

BOARD OF WORKS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2015
5:15 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 13, 2015 meeting minutes as presented, Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

NICK MILLER: 314-316 W VAN BUREN STREET REGARDING SIGN AND AUCTION Nick Miller presented a proposal to the Board for a sign that would be connected to his building at 314-316 W. Van Buren St. The Board was ok with the sign proposal as presented.

Mr. Miller advised he replaced a cracked window with the intention of putting in a TV screen for the wildlife studio. The Board was fine with putting a TV in the window.

Mr. Miller shared that he would like to have an auction in front of his building during Old Settlers Days. He explained he would like to advertise the items online prior to the auction; he had 3 garages filled with antiques that they would run through the auction. Mayor Daniel questioned the space where the Eagles building use to sit and if there would be opportunity to put things there rather than on the sidewalk. Mr. Miller advised he preferred to house things inside just because things have a tendency to walk away. He stated security would be easier if the belongings were housed inside and the auction were presented outdoors; items would be brought outside, presented and taken back inside. Mayor Daniel questioned if they would be holding concurrently a web and live auction or would there have already been an auction and there would be more items available. Mr. Miller explained it would be one in the same, they would have the online auction prior to and those bids would compete against those at the physical auction. Mayor Daniel questioned how long the physical auction might take. Mr. Miller thought it would be a couple of hours. Walt Crowder questioned what the deadline was that they need an answer by. Mr. Miller felt 2 months would be good. Crowder felt they needed to stay in touch to see how the plan comes together. Weigold agreed. Mayor Daniel suggested Mr. Miller talk with the Old Settlers Committee and also provide a plan to the Board on how the layout might look by the next meeting or two.

WARRANTY DEDICATION: LINCOLN POINT IV Mike Cook advised they have not had start up on the lift station yet, the SCADA has not been programmed at City Hall or the plant and he would not accept the station until they have start up to make sure the pumps run. Mayor Daniel noted another big issue was the tracer wire. Mike Shoda advised they claim there was

tracer wire at the bottom of the valve box but the only way they would find it is to dig down and put a pit in. He stated he would like to start putting the pits in so they were ready. Mayor Daniel questioned if they could put one pit in before the next meeting to make sure the wire was there. Mike Shoda advised they could. Kelly Cearbaugh expressed a concern that NIPSCO was out there working but who was locating the utilities since we have not accepted them yet.

Mayor Daniel requested to table the issue for 2 weeks.

HEALTH BUS PARKING – JANUARY 29 NOON – 5:00 P.M. AND JANUARY 30 7:00 A.M. – NOON (POLICE PARKING AREA IN FRONT OF CITY HALL) The Board approved the request and asked Chief Longenbaugh work with Beth Igney.

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY Tim Longenbaugh shared he had an officer fill the request out for short term military leave back in October but forgot to put it on the agenda for the Board of Works. He stated this would need to be retroactive to December 27, 2014 – April 4, 2015 and requested the Board approve the leave of absence.

Motion was made by Crowder to approve the request as presented, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

APPROVAL FOR DRAINAGE ASSESSMENT FOR THE CITY Dan Weigold explained with the advancement of watershed development within the Engineer's office, each drain has its own watershed. He stated instead of assessing each property owner within the watershed, everyone pays into the storm water. He advised it was recommended to take the money for all of the drains to be assessed within the watersheds out of storm water funds so it would not be an additional fee to the customer.

Mayor Daniel mentioned they had talked about starting to assess the Blue River but did not see it on the list. Dan Weigold advised that would be a question for Brandon Forrester and would check into it with him.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to pay the drainage fees as presented for our city residents out of storm water in the amount of \$7,169.94, Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

BILLS Motion was made by Weigold to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$967,815.18, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

POLICE OFFICER APPLICATIONS Tim Longenbaugh asked the Board's permission to open up the application process for police officers. He advised he talked with Beth in H.R. about starting the process and narrow the pool to offer positions down the road. He shared that one officer was retiring in April, which his position has been replaced, he has another officer retiring in January and will need a replacement for him and could possibly have 3 more between now and July that may retire. He advised he just wanted to be prepared the best he could since the hiring and training process is so lengthy.

Walt Crowder shared this would be a little different twist than usual. He understood it but would hate to train individuals and then another agency takes them.

Mayor Daniel clarified the only person we would send to training would be the officer we actually hire. Chief Longenbaugh advised that was correct, the other individuals in the pool would not go through any training but we could contact them 2, 3, 4 months down the road when there was an opening and they would have already gone through the application, written and agility tests.

Walt Crowder questioned with being equal opportunity employment the time period in which it would have to be opened to the public. Mayor Daniel advised there was some type of time period and thought it to be 6 months. Chief Longenbaugh advised he had heard 6 months and 1 year and needed to clarify that with Beth.

Mayor Daniel advised he had no problem with starting the process.

Walt Crowder questioned if they had a number of applicants that would be in the pool. Chief Longenbaugh advised he would take as many applications he could get but would like to narrow the pool to 5.

Crowder and Weigold agreed with the request.

INDOT – SR 205 INVOICE Motion was made by Weigold to pay INDOT Invoice 000028529 in the amount of \$347,427.82 to the Indiana Department of Transportation, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle