

BOARD OF WORKS
TUESDAY, MAY 13, 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 Mayor Daniel noted a date change under the Dennis Ogden discussion. Motion was made by Weigold to approve the April 22, 2014 meeting minutes as amended, Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Weigold to approve the May 8, 2014 executive session meeting minutes as presented, Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

LTCP CONTRACT: UNITED CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC Keith Bryant and Jeff Larrison with United Consulting Engineers, Inc. were present to review the agreement for the first phase of updates and evaluations on the Long Term Control Plan.

Walt Crowder questioned if we would pay as we go or in a lump sum. Mr. Bryant explained it was a lump sum fee but will be paid as they complete tasks throughout the agreement life.

Attorney McNagny reminded Mr. Bryant that the City needs to be an additional insured. Mr. Bryant advised the City would be except for the professional liability.

Motion was made by Weigold to enter into the agreement with United Consulting for a lump sum not to exceed amount of \$26,000.00 unless modification is agreed upon in writing by both parties, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

GIVING GARDENS AGREEMENT Mayor Daniel advised a couple things have been amended and felt the agreement in place was a good one. Walt Crowder questioned the water tap. Mayor Daniel explained upon request the City would provide water to the garden and would waive the tap fees but they would be responsible for the usage.

Mr. Arnold advised he was approached by a local resident who was a bee keeper and questioned if bees and beehives would be acceptable. Attorney McNagny reported according to 90.01 (H) of the animal ordinance they would be ok as long as they met the provisions of the ordinance.

Motion was made by Crowder to enter into an agreement as presented and allow the Mayor to represent the Board of Works for signature power, Weigold seconded the motion, Crowder and Weigold voted aye, Mayor Daniel abstained.

CRACK SEAL QUOTES Kelly Cearbaugh reported he received 2 quotes back and recommended going with Pavement Solutions who was the low bidder for the amount of \$37,180.00.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to accept the recommendation of Kelly Cearbaugh to go with Pavement Solutions Inc. for crack sealing in the amount of \$37,180.00, Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

CURB AND SIDEWALK QUOTES Kelly Cearbaugh reported this would be on Washington Street from Jefferson to Ellsworth Street. He advised requests were sent out to Primco, E & B Paving and Garcia. He reported Garcia was the only company who responded and recommended awarding the project to Garcia Construction for the amount of \$63,527.00.

Motion was made by Weigold to go with Garcia Concrete Construction in the amount of \$63,527.00 for our curb and sidewalk enhancement project, Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

TRAIL REPAIR QUOTES Mayor Daniel recapped the options to either repair the bank and use rip rap, repair the bank and use leftover pieces of concrete, reroute the trail in 2 separate locations around the fallen spots or to take the trail out and around both spots as one big line. He questioned which route they want to go; repair or reroute the trail.

Dan Weigold felt whatever we do, we probably need to remove all of the obstructions, trees, etc., that fell in the river. Crowder agreed but felt we should treat that as a separate project until we would have an opportunity to talk with the County. His opinion was to move the trail away from the danger and then the issue of what is happening in the river that we are trying to control could be a different topic between City and County to see what our options were; he felt there was ownership between both entities, not just one.

Additional discussion followed.

Mayor Daniel suggested going with what Mark Green has deemed to be Option 2 and since we have a quote from a company on that route would the Board like to take this quote or get additional quotes. Walt Crowder felt this contractor has gone above and beyond the call of duty of working with us on our delays and options. He felt if we could take the quote we have he was ok with moving forward with it.

Motion was made by Crowder to move forward with Option 2 in moving the trail away from the hazard as presented and quoted for \$31,919.50 to Niblock, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

STREET CLOSING REQUEST – MEMORIAL DAY PARADE Rosie Coyle advised it was the same as last year.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the Memorial Day parade street closing request as presented, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

STREET CLOSING REQUEST – WHITLEY COUNTY 4-H PARADE Rosie Coyle advised this request was pretty much the same as in the past.

Motion was made by Daniel to approve the 4-H county fair street closing permit request as presented, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

NEW POLICE OFFICER HIRING REQUEST Tim Longenbaugh reported he gained information that 2 of his officers have stated their intentions of retiring soon; May 2015 and January 2016. He explained the hiring process and the time it takes to get an officer trained and on the road, which could be 10-12 months. He stated if they would wait until the next officer retires to start the process they are already behind the curve for 10-12 months, which puts a little of a strain on the department. He requested through the current hiring process the Board allow him to hire 2 individuals with the understanding that as soon as the next officer retires they would not replace them; the replacement would already be taken care of. He advised he has met with Rosie regarding the funding for these officers for 2014 and he has the money in place in his budget to cover it. He asked the Board's permission to offer conditional offers of employment to the top 2 out of the final 3.

Walt Crowder confirmed one of the positions was to replace an officer. Chief Longenbaugh advised that was correct to replace the school resource officer.

Mayor Daniel shared when they met in executive session for the interviews he was extremely impressed with all 3 candidates and would feel comfortable with both top 2 candidates becoming Columbia City Police Officers. He felt this was a very proactive move and appreciated the Chief and Captain's thought process with this. He shared he was very much in favor of it. Weigold and Crowder agreed.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to allow Chief Longenbaugh to hire 2 individuals as presented, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

BILLS Motion was made by Weigold to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$803,689.12, Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

APPROVAL OF LAND PURCHASE - INDOT Mayor Daniel reported INDOT was doing some culvert replacement next to our WPCF and in return for the easement purchase they will be paying us \$9,700.00. He explained because it was under \$10,000.00 they went ahead and approved it but INDOT requested official approval from the Board. He advised there was a verified appraisal of the piece of property in the packets.

Motion was made by Weigold to give Mayor Daniel signage power for the easement purchase for public highway improvement project #1006123, Crowder seconded the motion, Weigold and Crowder voted aye, Mayor Daniel abstained.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS Department reports were given by Mark Green, Mike Shoda, Tom LaRue, Tony Hively, Kelly Cearbaugh, Terry Wherry and Mike Cook.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle