

**BOARD OF WORKS
TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2014
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 March 11, 2014 meeting minutes as presented, Crowder seconded the motion, Weigold and Crowder voted aye, Mayor Daniel abstained.

BID AWARD FOR SOUTH SIDE SEWER IMPROVEMENTS Jeff Walker advised everything was in order and concurred with GAI to award the project to Ironclad.

Motion was made by Crowder to accept Jeff Walker and GAI Consultant's recommendation to award the project to Ironclad Excavating for the amount of \$979,979.50, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

BREWHA REQUEST FOR A DRIVE THROUGH WINDOW IN ALLEY NEXT TO 120 N. MAIN STREET Kay Heldman with Brewha Coffee House was present to request putting in a drive through window at their business.

Walt Crowder agreed the concept was excellent but was concerned with the maintenance of the alley and the traffic it may generate. Kelly Cearbaugh advised as far as the structure of the alley he did not feel it would hurt it anymore and was something they would just monitor. He stated as far as plowing snow if traffic was there they would leave it until a plow could get through. He mentioned a concern for cars lining up off of Main Street. Ms. Heldman advised 3 cars should be able to fit in the alley before getting out on Main Street.

Mayor Daniel questioned why not have traffic enter the alley from the opposite direction and then exit onto Main Street. Ms. Heldman advised the passage side of the car would be at the drive up window.

Dan Weigold was not sure how much public use the alley has but questioned what would happen if we would vacate the alley. Mayor Daniel felt it would depend on if we have public facilities in that alley. Dan suggested we could treat it as a utility easement but then they could maintain the alley themselves. Walt Crowder was hesitant to give up a critical alley for downtown; who knows what the future might bring for that area. He could not think of another public alley or right of way to serve a business.

Tim Longenbaugh expressed a concern for the potential of vehicles stacking up there and possibly being out on Main Street and was not sure if INDOT should have a say in this. He also mentioned the parking spaces there and how vehicles would get out if there was a line of cars.

Walt Crowder mentioned that we would have no control over how people would elect to exit. He advised he loved the concept but was trying to figure out how to make it work. Mayor Daniel agreed.

Mayor Daniel questioned if there were any issues with fire trucks. Tom LaRue mentioned he would need to check on the proximity of gas meters.

Mayor Daniel asked Ms. Heldman to gather information from her neighbors and their feeling on the project. He also asked for guidance from the City's end on how we could work out the logistics.

Walt Crowder felt the owner of the building should have input on this as well.

Walt Crowder questioned in looking at the drawing if there was a way to use the back. Ms. Heldman advised there was a garage in the back that her landlord uses.

Mayor Daniel asked to discuss this at their next department head meeting as well.

Rosie Coyle questioned the time it would take to make a drink. Ms. Heldman thought it would take 1-2 minutes.

DON LANGELOH – USE OF PVC WATER MAIN VS. DUCTILE Don Langeloh was present to further discuss the use of PVC vs. Ductile. He advised everyone was using both products but it was a considerable savings for them if they could use ductile in the Lincoln Pointe Subdivision.

Mayor Daniel advised he had Martha do research on the issue; a study done by the Valparaiso water utility of 10 different utilities came down to 5 truly believed ductile iron was the way to go and 5 who believed PVC was perfectly fine to substitute for ductile iron.

Walt Crowder shared that they have had opportunity to talk with other water superintendents outside of our jurisdiction. He stated his biggest concern was the longevity or life and maintenance after it is in the ground. He agreed there was a cost savings to the developer but on the flipside there was maintenance cost and some risk of PVC pipe.

Todd Porter with Wigent Excavating was present and advised they have had no problems with either product. He shared there have been a lot of communities that have used PVC for a long time and have had great success with it. He explained the real benefit comes to making a community more attractive to developers. He stated you will find that you can read from now until whenever and you will find equal amounts of people for each product.

Dan Weigold stated there were obviously places where PVC makes sense but the community they received information from there were legitimate claims as far as why they do not allow PVC in their system. He advised it would be a huge cost to have to go out and replace or repair. He stated he understood where they were coming from but had to look out for the utility user; the information the Board received was from both sides which was very frustrating. Mayor Daniel advised there were no definite answers. Walt Crowder felt the report was based upon not so much on the manufacturing but the people who were using and maintaining it. Mr. Porter agreed it was going to be a personal decision.

Mayor Daniel advised he could see benefits on both sides. He could see PVC on not main lines. Todd explained that Ft Wayne has always used PVC.

Walt asked Don what the starting time was. Don said they were already started. Mike Dear said they had used PVC on part of Frontage Road.

The Mayor feels the biggest issue is safety and PVC is harder to repair. If the main line is Ductile it would be easier to shut off without shutting everything down. Auburn has no preference. The Mayor explained that someday these lines will have to be replaced and then it would become an expense to us.

Mike said there is Ductile on 300 past his subdivision and he would be okay with them using PVC within the subdivision. He feels they should use C909 rather than C900. Mayor would like to see what the cost difference would be.

There would be about 27 lots with approximately another 60.

After much discussion it was decided to have Lincoln Point be a test case and Don and Mike will find out the estimate of the costs for 909 pipe vs 900. Walt wanted to know if the warranty would be the same if they used either pipe and Todd said it is still a year's warranty.

PERMIT FOR NEW EMERGENCY/MAINTENANCE ENTRANCE ON NORTH LIBERTY DRIVE Kelly Cearbaugh explained this would be an emergency exit off of the north end of the storage facilities onto Liberty Drive. He advised he did not see any issues with it.

Todd Porter with Wigent Excavating was present on behalf of Real Estate Equities. He advised they were aware that the ordinance states the drive has to be paved. He stated this would simply be a maintenance/emergency access.

Mayor Daniel confirmed this entrance would not be used every day but would be used from time to time and would be posted as such. Mr. Porter advised that was correct. He stated they were to begin the development of the last unit pending approval of this entrance.

Kelly Cearbaugh noted that they would be installing a culvert there for the ditch.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the street cut permit for North Liberty Drive pending signature of the owner, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

GIS COORDINATOR POSITION Jeff Walker reported Brad Smith accepted a job outside of the public sector and will be leaving us in the middle of April. He asked for permission to advertise for a replacement for the position.

Motion was made by Walt Crowder to post the new opening for GIS Coordinator as described in the job description, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

REQUEST FOR BOBCAT PURCHASE – ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT Shawn Lickey explained one of the problems they have is that everyone is fighting over the use of their bobcats. He stated it seems they do not have enough of this type of equipment around to do all the jobs they need it for. He advised he budgeted for a new bobcat for their department; he researched and tested out both the Bobcat and Kubota. He stated he received quotes from both and although the Kubota was a little more expensive, it was local and he felt there were a few more things about the Kubota that justified going with that one. He suggested going with the purchase of the Kubota for the amount of \$57,916.00 with a trade in value of \$14,500.00 on the current Bobcat. He stated he talked with Kelly Cearbaugh about transferring the old one to the street department as they could use one year round and would worry about the financials when we need to.

Shawn Lickey advised they would be getting a trailer for skids and received 2 quotes one from Bobcat and I69 Trailer who sells to Novae Corp. He suggested going with the Novae trailer through I69 Trailer for \$4,600.00, it was supporting local and was \$1,800.00 cheaper.

Walt Crowder questioned if there were any other accessories. Shawn advised it comes with a bucket but all of the Bobcat accessories were universal and would work on the Kubota.

Motion was made by Crowder to accept Shawn's recommendation to purchase the Kubota and trailer from local businesses, More Farm Store and I69 Trailer Sales local through the Novae Corp here in Columbia City; Kubota SVL-90 for \$57,916.00 with addition of the trailer for \$4,600.00, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

REQUEST FOR BOBCAT PURCHASE – WATER DEPARTMENT Mike Dear reported the skid loader they have been using was previously owned by the electric department. He advised both the water and park departments use the skid loader and hope to pass it down to the park department. He stated Shawn described everything on the Kubota and the visibility out of the Kubota was tremendous compared to the Bobcat. He advised he hoped to go with the Kubota and use some of the bond money left from the Frontage Road job. He stated they already have a trailer so would not need to purchase a trailer.

There was some discussion on the funding source.

Motion was made by Crowder to give Mayor Daniel the authority to work with Rosie and Mike Dear to verify funding for the purchase of a 2nd Kubota for \$57,916.00 with no trailer and no trade in; once funding source has been confirmed Mayor Daniel has the authority to make the decision to move forward or not, Weigold seconded the motion, Crowder and Weigold voted aye, Mayor Daniel abstained.

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY Shawn Lickey reported Shane Mills started with us about a month ago and we knew going in that he had a previous engagement. He advised the dates were for November 6 – 13.

Motion was made by Weigold to approve the request for leave of absence for Shane Mills from November 6 – 13 for up to 6 working days, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

GROUNDWATER MONITORING SERVICE – BURGESS & NIPLÉ; WAYNE RECLAMATION SITE Jeff explained that this is a yearly contract for the monitoring of the Wayne Reclamation site. The total is \$10,200.00. On the motion of Crowder and second of Daniel to approve the contract for one year.

STREET CLOSINGS EAGLE GLEN GARAGE SALE The date of the Eagle Glen Garage sale is May 9 and 10. On the motion of Daniel and second of Weigold to approve the street closing for May 9 and 10. All voted aye.

STREET CLOSINGS OLD SETTLERS WEEK On the motion of Daniel and second of Weigold to approve the Old Settlers street closing request for the week of June 24th, all voted aye.

BILLS On the motion of Weigold and second of Crowder, the bills were approved with all voting aye.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Ryan Daniel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle