revisited the issue of when Utility Service Partners approached the Board about the NLC service line warranty program. He advised they have been inquiring as to if the City wanted to participate in this program.

Walt Crowder did not feel this was something we would want to engage in; he did not see the value of basically being the middle man. He felt there were other local opportunities to help people who want a service contract. He felt it would be a better rapport to have the owner and service providers do it together instead of having a third party. Dan Weigold agreed. Mayor Daniel felt it could be a valuable program to our residents but if the City would move forward, it was important to note the City would be held harmless for any projects or problems. He advised he was fine either way.

Mayor Daniel advised he would let Utility Service Partners know of the Board's decision.

PART TIME DISPATCHER Tony Hively requested permission to seek the hiring of a part time dispatcher. He explained this person would fulfill the need of having 2 personnel in the operation center 24/7. He advised they would also help cover vacation time, sick time, etc.

The Board was in agreement to move forward.

BILLS Motion was made by Dan Weigold to pay the bills in the amount of \$715,048.71, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

760 E HANNA – CHANDLER PROPERTY Tony Hively gave an update on the clean-up of 760 E. Hanna Street. He advised he and Kelly Cearbaugh have arranged a time to take a crew there to help finish cleaning up the property.

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

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle