

**BOARD OF WORKS**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2012**  
**5:15 P.M.**

Mayor Ryan Daniel – Present  
Deputy Clerk Treasurer Sally Wherry – 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 24, 2012 meeting minutes as presented, Crowder second the motion, all voted aye.

**REQUEST OF SIGN PLACEMENT – IN CITY RIGHT OF WAY – 518 GARLAND AVE**  
Mayor Daniel noted that the Chamber of Commerce moved to Garland Avenue and were requesting to put up a sign.

Jeff Walker thought the location was private. He advised the street department stops paving at the edge of Maria's driveway; beyond that Mr. Langeloh has worked with the City and the paver to do any extension.

Motion was made by Crowder to table the issue to confirm if it is private and if it is the request would be cancelled, Weigold second the motion, all voted aye.

**SOUTH WHITLEY UTILITIES AGREEMENT** Mayor Daniel questioned if there had been any movement or changes with this. Larry Whetstone reported they went through the system with them again. He stated one question Ron Gallmeyer came up with had to do with locates; they advised South Whitley had other people who could do locates so Rosie added that into the proposition that locates would be excluded.

Walt Crowder questioned if any official feedback had been received regarding liability and materials. Larry advised they were going to discuss that more at their Council meeting. Walt questioned if we would damage something in relationship to a power hook up would the insurance company from South Whitley cover us or would that claim come back on us as a utility. Larry advised that was something they had not talked about. Walt questioned if the clarification they were looking for would come from legal. Attorney McNagny explained it was really a matter of contacting our insurance carrier and she would be happy to make the call to find out.

**BILLS** Motion was made by Crowder to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$961,991.18, Weigold second the motion, all voted aye.

**PARK DEPARTMENT** Mark Green reported they were finishing up with baseball and softball and moving onto football. He and Mayor Daniel discussed the Fall Festival scheduled for September 21 & 22.

**WATER DEPARTMENT** Mike Dear reported on repairs, main installation on South Line Street and GPS training.

**ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT** Larry Whetstone reported on pole replacements, new services and tree removal.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** Jeff Walker reported on a public hearing scheduled at Coesse School regarding the GAI utility study and options to extend water & sewer services to their community, GPS training with the new draftsman and IDEM audit. He gave a brief update on the SR 205 project and LTCP project.

Mayor Daniel noted that the Coesse project was a County lead project and we were merely assisting.

**WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT** Mike Cook discussed the IDEM audit further, he advised they received their new NPDES permit and it was good through 2017 and they continue to work on hauling the storage tank out to retrieve the broken mixer.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT** Tim Longenbaugh reported Officer Doug Eber returned from being on military leave. He continued to report on their firearms training, reserve program and the new cars they will be ordering. He advised Captain Hively would be meeting with the Fire Chief and Park Director to plan for the Fall Festival.

**PARKING ORDINANCE CHANGES** Mayor Daniel advised the Parking Committee has met many times to try to help with parking issues as well as clean up the ordinance. He explained the recommendations of the Committee were to move the two police parking spots from the courthouse square over in front of City Hall, move the Mayor's spot out to the City parking lot, use 4 of the 7 spaces in the new lot as City employee parking and add a handicapped parking spot in front of the Clugston. Walt Crowder questioned if they evaluated the parking stripes on side streets; was there an ordinance to enforce if someone were to park over the lines. Chief Longenbaugh believed there was something in the ordinance as well as state statute but would check to make sure.

Mayor Daniel advised they were also looking at the parking fines; Chief Longenbaugh thought the recommendation was to increase the fines to \$10.00.

**GOLF CART ORDINANCE** Tim Longenbaugh explained when we passed our ordinance it was just for the City but as of July the County has adopted a golf cart ordinance as well. He stated the rules and regulations were very similar but have had a lot of inquiries on if they have a City permit can they go into the County and vice versa. He felt they should have a way to identify those who have a City permit and thought we could have a sticker or placquered that could be placed on the golf cart.

Walt Crowder understood the challenge and supported whatever needed to happen to give a visual acknowledgement. Dan Weigold agreed. Chief Longenbaugh felt it would be easy enough to get stickers out to those who already have a permit.

Mayor Daniel questioned if the ordinance would need to be changed to reflect this change. Attorney McNagny advised it would.

Chief Longenbaugh advised he has also tossed the idea around of having a fee for a permit.

Attorney McNagny questioned if she should move forward with these two issues. Chief Longenbaugh advised that would be his recommendation.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT** Tom LaRue reported they were preparing for the ISO audit and were also looking at an ordinance change regarding fireworks. Chief LaRue explained they would like to clarify in the ordinance that the state would regulate permits for commercial grade fireworks as well as allow the Board of Works the ability to add dates and times that fireworks can be set off.

**IS/COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT** Terry Wherry reported the weather satellite needed to be repaired and he reinstalled a computer in dispatch that was back from being repaired.

Mayor Daniel advised he received a lot of inquiries as to why the tornado sirens were not set off when the big wind/rain storm came through during Old Settlers. He asked Terry to do a brief overview on how and when the decision is made to set them off. Terry Wherry reported the sirens were put in about 20 years ago and were determined to be used for tornado warnings; they are activated from weather spotters, the National Radar Service, police officer and EMA. He advised they were not set off during storms because there are too many variables; they wanted the sirens to get people inside when there was a tornado was in the area. He reported the sirens were tested twice per month.

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

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Mayor Ryan Daniel

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Deputy Clerk Treasurer Sally Wherry