

BOARD OF WORKS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 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 July 22, 2014 meeting minutes as presented, Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye

STREET CLOSING – SIGNATURE GIVING Mayor Daniel noted they approached the Board at the last meeting regarding a 5 K run.

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

ORDINANCE VIOLATION EXTENSION REQUEST: 309 N. LINE STREET Elden White was present to discuss the issue. He advised they cleaned up some things before they left for vacation but there were a few things that still might be in violation. He shared that they have a hot tub they covered and were waiting for their daughter to come pick it up. He explained they trimmed around the wood pile and cleaned up behind the building.

Chief Longenbaugh advised he drove by the area prior to the meeting and reported the wood pile was stacked and covered; the hot tub was still there but they were trying to get it removed. Mayor Daniel questioned if they had an idea when the hot tub would be picked up. Mr. White was not sure but they told their daughter if she did not remove it they would find a way.

Mayor Daniel suggested allowing an extension on the hot tub of 30 days. Dan Weigold agreed. Walt Crowder agreed and if it was not gone in 30 days Officer Yorg would take it to the next level.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to give a 30 day extension to the White's to remove the hot tub and if after 30 days from today it is still there Officer Yorg would handle it as he sees fit, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE VIOLATION REQUEST FOR MARQUEE SIGN – 509 S. LINE STREET Rosie Coyle explained they would like to have the sign but it was blocking traffic. She advised nothing had been issued yet as far as a citation. Chief Longenbaugh reported he drove through the area and currently the large sign is in the view of southbound traffic and needs to be removed

now. Mayor Daniel questioned if the sign were moved back if there would be a clearer line of site. Chief Longenbaugh felt it would still obstruct the view and was a safety hazard.

Walt Crowder questioned if the area was all right of way or some of their property. He felt they could move the sign back to the concrete and it may help with line of site. Dan Weigold agreed and would like to look into that as well but also understood what the Chief was saying. Walt Crowder advised he would be willing to work through it before making a hard decision.

Rosie Coyle noted that Ball Furniture use to submit a request for permission to put a sign up on the sidewalk for their sales; it was to the point where they were having something every month so the Board agreed as long as the sign was in the same location and not causing harm they did not need to come back. She felt that was what Ms. Ferguson needed to do; the sign ordinance specifically says they must submit something in writing to the Board of Works for approval and she has not done that. Mayor Daniel suggested it may be something they request a plan of action from her. He advised he completely understood where the Police Chief was at; for safety purposes that line of site had to stay open.

Mayor Daniel reviewed that they would like to see the sign moved all the way to the edge of the concrete and have Ms. Ferguson submit a plan action for keeping it there. Dan Weigold advised she would also have to go through the proper procedures in order to have the sign there.

Chief Longenbaugh felt they could communicate that with Ms. Ferguson to get the sign moved back and then evaluate whether it was still obstructing the view which would then determine the next step.

Walt Crowder pointed out that the sign where it has fuel costs it looked like there was an area where they could put verbiage; it appeared to be a billboard.

Mayor Daniel requested Chief Longenbaugh inquire with Ms. Ferguson why she does not use the white area under the Sunoco sign for purposes of advertisement and also have her move the sign back to the edge of the pavement to see if it works for line of site. It was requested this happen before the next meeting in 2 weeks.

Rosie Coyle questioned if Ms. Ferguson should submit something to the Board what her plan was. The Board agreed she should if the sign works in an area that does not obstruct line of site.

Walt Crowder questioned if the sign was classified as permanent or temporary. Mayor Daniel believed it to be portable. Crowder questioned if there was a time limit on a portable sign. Attorney McNagny advised the Board could approve up to a 30-day time period. Crowder clarified if it was acceptable she would have to request it every 30-days or have a variance to it. Rosie Coyle advised that was what we did with Ball Furniture. Mayor Daniel felt that was something else that needed to be in writing as to whether it was going to be a pseudo permanent sign for that property.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to give a 2 week extension to have the Chief or his designee work with the business owner on the 2 issues that were aforementioned, Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

CONSTRUCTION WARRANTY – CAMBRIDGE CROSSING SEC. 1 – WIGENT EXC.

David Sewell advised there was a plat for Cambridge Crossing that was in need of Board of Works signatures if everything was found to be acceptable.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the construction warranty for Cambridge Crossing Section 1, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

PLAT APPROVAL – CAMBRIDGE CROSSING David Sewell explained this project was actually started in 2006 but got delayed. He shared that they were back and ready to sell lots and build houses.

Kelly Cearbaugh noted since the street comes out on to SR 109, the stop signs and street name signs should be the State's responsibility. He advised any stop sign for a street going onto a state road is the State's responsibility.

Motion was made by Weigold to approve the secondary plat for Cambridge Crossing as presented, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

PERMIT TO CUT INTO CURB – 201 W. MARKET STREET Mayor Daniel noted this was for The Center. Kelly Cearbaugh advised they wanted to add parking east of the alley.

Mayor Daniel questioned if there was ample room for the parking spaces they are requesting. Kelly Cearbaugh felt it should be enough room without hindering the sidewalk. Mayor Daniel confirmed they would have to replace the sidewalk. Kelly advised they would.

Motion was made by Weigold to approve the permit to cut into curbs, streets or alleys for 201 W. Market Street as presented, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

PAY REQUEST #3 – IRONCLAD EXCAVATING Jeff Walker advised this was for the southwest storm water project. He recommended the Board act favorably in the sum of \$254,587.65.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve pay application #3 to Ironclad Excavating as presented in the amount of \$254,587.65, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION OF SERVICE AREA BOUNDARY

Shawn Lickey explained this was for a customer on our rural lines on the boundary of ours and Noble County REMC. He explained this was on the Noble County side of the line and at their request we would be taking on the customer. He stated in an effort to get the IURC maps correct they are making sure they get everything documented. He advised this has been through their attorney and Attorney McNaghy.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the territory transfer and have Attorney McNagny move forward with filing the petition with the IURC, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

AGREEMENT WITH WHITLEY COUNTY SOIL & WATER Jeff Walker advised it was time for consideration of renewing the agreement for services for contract labor through the Soil & Water Conservation District. He stated there were updates in Sections E & F and explained those changes; they changed the contract duration to one year and at his request have bumped up the amount to not to exceed \$25,000 annually. He stated the billable hours since the beginning of this program has been \$40/hour and has been requested to increase that to \$45/hours; he felt that was very easily justified.

Nadean Eldien explained they have been at the \$40 rate for about 10 years; John Gotz was exceptional at what he does. Jeff Walker concurred that his efficiency was tremendous.

Mayor Daniel questioned if they were asking for approval or feedback. Jeff Walker explained he still needed to go back to IDEM Regulation. He stated he just wanted to introduce this tonight with final approval at the next meeting.

Mayor Daniel did not think we had ever hit the ceiling on this and wondered with the “growth” of the ceiling were they anticipating that much more growth. Jeff Walker felt this was still a transitional year and did not feel we would hit that \$25,000 mark. Dan Weigold advised he did not have a problem with raising the ceiling because things were starting to move and we may have to utilize John more often. Mayor Daniel advised he did not have a problem with it he was just trying to understand the justification of moving it from \$19,000 to \$25,000. Walt Crowder questioned our historical expense. Mayor Daniel thought last year it was under \$10,000. Walt Crowder advised he would rather go back to \$20,000 and then if more money needed to be appropriated, because of the growth, they could. Jeff Walker shared that not only with construction activity, we have IDEM regulatory issues and advised the billable hours were going to continue to ramp up.

Mayor Daniel clarified with Walt Crowder that if it would go past \$20,000 he would not have a problem with spending more money and just wanted to have a check point. Walt Crowder agreed.

Mayor Daniel requested Jeff Walker adjust the cap to \$20,000. Jeff Walker advised he would and would bring back to the next meeting.

SPECTRUM ENGINEERING PHASE 4, 5, 6 FOR FIBER OPTIC LINE

INSTALLATION APPROVAL Shawn Lickey requested approval to move forward with phases 4, 5 & 6 of the fiber project. He stated this was basically for the construction, engineering and mapping of the project as well as connecting the electric department to the line for 2 of the 3 active substations. He advised the cost would be \$76,919.00.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to move forward with Phase 4, 5, & 6 with Spectrum Engineering in the amount of \$76,919.00 as presented by Shawn, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

BIDS FOR NEW BREAKERS Shawn Lickey explained 2 of their 3 substations were going to be full Scada. He stated the north substation was older but they wanted and needed to keep the substation. He advised Spectrum was in to inspect the substation and had a failure with one of the breakers; he requested permission to get quotes for new breakers and relays for that substation.

Mayor Daniel questioned how old the breakers were. Shawn advised they were from the 1960's/1970's.

The Board agreed to move forward with getting quotes.

QUOTES FOR MINI EXCAVATOR – WATER & STORM WATER Mike Shoda explained right now they have several new additions and one backhoe that they are trying to install a water line with and are having to pull it off for other jobs. He stated they had enough men that they could run two crews at times and if they had the mini excavator that would give them 2 pieces of equipment that they could be putting in meter bases in as well as the water line at the same time. He advised there were also situations where the backhoe was too big and the mini excavator would fit nicely.

Mayor Daniel thought there were times in the past we had actually gone out and rented an excavator.

Mayor Daniel noted they were planning to bring before the Board and Council the idea of putting storm water under Mike Shoda. He felt it was important to note that with storm water and water combining to purchase this equipment it would give Mike the opportunity to put in storm water lines in house.

Mike Shoda explained they had 3 bids and have tried all 3. He stated the John Deere was \$10,000 more than the other 2 units. He advised the Kubota was at More Farm Store and about \$3800 more than the Case but was local. He explained with the Case, the gentleman lives in town and has offered transportation for any work that would need done on it.

Walt Crowder advised he has always been an advocate for staying local and even though there was a cost difference he felt in the long run it would have value in many different ways. He recommended staying local and going with the Kubota. Dan Weigold agreed.

Motion was made by Crowder to stay local and go with the Kubota, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

BILLS Motion was made by Weigold to approve the bills in the amount of \$941,160.51 as presented, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

PERMIT TO CUT INTO STREET – SEWER REPAIR – NICK MILLER Kelly Cearbaugh explained this was for a sewer repair.

Motion was made by Weigold to approve the permit to cut into the street by Nick Miller, Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle