

**BOARD OF WORKS
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2013
5:15 P.M.**

Mayor Ryan Daniel – Present
Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle – Present
Attorney Greg Hockemeyer – 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 February 26, 2013 meeting minutes as presented, Mayor Daniel second the motion, Weigold and Mayor Daniel voted aye, Crowder abstained.

NEW POLICE RESERVES: HEATH FEARNOW, ANTHONY KUMFER, JEREMY BRICE Tim Longenbaugh reported they currently have three police reserves and would like to add three more for a total of six reserves. He explained all three gentlemen being recommended applied for the full time officer position and they all made it to the final six.

Walt Crowder questioned what the City provides to the reserves. Chief Longenbaugh advised we provide them with a radio, handgun, uniform, gun belt and the necessary training.

Motion was made by Crowder to accept the recommendation from the Police Chief to add three more new police reserves to the roster, Weigold second the motion, all voted aye.

CEMETERY MOWING BID OPENING Rosie Coyle opened and read bids from Emerald Knight in the amount of \$16,000.00 per year, for a 3 year contract it would be \$14,400.00 per year; Wise Property Management in the amount of \$15,200.00 per year for 3 years.

Mayor Daniel advised they would take the bids under advisement and award the contract at the next meeting.

DON LANGELOH – STORM WATER EAGLE GLEN GOLF COURSE Don Langeloh was present to discuss the storm water charge for Eagle Glen Golf Course. He advised he had been in contact with Jeff Walker on this for some time. He explained their storm water bill has been about \$500.00; he thought the cart paths were figured into the area which encompasses the pro shop, event center, cart barn, etc. He stated after deleting the cart paths they arrived at another figure of \$179.70. He did not feel the cart paths should be included; he asked the Board to look things over and consider dropping the fee back.

Dan Weigold advised he has looked at other Cities who have done impervious surface studies. He stated he would like to see a map of the study Bonar did for us to see the visual proof. He noted that our Blue River Trail was basically an impervious surface that was not being assessed and felt Mr. Langeloh had a very good point.

Walt Crowder remembered when the storm water department was established and was always under the impression that cart paths would be excluded; it was a discussion during the presentation. He was not sure how we missed it but did not think the intent was to include cart paths.

Mayor Daniel concurred with both Walt and Dan and felt it would be a good idea to reduce the rate for Eagle Glen from the original \$499.10 to the \$179.70. He advised it was also the recommendation of Jeff Walker to reduce the rate.

Attorney Hockemeyer suggested entering a finding that there was only 77,712 square feet of impervious surface. Mayor Daniel noted that based on Ordinance 2009-26 that falls into the \$179.70 rate category.

Rosie Coyle advised she needed to know how to handle their bill; have them pay it or go ahead and back it off. Mayor Daniel felt they should back it off. Mr. Langeloh advised he would be satisfied if the Board would adjust the last bill plus the current bill and go forward from there.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel that based on the findings of the Eagle Glen owner having 77,712 square feet rather than the old footage that they be put into the non-residential class of 70,000-79,999 square feet which equals a monthly charge of \$179.70 and make it effective on the last bill, Weigold second the motion, all voted aye.

Walt Crowder questioned if the Tariff or Ordinance would need to be updated to exempt the cart paths. Attorney Hockemeyer thought the schedule was incorporated with the original ordinance and felt they should be fine.

Dan Weigold felt this may open up some other situation and would like to see a map of the impervious surface areas so they can justify what we are charging and why. Walt Crowder advised that Bonar did a great job explaining that and suggested they come back and do a review.

RAIN BARREL PROGRAM Mayor Daniel advised they would like to get some kind of decision made today so that as we move into spring they know how to proceed with the program.

Mayor Daniel explained the suggestion was for the storm water utility to help with the cost of the rain barrels in our community; if a household buys a rain barrel through this program the City would offset the cost by \$30. He stated this was part of our 6 minimum control measures, the public engagement component, which is something we have to meet and are working towards. He explained the City would only be a participant in the purchase of the barrels and would not participate in the maintenance of the barrels. He advised there were some things the resident would have to do; maintain the rain barrel on their property for a suggested 5 years (timeframe could be changed), they would have to take a picture that we could use on our storm water compliance paperwork and they would still pay storm water fees. He advised we would be partnering with the Soil & Water Conservation District as well as Wells County and potentially Fort Wayne.

Dan Weigold advised he was asked by a resident if they would get a rain barrel would they get a reduction in their storm water fee. He added that a 50 – 55 gallon rain barrel would not take long to fill and questioned if it would be a true benefit for the City to pay \$30; would we really be saving money with this. He mentioned this was another mandate coming down the pipe and had

a problem spending \$100 for a barrel that only holds 55 gallons; he felt it would take a lot of barrels to make a dent in what is being sent out to the wastewater plant. Mayor Daniel advised this was not the end all, be all but it was a component of ways in which we could reduce the amount of storm water coming in.

Walt Crowder clarified that the City's investment to support this would be a \$30 one-time event. Mayor Daniel advised it would be per household that participates and was a one-time thing. He stated they have also worked out some language about making sure the City was not held liable if the barrel breaks, etc. Walt questioned the possibility of letting residents buy their barrel wherever they want and then provide us with a copy of the receipt and picture of the barrel. He advised he was all for the intent but questioned having to store the barrels. Mayor Daniel shared that he understood from Jeff Walker that we would take orders and then purchase so we would not have any to store.

Don Langeloh noted that he had 4 downspouts and questioned if residents would have to get 3 or 4 barrels to serve the purpose. Mayor Daniel thought they discussed this last time but the City would only cost share on 1 barrel.

Additional discussion followed regarding the suggestion of letting residents purchase their own barrel. Attorney Hockemeyer suggested if we would allow that we should consider adding specifications so that we would not have someone bringing in a 55 gallon drum from their shop or something.

Discussion followed on monitoring of the barrels. Walt Crowder felt the challenge would be to administrate it; the less the City has ownership of trying to oversee and become the managers of it and just give an avenue to encourage participation would be his goal.

Mayor Daniel questioned what the Board would like to do moving forward. He advised it would be a benefit in some way shape or form; it would not be a huge benefit in regards to taking storm water out of the system but would be some benefit as far as meeting one of our 6 minimum control measures. Dan Weigold advised he did not have a problem moving forward since it was one of our minimum control measures. Walt Crowder felt they all supported it but just did not know what best fits our needs. He felt there were some unanswered questions as to how to administer and monitor it.

After additional discussion, the issue was tabled.

ORDINANCE VIOLATION EXTENSION REQUEST – ARCHIE & CONNIE HALL Mr. Hall discussed the items in violation; he advised they had some items cleaned up and requested additional time to get the rest cleaned up. He also asked if the Board would consider taking care of the ordinance violation ticket.

Walt Crowder advised he understood the circumstance and was more than willing to work with them on the extension but felt there was reasonable time for them to have come in and work something out on the ticket; he could not support voiding the ticket. Dan Weigold agreed.

The Board asked to have Officer Yorg revisit the property in a couple weeks to check the progress and report back to the Board.

Motion was made by Weigold to approve the extension to April 30 and enforce the ticket, Crowder second the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE VIOLATION EXTENSION REQUEST – MARQUIS JONES Marquis Jones discussed the items that were in violation and his intentions to get things taken care of; he requested an extension of 4 months.

Walt Crowder felt the intentions were good but wondered if they would do 3 months instead of 4 months. He questioned Mr. Jones what he could do if the truck was not gone in 90 days. Mr. Jones suggested if he had the truck sold in the 90 days but the buyer still needed to pick it up he could provide the Board with a copy of the sale slip as verification or if he did not have it sold an option would be to put money into getting it plated and insured or have it towed to someone else's property. The Board agreed that was a good plan and was comfortable with the 90 day extension.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to extend Mr. Jones's time to remedy the ordinance violation by 90 days from today, Crowder second the motion, all voted aye.

BILLS Motion was made by Weigold to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$784,989.84, Crowder second the motion, all voted aye.

WASTEWATER UV BULBS Mike Cook distributed cost information on the UV bulbs they use at the plant and advised there was a special deal going on right now. He discussed a new type of bulb that was stronger and had a longer life. He advised if he purchased the bulbs now the warranty would not go into effect until the bulbs were installed.

This was taken under consideration for a decision to be made at the next Board of Works meeting.

1958 FIRE TRUCK PURCHASE PROPOSAL Tom LaRue advised a gentleman presented a written offer of \$1,025.00 to purchase their 1958 fire truck that was donated to the City. He reported he talked with Deputy Chief Sturgeon and they agreed there were parts on the truck that far exceed the offer amount and would like to see the offer denied.

Motion was made by Crowder to support the recommendation to deny the offer, Weigold second the motion, all voted aye.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle

