

**BOARD OF WORKS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019
5:00 PM**

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 Mayor Daniel to approve an overview of the December 27, 2018 meeting minutes as presented, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to approve an overview of the January 8, 2019 meeting minutes as presented, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

RESOLUTION 2019-1 TRANSFER OF INFRASTRUCTURE Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve and accept the infrastructure from the Whitley County Redevelopment Commission as presented in Exhibit A under the Whitley County Redevelopment Commission Resolution Number 01-2019, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

PAY REQUEST #1 – DUNIGAN BROTHERS, INC. Jeff Walker explained this was for Contract B of the SDI Sewer project. He advised it was for construction engineering in an amount of \$19,000.00; everything was in order and recommended the Board act favorably.

Rosie Coyle noted this would have to go to the County then back to us then onto SRF.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve Pay Request #1 and Invoice #910651 as presented, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

EMPLOYMENT TRAINING AGREEMENT REVISION Scott Leatherman explained in the current agreement there were some provisions that could be very difficult to enforce. He requested to remove the non-compete clause; instead of within 2 years of completing training, because it may be different for everyone, to 3 years from date of hire and raise the reimbursement cost from \$3,000 to \$5,000.

Mayor Daniel confirmed this would pertain to future hires. Chief Leatherman advised that was correct.

Motion was made by Walt Crowder to make the necessary changes and accept the recommendations from H.R., City Attorney and Police Chief for the employment training agreement, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

CONSTRUCTION WARRANTY: QUAIL RIDGE PHASE II Kelly Cearbaugh reported the sewer was in, tested and passed. He thought the same for water and stormwater. He advised the streets and curbs were in but would not be accepted until the surface was on. He thought that work would be completed mid-summer for both phases. He advised the as-builts were in our possession.

Mayor Daniel noted the acceptance date would be as of this date, January 22, 2019.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to approve the construction warranty timeframes for Quail Ridge Phase II project for sanitary sewer and storm drainage, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Kelly Cearbaugh noted they would not do any plowing, salting or sanding in that area until the streets were officially accepted by the City.

STREET CLOSING PERMIT: OLD SETTLERS DAYS Mayor Daniel explained with the Van Buren lofts going in this spring they will not be able to park their trailers on that lot. Rosie Coyle advised she gave Mike Schrader a list of locations they could use.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to approve the street closing permit, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

2019 CEMETERY MOWING CONTRACT Kelly Cearbaugh reported he, Cory Sievers and Rosie Coyle discussed the idea of rebidding the contract since there were some issues with the crew last year.

Dan Weigold questioned if we entered into a 2 year agreement with a 1 year option. Rosie Coyle advised it was actually a 3 year agreement but it says in the agreement we could cancel for any reason.

Mayor Daniel confirmed the feeling was that the service provided was not as high quality as it needs to be. Rosie Coyle and Kelly Cearbaugh agreed.

Mayor Daniel advised he personally received a lot of negative feedback, especially on Memorial Day.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to terminate the contract with Emerald Knight and go out for new bids, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

BILLS Motion was made by Dan Weigold to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$1,043,389.63, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – NEW HIRE REQUEST Scott Leatherman reported Officer Gary Archbold would be retiring on Friday, January 25 and requested permission to hire a replacement to fill his spot. Mayor Daniel questioned how many they were up to now to hire. Chief Leatherman advised this would make #3.

Mayor Daniel confirmed they were already in the hiring process. Chief Leatherman advised that was correct. He shared they had 13 moving forward in the process so far and would be testing at least 2 more.

The Board was in agreement in moving forward with hiring an additional employee.

SALE OF POLICE K9 CASS Scott Leatherman shared they have offered a K9 package to the Sheriff but have not heard anything concrete from him so was asking to explore other options for Cass. He advised his department does not have the ability right now to send another officer off to training.

Mayor Daniel felt it was probably the best option on the table. He questioned what year of service Cass was in. Chief Leatherman advised April would be 2 years. He shared in talking with FMK9 they said for a fully trained dog we could get at least what we paid for her or more.

Mayor Daniel shared since Officer Archbold and Cass trained and worked together they felt, if there was a deal we could work out to be able to send the dog with the officer over to the County, it made a lot of sense.

Chief Leatherman advised he would love for the dog to stay in this county and provide for our citizens but in the end if it does not work out he would need to explore other options.

The Board was in support of the sale.

Rosie Coyle questioned what would happen with the dog if the County has not made a decision by January 25. Chief Leatherman advised Officer Archbold agreed to keep Cass until an option is reached.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – VEHICLE PURCHASE Chief Leatherman requested permission to check prices for new police vehicles. He explained his intent was to get 2 utility vehicles that would replace the SRO vehicles and then one all-wheel drive Charger.

The Board was in agreement to proceed.

POLICE ACADEMY – HUNTER LARUE Chief Leatherman reported Hunter LaRue graduated from the academy with honors. He shared he was 1 of 10 graduating with honors.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle