

BOARD OF WORKS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2014
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 August 12, 2014 meeting minutes as presented, Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE VIOLATION REQUEST FOR MARQUEE SIGN – 509 S. LINE STREET

Chief Longenbaugh reported he made contact with the Manager to talk about the placement of the sign. He advised he asked her to move the sign back to the east; she also angled the sign. He did not believe it was obstructing the view any longer and could see the southbound traffic but believed the sign may still be in the right of way.

Dan Weigold advised according to the sign ordinance it looked like the sign was still not allowed. Chief Longenbaugh advised it was technically still in the right of way which would be a violation of the ordinance. Weigold questioned if there was a special exception that could be presented; it was allowed for Ball Furniture. Chief Longenbaugh thought the Board could make an exception but only for a limited time frame.

Attorney McNagny pointed out in the ordinance book that the provisions of the section shall be administered by the Columbia City/Whitley County Joint Planning and Building Department or its designee.

Dan Weigold advised the ordinance was pretty specific and self-explanatory but also if we would go around town we could find a number of those types of signs.

Mayor Daniel advised he did not have a problem with them having it there. Dan Weigold noted special displays or temporary signs could be approved by the Board up to a 30 day time period. Chief Longenbaugh reported they have addressed in the past week or two other signs that are in violation of the ordinance and are having them removed.

Walt Crowder confirmed the permanent sign had billboard capabilities. Chief Longenbaugh advised he talked with the Manager about that; she advised there was no track to put lettering up so it would not work.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the sign for 30 days and after that the owner will need to go in front of the Planning Commission to get further approval, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Chief Longenbaugh was requested to contact the owner to let her know what the Board approved and Sally Wherry was requested to send a follow up letter stating the same.

CURB CUT PERMIT – 368 N ELM STREET Kelly Cearbaugh advised the gentleman at this address contacted him regarding making his driveway more straight and widen 12' since the water department was working there and new sidewalks would be put in.

Motion was made by Weigold to approve the curb cut at 368 N. Elm Street, Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

STREET CLOSING REQUEST: MINIER Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the street closing permit for the 3rd annual neighborhood cookout on August 30, 2014 from 3 p.m. – 10 p.m. as presented, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ALLEY CLOSING REQUEST – EAGLES DEMOLITION Jeff Walker advised this would be from the north/south alley intersection east to Line Street. He stated he spoke with the Police Chief and he was ok with it but for formality sake suggested it be brought to the Board.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the alley closing permit for the demolition of the Eagles Lodge beginning August 25 and going until October 23 or until completion, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

AGREEMENT WITH WHITLEY COUNTY SOIL AND WATER Jeff Walker felt everything necessary was covered in our agreement and recommended the Board act favorably on the 1 year agreement not to exceed \$20,000.

Motion was made by Crowder to go into the one year agreement between the City of Columbia City and the County Soil and Water Conservation District as presented for a total of one year, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT - DONOHUE Mike Cook advised the agreement was for the Board's review. He explained it would not cost the City anything unless we would need to use them and then they would bill time and material. He stated this was brought up before but never voted upon.

Mayor Daniel recalled there was question as to whether it was worthwhile or not. Mike Cook explained it protects them when working for us in terms of insurance and also provides what they would do for us and what we would do for them.

Walt Crowder questioned by signing the agreement if it would give us top priority for response. Mike Cook was unsure.

Walt Crowder questioned if the rates were based upon regular business hours. Mike Cook advised they were and would try to avoid overtime hours if at all possible.

IDEM – FUTURE PHOSPHOROUS EFFLUENT LIMIT Mike Cook reported he received notification from IDEM regarding future phosphorous effluent limits. He explained everyone that has an NPDES permit and treats over 1 million gallons, when they renew their permits, would now have a phosphorous limit. He stated our new permit would take effect in 2018. He advised we were not designed to remove phosphorous at our treatment facility and is something we need to look at to see what the best practice would be, biological or chemical.

BILLS Motion was made by Weigold to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$1,033,139.34, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

WATER DEPARTMENT - NEW LOGO Mike Shoda advised he had each of the guys submit a new logo for the trucks. He presented the logo that was chosen and requested permission from the Board to use the new logo.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the new water department logo, Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

YOUTH COUNCIL Stacy Quinn listed the new officers and reported they have a lot of big things planned.

SR 205 PROJECT Jeff Walker reported the final designs have been filed with INDOT and we are ready to go to bid. He advised the title sheets were before the Board and just needed the Board's blessing that they have been prepared in accordance with our anticipated specifications.

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

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Deputy Clerk Treasurer Sally Wherry