

**BOARD OF WORKS**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 12, 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 April 28, 2015 meeting minutes as presented, Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**RELAY FOR LIFE – DOROTHY WALLACE** Shelby Simpkins with Whitley County Relay for Life was present to ask permission to ‘paint the town purple’ with ribbons and some banners.

Mayor Daniel confirmed they wanted to put ribbons on the light poles May 29 and remove on June 8. Ms. Simpkins advised that was correct. The Board approved the request.

**CURB CUT REQUEST: 460 W. GATES RD.** Kelly Cearbaugh explained Doug Richards would like to put a garage on his property. He advised there was no curb there currently and this was basically information showing that he would like to put in a drive to the garage. He did not see an issue with it.

Motion was made by Weigold to approve the curb cut as requested for 460 W. Gates Rd., Mayor Daniel seconded the motion.

Walt Crowder questioned if there was a time limit on this request. Kelly Cearbaugh thought it was 45 days but they were not doing anything to the street so was not worried about it.

Upon the motion, all voted aye.

**GRANITE RIDGE SUBDIVISION ISSUE** Jeff Walker was not sure where this stood but knew they committed to working on the deficiencies.

This issue was postponed.

**STREET CLOSING PERMIT – W C AUTUMN ART FESTIVAL** Jeff Walker requested to table this issue.

**STREET CLOSING PERMIT – MEMORIAL DAY PARADE** Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the street closing permit for the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 25 from 10:30 – 11:30 as presented, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**STREET CLOSING PERMIT – 213 W. VAN BUREN STREET** Jeff Walker explained the deconstruction of the former Dues Restaurant building will require barricading off the alley from the intersection behind City Hall to Van Buren Street as well as the sidewalk and parking spaces in front of the building.

Motion was made by Weigold to approve the street closing permit for the deconstruction of the building at 213 W. Van Buren Street as presented, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, Weigold and Daniel voted aye Crowder abstained.

**ELECTRIC SERVICE AGREEMENT: SOUTH WHITLEY** Shawn Lickey explained the only real change from the previous contract was under the Statement of Work. He stated they changed the term to 18 months and does not automatically renew. Mayor Daniel advised after the 18 months South Whitley will need to determine what they want to do for the long term.

Motion was made by Crowder to enter into the agreement for the next 18 months based up on the contract presented, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**TOWER SERVICE AGREEMENT QUOTES** Mike Shoda shared that he received a text message from Mr. Hansen stating that they would paint the inside and outside of the north tower this summer but nothing was said about the south or east tower. He reviewed the painting timeline with the Board.

Mike Shoda explained he met with Mr. Hansen and had a discussion about not taking pictures. He stated Mr. Hansen shared that because of the amount of water towers they take care of they really did not have the time to make out a report.

Mike Shoda reported he talked with Daleville, Indiana, who has a contract with Utility Service, and shared they were in the process of probably taking them to court for not doing any work as well as Fairmount, Indiana was also was in an argument with them for not getting anything done.

Mike Shoda did not see where we would benefit by staying in a contract with them with the way they want to do business at other places and how they treated us. He shared that Utility Services was a foreign owned company and their home office was not even in the State of Indiana; The Leary Company was located in Greenfield, Indiana. Mayor Daniel noted they were also an IMPA Community.

Mayor Daniel questioned what the difference in payment would be. Mike Shoda advised we would actually be paying Utility Services more and their costs could go up 2% per year and with Leary's it would be a 10 year contract and the price could not go up within that 10 years.

Walt Crowder questioned where we were at with breaking the old contract. Mike Shoda advised we already have.

Mike Shoda advised he contacted other places regarding Leary's and they all said Leary's did a good job and took care of the community but was advised if there was a certain time of year that we would like to have the services done that it be stated in the contract.

Walt Crowder questioned if there was any type of emergency response time. Mike Shoda was unsure but could get it clarified. Walt felt right now it was open ended and could be subjected to what was reasonable.

Attorney McNagny shared some minor changes that needed to be made but also noted there needed to be some sort of default provision included so if they fail to perform. She mentioned under the Preventative Protection Program that it should be added that they provide the City with an annual planning maintenance and evaluation report. She also noted there needed to be a Hold Harmless clause included. She stated she might also add a clause that allows us the ability to terminate if we feel they are failing to perform, even within the year.

Walt Crowder asked for clarification of what 'recoat over existing lining' meant. Mike Shoda advised he would find out.

Mayor Daniel felt once the changes were made the Board would take it back under advisement.

**WATER LINE TO EAGLE GLEN** Mike Shoda reported they had 2 leaks today on the line from US 30 to Eagle Glen. He recommended the Board allow them to replace that water line and use the money they set aside for Jeffery Drive since they are not having any troubles there.

Mayor Daniel felt they were in favor of the project but asked for additional details concerning costs, how much of the line would be replaced, etc.

**BILLS** Motion was made by Crowder to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$1,074,149.36, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS** **Mike Cook** – considering purchase of lawn vacuum or something similar. **Shawn Lickey** – fiber crew on site and installing fiber.

**NEW HIRE – POLICE DEPARTMENT** Tim Longenbaugh requested permission to hire 3 individuals to fill positions that are or will be open due to retirement.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to proceed with conditional offers of employment pending passing of the PERF physical as well as the mental health exam for 3 individuals, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

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

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Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

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Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle