

**BOARD OF WORKS**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2013**  
**5:00 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 pointed out a couple corrections under the Resolution for Rural Economic Development Loan discussion.

Motion was made by Weigold to approve an overview of the June 25, 2013 meeting minutes as amended, Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**301 N. LINE STREET – VARIANCE FOR INSTALLATION OF DECK** Rosie Coyle explained the resident at this address put on a deck without obtaining a permit; they were informed they could not do anything further until the Board of Works approved the variance because the deck was in the right of way on both Line and Jefferson Streets.

Walt Crowder wondered if the Board could do the variance as long as the homeowner understood that if we would ever have to get in the right of way that whatever was there would have to be removed. He did not see anything that was unsafe other than the process was not followed to obtain a permit.

Kelly Cearbaugh advised there were issues all over town where various structures were in the right of way but felt this deck was back far enough it should not be a hindrance to anyone.

Dan Weigold advised he drove by there and did not see where it was hindering the view of traffic or anything.

Kelly Cearbaugh questioned if we would have to get into the structure who would be responsible to fix it. Walt Crowder felt it would be the owner of the property. Mayor Daniel questioned if something could be stated in the letter that if right of way work has to occur the expense would be on the owner. Attorney McNagny felt it would be fair to approve subject to that issue.

Dan Weigold made a suggestion to vacate that piece of property. Walt Crowder was not sure in this particular case vacating a piece of right of way was the level they needed to go; once you give something away it is hard to get it back. Mayor Daniel felt comfortable just doing the variance with the proper wording explaining who would be responsible in the case we needed to do right of way work.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the variance with the additional changes explained to Attorney McNagny, Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**ORDINANCE VIOLATION – 760 E HANNA ST. – CHANDLER** Jeremiah Chandler explained when they purchased the property there was a lot of debris, steel, tires, garbage and more. He advised the City did help with getting a dumpster and they have been steadily hauling stuff out. He stated his goal was to have the property cleaned up by July 1 but was not able to meet that deadline.

Mayor Daniel shared that he, Chief Longenbaugh and Jeremiah have been working on this for quite awhile. He advised they have been pretty lenient with the ordinances and want to continue to work with Jeremiah.

Mr. Chandler reviewed pictures with the Board.

Dan Weigold confirmed when they acquired the property all of the items were there. Mr. Chandler advised about 90% of it was there. Dan questioned how long they have lived there. Mr. Chandler thought it to be about a year. Mayor Daniel noted that Jeremiah had made some significant progress. Mr. Chandler advised when they got the property the garage and barn were full.

Captain Hively advised he had been to the property on several occasions and it appeared they were accumulating stuff even after getting rid of stuff and questioned why that was happening. Mr. Chandler explained during junking season he did accumulate some things but has not brought anything in since that ended. He advised they have tried to get it to where they could take everything inside the garage. He noted that they have been moving things around and out of the barn.

Dan Weigold questioned how much longer it would take to at least get better organized and cleaned up. Mr. Chandler advised he could not answer that; he was just now recovering from a back injury.

Mayor Daniel questioned, if they could get another big dumpster, if that would take care of the issue. Mr. Chandler felt it would take care of 90% of it.

Dan Weigold advised he did not want to set precedence for every home that has debris issues but noted that they also bought the property knowing the situation.

Walt Crowder felt it was a tough call; if they get a dumpster, there was still the physical work that needed to be done and felt the task was greater than what Jeremiah and his wife could do in a timely manner. Mrs. Chandler advised if they could get a dumpster the stuff would be gone; she was tired of it. Walt appreciated that they were ready to make it happen. He was not sure an answer could be given on the dumpster tonight but supported working with them to see what we could do.

Mayor Daniel questioned if there was a timeline that could be established.

Mayor Daniel questioned the Chandler's if he could round up a group of individuals to help load the dumpster if they would be open to that. Mr. Chandler advised that would be fine. Mayor Daniel suggested within the next month they could find a time to do that. Walt Crowder advised he was willing to extend it 60 days and see what they could do to work through this.

Motion was made by Crowder to grant a 60 day extension and have the Mayor's office coordinate a volunteer day to help load the dumpster, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**QUOTES FOR TRAIL EXTENSION** Kelly Cearbaugh advised this was for the Blue River Trail extension from Main Street over to Line Street. He stated they sent out 3 quotes for the construction of the trail. He advised Niblock came in the lowest and recommended awarding the project to them for the amount of \$34,500.00. Mayor Daniel explained this was one of his projects for this year; he reviewed the quotes and agreed with the recommendation.

Walt Crowder questioned where this would be paid out of. Mayor Daniel explained it was originally set aside in CCD but those funds were used to finish off the bridge so the Council approved funds to come out of the Riverboat Fund.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the quote from Niblock for the trail extension for \$34,500.00, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**STREET CLOSING REQUEST – 4-H PARADE** Rosie Coyle reported the request was the same as last year but they were having a race prior to the parade.

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

**ENGINEERING SERVICE AGREEMENT – DONOHUE: SCADA SYSTEM** Mike Cook explained this was an agreement for programming services and upkeep on our SCADA System. He stated Donohue could not work without some type of agreement or issued Purchase Order because of their insurance, they have to have something to bill against. He advised he has had an open P.O. for the past 2 years; when we need them they would come in and do the work, bill for it and be done. He stated there was no monthly fee and will be no fee unless they are doing work for us. He advised there were several other Cities who have this type of agreement with Donohue.

Mayor Daniel questioned if this agreement was only for 2013 or could it be extended through the end of 2014. Mike Cook explained they do the agreements one year at a time. Mayor Daniel questioned if it would be the same as what we have with the Soil & Water District in that we would be setting a benchmark that we would go no higher than a certain amount unless an agreement happens. Mike Cook advised that was correct.

Walt Crowder advised he was trying to understand what value this would bring to the City as a service agreement, all it was is setting aside money. He stated if there was added value it would be at a discount because we were willing to commit to them.

Mayor Daniel questioned if there were other vendors we have worked with that do this same kind of work. Mike Cook advised there was not; Donohue were the ones who wrote and installed the program.

Walt Crowder felt we could still get the same end result without the agreement. Mike Cook advised it really does not matter to Donohue if we sign the agreement or not; just as long as there was a way they were getting paid. He explained he was doing this to keep from having an open P.O. the entire time. He questioned if the City still did blanket P.O.'s. Walt Crowder advised State Board of Accounts closed that opportunity.

Dan Weigold questioned if there were freedoms to make choices quicker by having this agreement in place. Mike Cook advised there was not necessarily.

Walt Crowder felt we may want to consider a backup vendor because if something were to happen that Donohue could not respond we would be stuck until they could get here.

Dan Weigold questioned if Donohue initiated this. Mike Cook advised he requested it.

Mayor Daniel questioned if they decided to not go through with the agreement how we would handle it. Mike Cook advised we would need to issue a P.O.; as long as they had something to bill against they were fine.

Dan Weigold advised he would like to compare the advantages to doing this versus not doing this.

After additional discussion it was decided that they needed to gather a little more information. Mike Cook advised he would talk with Donohue.

**BILLS** Motion was made by Weigold to approve the bills in the amount of \$710,248.19 as presented, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**OFFER TO PURCHASE – 210 W. MARKET STREET** Mayor Daniel noted that our offer to purchase 210 W. Market Street was not accepted.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

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Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle