

**BOARD OF WORKS  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2014  
5:15 P.M.**

Mayor Ryan Daniel – Present  
Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle – Present  
Attorney Marcia McNagny – Present  
Dan Weigold – Present  
Walt 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 September 9, 2014 meeting minutes as presented, Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**TRICK OR TREAT HOURS** Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to hold Trick or Treat on October 31 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**STREET CLOSING PERMIT: EAGLE TECH – JOLLY BETWEEN WALNUT AND ELM** Keith Kohut reported they had approximately 400 students shuttling back and forth from Eagle Tech and the high school all day long with main dismissal at approximately 3:05 p.m. He explained all of the other school buildings have a drop off and pickup area designated for buses only but at Eagle Tech they do not have that. He advised they have drop offs on Walnut Street in the mornings that they have not had issues with and have drop offs and pickups throughout the day on Jolly Street but their main concern is the pickup time for dismissal at 3:05 p.m. He shared with the amount of traffic and number of students they were afraid one of the kids might step out between the buses and get hit by a car. He stated they have stop arms on the buses but those are only to be used for a brief pickup; the process of loading the students on the buses was about 7-8 minutes. He advised they have been doing that but a lot of people just drive through the stop arms, both students and citizens. He advised they were asking permission to block off that street for approximately 7-8 minutes; they would have cones and personnel at each end of the street.

Tim Longenbaugh advised he talked with Mr. Kohut as well as the homeowners on Jolly Street regarding the issue. He reported the homeowners were fine with it as long as it was safe for the kids. He shared the homeowner's access their homes and driveways from the north side of their homes on Hildebrand. He advised there was one lady who runs a daycare and she said this would not cause her any issues with pickup and drop off of her daycare children.

Walt Crowder felt safety needed to come first; he suggested monitoring traffic on Hildebrand to see if we fixed one problem but created another. Dan Weigold agreed.

Rosie Coyle questioned if the City would furnish the cones. Mr. Kohut advised the school would. Chief Longenbaugh noted that school personnel would also put the cones out.

Walt Crowder questioned if there would be value to put a sign up stating the street would be closed at certain times. Mayor Daniel suggested maybe a press release in the paper. Mr. Kohut advised Dr. O'Conner said there would absolutely be a press release put out on this.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the street closing request for Eagle Tech and Whitely County Consolidated Schools as presented, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**STREET CLOSING PERMIT: HAUNTED JAIL – 116 E. MARKET ST.** It was noted there was no start date on the request. Rosie Coyle advised she would contact Paul Herrington to find out the date.

Motion was made by Weigold to accept the street closing request for the Haunted Jail pending the actual start date for the times of 6 p.m.-12 p.m. with the noted ending date, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**STREET CLOSING PERMIT: VETERAN'S MARATHON** Mark Green reported the request was basically the same as last year and would be for the same weekend in November.

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

**PERMIT FOR GAS MAIN INSTALLATION FOR JACARANDA HEIGHTS** Kelly Cearbaugh advised he talk with a gentleman about exactly where they were going to put the main. He shared they were thinking maybe 3 ft. off the edge of Towerview Dr.; he did not see a problem with it. Mike Shoda advised there were no issues with water mains.

Motion was made by Weigold to approve the gas line installation for Jacaranda Heights, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**SR 205 LPA INSPECTION AGREEMENT: AMERICAN STRUCTUREPOINT** Jeff Walker explained this was the consultant agreement for the SR 205 project as required by INDOT and Federal Highway Administration. He explained it was essentially a boiler plate contract that was used by those organizations for LPA contracts and projects. He stated the rates described in the contract have been approved by both agencies. He advised this needed to be executed and submitted to INDOT prior to October 1 to qualify for the December 10 bid letting. He reported Attorney McNagny has reviewed the agreement and had no comments on it. He stated their compensation would not exceed \$366,234.10 which was the high end because whatever the project was bid at they could charge no more than 10% of the total contract award for RPR services. He recommended the Board act favorably.

Rosie Coyle questioned who would pay this. Jeff Walker explained this was one we would pay and be reimbursed for.

Motion was made by Crowder to accept Jeff Walker's recommendation to approve the contract for inspection fee under contract #R33364, 205 Blue River to US 30, for the amount of \$366,234.10, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**ENGINEER'S ASSIGNMENT APPROVAL – SR 205 PROJECT** Jeff Walker explained as part of the formal process we have to let INDOT know who the Resident Project Representative is working on our behalf, obviously it is StructurePoint. He explained it had to be put in a letter to INDOT and had to be approved and submitted at the same time as the contract.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to designate American StructurePoint as our RPR for the SR 205 project as presented in the letter dated September 12 to Mr. Greg Smith with INDOT, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**CONTRACT FOR INSTALLATION OF UNINTERRUPTIBLE POWER SUPPLY EQUIPMENT – STATE OF INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:**

**TRAFFIC LIGHTS ON US 30** Mayor Daniel asked the Board to recall when REMC had a power outage which put the lights at SR 205 out of commission. He stated it has been our policy with the police department that we do not have the manpower to cover such a large and dangerous intersection. He shared that on US 30 at both SR 205 and 109 there are no battery backups so if there is a power outage it creates some major traffic and safety issues. He explained he went to INDOT and requested they put in battery backup systems and they came back with this agreement which allows us to contract out someone to install the battery backup system. He advised Attorney McNagny has reviewed the contract and submitted her comments to INDOT.

Dan Weigold questioned why the City has to pay for it. Mayor Daniel shared that INDOT's response was that people needed to treat it as a 4 way stop and our response was that is not good enough for our citizens and the safety of visitors coming through our community. Dan Weigold understood the need but felt it was ridiculous that we have to pay for it. Mayor Daniel advised the projected cost was about \$5,000 per intersection.

Walt Crowder questioned if they had looked at other means of supplying power; his experience with UPS in emergency backup sometimes there was an external plug to plug in a generator. He pointed out that this only gives us 2 hours of life and after that we are back in the condition we were when it initially went out. He stated sometimes there are interface boxes that we could take a generator out there and let it run as long as we needed; for 2 hours of power and maintenance he wanted to make sure we have the right source. He noted that REMC had the light at SR 205 and questioned how far city power was from there. Shawn Lickey advised we were very close and was possible to put a transfer switch in but was doubtful they would welcome that as there were a whole new set of safety issues involved. He was familiar with other communities who were using generators.

Walt Crowder mentioned that maintenance of the batteries have a shelf life and just wondered if we have looked at all of the options before we make this kind of investment for a 2 hour UPS. He advised he was all about safety and unfortunately the State could not support what we need but felt there might be some other alternatives before we move forward.

There was discussion on the possibility of using solar panels.

Mayor Daniel tabled the issue and advised he would go back to INDOT to discuss options and asked Shawn to talk with REMC about the possibility of a transfer switch.

**CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION – SOUTH SIDE SEWER IMPROVEMENTS – IRONCLAD EXCAVATING**

Jeff Walker advised this was for the the south side storm project. He reported they finished August 22 and that would begin their warranty period. He advised most of the project was a one year warranty with the exception of the Vine Street section because of the depth they had to go we were requiring a 2 year warranty. He felt they did a great job and had a real good experience with this firm. He recommended the Board accept the certificate of substantial completion.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the certificate of substantial completion as of August 22, 2014 as presented, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**BILLS** Motion was made by Weigold to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$1,459,144.15, Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS** Department reports were given by Shawn Lickey, Mark Green, Mike Shoda, Tom LaRue, Kelly Cearbaugh, Tim Longenbaugh.

Jeff Walker reported due to the type of tent they will be using at the fall festival B & J Rental would not be able to take it down quickly enough Saturday night and requested to extend the street closure request to cover Sunday until noon, only for the east side of Chauncey Street. Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the street closing revision for the fall festival as presented, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Department reports were also given by Terry Wherry and Mike Cook.

**YOUTH COUNCIL** Chase Emmert reported they have been working on the Halloween parade and cleaned out the tree beds around the courthouse square.

**STORM WATER DEPARTMENT TRANSITION** Mayor Daniel reported he met with Jeff Walker and Mike Shoda to discuss the transition of storm water from Community Development to the Water Department. They hoped to have the transition complete by January 2015.

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

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Mayor Ryan Daniel

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Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle