

BOARD OF WORKS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2013
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 Crowder to approve an overview of the July 23, 2013 meeting minutes as presented, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE VIOLATION – LARRY JACOBS 980 S 50 E Larry Jacobs reviewed pictures of his property with the Board.

Mayor Daniel reported there was a meeting with residents of the south east side of the City and the individuals there were not bothered by Larry and his property. He pointed out that our ordinances do say that some of the issues on his property are ordinance violations but there are some other things happening with Larry that are taking away from his time to take care of the property and his health is not the best either.

Dan Weigold felt this was another one of those issues that we could weigh back and forth; the neighbors are not complaining about the situation but it is a violation of our ordinances and questioned where they draw the line.

Walt Crowder questioned if any citations have been issued for this property. Chief Longenbaugh advised there had not.

Mayor Daniel offered an idea of granting some type of variance for Larry because of his health; not specifically regarding any health or safety issues that might occur in the future. He felt the goal was to encourage Larry not to let the property go any more than what it already has.

Walt Crowder suggested if there were no complaints, then leave it alone but if there is a complaint ever filed then it would have to be taken. Attorney McNagny advised the Board could definitely grant a hardship. Mayor Daniel noted that there are mitigating factors that go into this situation and made it clear that this was not necessarily a golden ticket for anyone that has an ordinance violation. He advised he does not want to set precedence but felt there were a lot of factors that go into this and felt Larry did have somewhat of a hardship. Dan Weigold agreed and felt they needed to take into account the situation as well.

Chief Longenbaugh expressed concern for setting precedence as well and agreed it should be on a case by case basis. Dan Weigold felt they have tried to take the extenuating circumstances of each case and try to be as fair as they can with each situation.

Walt Crowder advised he did not want to categorize this or put title to it because once the hardship definition is started you will have it for the next ones. He suggested leaving it as is unless there is an official complaint; right now there is not an official complaint just an ordinance violation. He advised all it would take is one complaint and then the Board will have to address it and take a different view.

Chief Longenbaugh questioned, for his department, if they would need a complaint to enforce ordinances or do they enforce them at officer discretion. Mayor Daniel did not feel they had to have a complaint; the point they were trying to address was there were a lot of factors that go into this situation which makes it special. He understood that every case was going to be special but the Board is saying this is not something that is going to be normal and would not be something they do for everybody.

After some discussion, Crowder made a motion to allow Larry to continue as is, knowing that the property is in violation but the City is willing to work with him to leave things as is unless there is a complaint or a health and safety issue occurring on the property and if that were to occur he would be notified of the issue and addressed at that time, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER DISCUSSION Tim Longenbaugh talked briefly about the history of getting a resource officer in the schools as well as the duties of the officer. He shared some of the benefits of the program are structured partnership with the school corporation, relationship with the students, staff and parents, enhancement and security, coordination of services, promote positive image of uniformed law enforcement officers, educate students through teaching and exhibits a proactive collaboration between the police department and school corporation for overall school safety. He contacted other departments and has information on their programs.

Chief Longenbaugh added that Senate Bill 1 passed legislation which allows each school corporation to apply for a matching grant which can be used to pay for an SRO.

Dan Weigold mentioned if we would go with something like this it would take one of our officers off the road. Chief Longenbaugh advised they had not gotten that far but felt they would fill the position with an officer currently on the department and then hire to fill the vacant position.

Walt Crowder questioned if it would be the whole corporation. Chief Longenbaugh advised it would be the whole corporation but their priority would be the high school.

Chief Longenbaugh advised they were currently working on a Memo of Understanding which needs to be signed and agreed upon before the school can apply for the grant.

FIREWORKS: FALL FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 14 (DATES & TIMES) After brief discussion, it was the Board's decision to only allow the fireworks that will be put on for the festival at Morsches Park.

SOUTH SIDE STORM WATER IMPROVEMENTS Jeff Walker reported they have found some sanitary sewers that were not properly connected and to do it feasibly they need an 8" sanitary sewer along Vine Street between Oak and South Elm Street. He explained the only place it could feasibly be placed is where there is currently a 1" water main that services some of the residences down there. He advised Mark Jesse worked with Mike Dear to see how we could create a project that would be beneficial and serve the property owners down there. He explained what they would like to do and advised it would require IDEM permits.

Jeff Walker advised he asked GAI to put together what the requirements would be to take care of the design. He stated it would increase the project costs by \$19,600.00; total project amount from \$139,400.00 to \$159,000.00

Dan Weigold questioned if we had the money to do this. Jeff advised we did.

Motion was made by Crowder to accept the recommendation to allow an increase of \$19,600.00 to the original contract not to exceed a lump sum of \$159,000.00 for the total project, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

BILLS Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the bills in the amount of \$740,967.63, Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS Department reports were given by Mark Green, Mike Cook, Kelly Cearbaugh, Jeff Walker, Tim Longenbaugh, Shawn Lickey, Terry Wherry, Mike Dear and Tom LaRue.

WALGREEN'S (LINE STREET) AND WALKER WAY INTERSECTION Walt Crowder advised he talked with Chief Longenbaugh about doing an inquiring on how many accidents have been at this intersection. There was discussion on ways to better that area for traffic entering and exiting the Walgreen's shopping center.

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

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle