

BOARD OF WORKS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 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 Weigold to approve an overview of the September 24, 2013 meeting minutes as presented, Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

FRIENDS OF THE EEL RIVER TRAIL LAND DONATION Mayor Daniel shared there was a parcel of land the Friends of the Eel River Trail would like to donate to us for the next portion of the Blue River Trail which will start next year. He advised their only request was regarding the placement of 16 bricks in the trail honoring their donation.

Mayor Daniel noted the next section would run from Line Street to Oak Street. Dan Weigold questioned if we would have to look at purchasing additional ground. Mayor Daniel advised we will have to negotiate and need to take care of that in the near future. Walt Crowder questioned if the goal was to take the trail to the city limits. Mayor Daniel shared that right now they want to take it to DeVol Field and then from there probably head west.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to accept the donation from the Friends of the Eel River Trail for a parcel of land as spelled out in the letter from the Friends of the Eel River Trail and is a gift without consideration for payment, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

CURB CUT REQUEST – 102 W. NORTH PARK DRIVE Kelly Cearbaugh explained Brad Minear had talked with him about the request. He did not feel it would be an issue as far as safety and recommended approving the request.

Motion was made by Crowder to accept the recommendation from Kelly to move forward with the approval of curb cut permit at 102 W. North Park Drive as the revised print shows and authorize the extension of the parking lot into the West North Park Drive easement as shown on the picture and if utility work needs to be done the property owner would be responsible to make repairs, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

QUOTES FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT STORAGE BARN Rosie Coyle opened and read bids for the general contractor from D & C Construction in the amount of \$194,750.00, W J Carey in the amount of \$142,000.00, Tim Smith Construction in the amount of \$188,920.00.

Bids for electricians were received from Kissinger Electric in the amount of \$6,414.00, Whetstone Electric in the amount of \$6,650.00, Rider Electric in the amount of \$9,572.00.

Bids for plumbing were received from Redman Plumbing in the amount of \$8,490.00 with an alternate unit heater that would deduct \$380.00, Flow-Tech in the amount of \$8,550.00, Van Plumbing & Heating with a base bid of \$10,450.00 and Option 1 for manhole catch basins in the amount of \$2,677.00.

Bids were taken under advisement and will be awarded at the October 22 Board meeting

APPROVAL OF CITY/COUNTY PERMITTING CERTIFICATION

AGREEMENT Mayor Daniel explained High Performance Government Network, who the City has worked with before, is now partnering with the Mayor's and Commissioner's Caucus of Northeast Indiana. He stated they were offering to the partnership counties a permitting excellence certification which is basically a way we, along with other counties in our region, can have a more standardized permitting process. He explained it was way to improve our competitive level against other regions and states and become more standardized and efficient with the permitting process.

He advised the County Commissioners have signed on to this. He shared that he asked Commissioner Schrupf if they would be interested in partnering in this since it is a joint City/County planning and building department; he advised they were interested. He stated it would be \$1500.00 per jurisdiction; \$1500 City and \$1500 County. He advised we would just need to sign that we would like to be a part of this process. He advised Dave Sewell with the Planning and Building Department would be getting the certification.

Dan Weigold advised he knew the complexity that goes into the permitting process and hoped the group understood what was necessary to accomplish the goal. Mayor Daniel did not feel there was an intent to make us change to a certain formal process but to take the best things from different counties and find the best way to brand northeast Indiana as the best place to do business; one of those pillars was the permitting process. Dan advised every county and city has a different way of doing things and he just did not want us to lose control over what our guidelines are versus other counties. Mayor Daniel advised we would not be losing control; it was an educational piece much more than signing off of our responsibilities and duties.

Walt Crowder felt it was a good thing to do but questioned if there was a deadline to have this done. Mayor Daniel advised the deadline for payment of the \$3000.00 was in January but the services would be delivered over a one year beginning in September.

Mayor Daniel felt the overall goal was to standardize the process but did not feel the certification forces us to do anything outside of being at the table and learning from other units of government. He stated any kind of changes to the permitting process would have to be passed by the Commissioners and maybe even the City.

Dan Weigold felt this would be a great idea but was concerned if this was truly going to meet our needs.

After additional discussion, more time was requested to research the issue and make a decision at the next meeting.

EASEMENT DISCUSSION ON TOWERVIEW DRIVE – J & R TOWERS

Attorney McNagny explained back in 1991 J & K Communications got permitting to put their guy wires for one of their towers out there. She stated it was brought to her attention that nothing had been put in writing for this. She advised the thought was to solidify this in the minutes and have the Board of Works approve the guy wires being there since it is on City property; perhaps put it in some form of an easement to them. She advised it would not be transferring of any property it would just allow access to the property to repair or maintain the wires.

Motion was made by Crowder to start the legal description of right of way access for J & K Communications to access the guy wires located in City right of way and define that as part of the agreement, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

SECOND AMENDMENT TO SR 205 IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT WITH PARKVIEW Jeff Walker explained this was a standing agreement with Parkview for their contribution to the project. He stated in the agreement there was a claw back for if the project did not move forward in the time frame indicated, which the anticipated letting and construction period has been moved back again. He stated they approached their legal counsel to draft up a revision and felt the date in the agreement should be pushed back far enough that we should be safe. He advised it was an existing agreement between the two parties they just needed to change the date.

Motion was made by Crowder to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement for the amendment to the SR 205 agreement with Parkview Hospital as presented, Weigold second the motion, all voted aye.

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

MEETING DATES – NOVEMBER 12 AND DECEMBER 24 Board of Works meetings were set for November 12 at 8:00 a.m. and December 30 at 5:15 p.m.

BILLS Motion was made by Weigold to approve the bills in the amount of \$843,969.08, Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

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

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle