

**BOARD OF WORKS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2013
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 October 8, 2013 meeting minutes as presented, Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

BID OPENING: EAGLE GLEN WATER MAIN LOOP PROJECT Rosie Coyle opened and read bids from Selge Construction Segment #1 \$71,000.00, Segment #2 \$83,500.00 and base bid of \$154,500.00; H & G Underground Utilities Segment #1 \$41,367.00, Segment #2 \$50,566.00 and base bid of \$91,933.00.

Mayor Daniel advised they would take the bids under consideration and award at the next meeting.

BID OPENING: NEW FIRE RESCUE PUMPER Rosie Coyle opened and read bids from Towers Fire with a denial to bid; Spencer Manufacturing with a total bid of \$488,375.00; Hoosier Fire with a total bid of \$474,498.00; 911 Fire & Fleet with a total bid of \$499,529.00 and Donley Safety with a total bid of \$521,038.00.

Mayor Daniel advised the bid would be awarded at the second meeting of November.

BID AWARD: WATER DEPARTMENT STORAGE BARN Mike Dear recommended going with Redman Plumbing & Heating for \$8490.00, Kissinger Electric for \$6414.00 and W.J. Carey Construction for \$142,000.00 for a total price of \$156,904.00.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to award the bids per Mike Dear's recommendation to Redman Plumbing & Heating, Kissinger Electric and W.J. Carey Construction, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

APPROVAL OF CITY/COUNTY PERMITTING CERTIFICATION AGREEMENT
Motion was made by Crowder to allow Mayor Daniel to have signature power to sign the agreement as presented with the City/County combined, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ACCEPTANCE OF TREE/CORNER OF LINE AND VAN BUREN Mayor Daniel explained there was a letter from the Shrine Club in regards to the replacement of a tree that died

at the corner of Line and VanBuren Street. They felt it important for the Board of Works to accept the planting of that tree.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to accept the planting and tree from the Whitley County Shrine Club per the request dated October 14, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

STREET CLOSING PERMIT: VETERAN'S MARATHON Mark Green requested the closing time be changed to 4:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Crowder to approve the street closing as presented with the time change to start at 4:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 9, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

PERMIT TO CUT INTO STREET Kelly Cearbaugh advised he talked with Jason Otis and any time they are working in the right of way they are doing permits, even if they are not in the street. He stated they just want everyone to be aware of where they are working.

Walt Crowder questioned if they cut a curb we would just have to repair what has been cut. Kelly advised NIPSCO would repair any time they would go into the curb or street. He explained the permit covers what is needed to restore it back to its original condition.

Motion was made by Weigold to approve all 3 permits to cut into the streets on public right of way for 827 S. Archer Ct., 749 N. Longridge Rd and 120 W. Cambridge Dr. in Columbia City, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

RESOLUTION 2013-28: PROCESS FOR DISCONNECTIONS OF UTILITY SERVICE

Attorney McNagny pointed out the changes she made to the resolution. She explained the purpose behind this is so that the City has a written policy for due process of law for disconnects. She advised it was our policy but wanted it put in writing in our ordinances.

Dan Weigold questioned if before anyone gets turned off they have to follow this procedure. Attorney McNagny explained we have to follow the policy; the customer may not request the hearing but it is affording them an opportunity for hearing and it has to be requested. Mayor Daniel questioned if the hearing was whether or not they were delinquent on the bill. Attorney McNagny advised the hearing would be about why we would be disconnecting them.

Rosie Coyle advised there will be verbiage put on the disconnect notices.

Mayor Daniel confirmed if someone asks for a hearing that would take place prior to disconnect. Attorney McNagny advised that was correct.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve and pass Resolution 2013-28, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

BILLS Motion was made by Weigold to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$883,077.85, Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

LONG TERM CONTROL PLAN Jeff Walker advised they have talked for a while about the cost of compliance of the LTCP and as part of that, the Agreed Order. He stated they have all agreed that over the duration of this period it has had a major financial impact on our rate payers; to date we have expended in excess of \$25 million. He explained last year they approached IDEM to see if we could delay the next phase of the LTCP for a couple years so we could revisit what we had already committed to in the Agreed Order. He stated the primary reason was because technology has changed since the initial implementation of the LTCP and it also gave us an opportunity to have Umbaugh's look at our rate structure and analysis. He advised they had other consultants look at our existing LTCP to provide some feedback and found that sometimes the long term operations and maintenance costs are overlooked; look at what it costs to be built but the duration of the facility may be 20 years and in adding up the O & M costs it often times can be a larger cost than the capital improvement in and of itself. He shared that last year the treatment facility treated about 486 million gallons and of that 164 million gallons went unbilled. He stated we cannot sustain that kind of loss. He explained the majority of that is through inflow and infiltration; some leakage through old manholes and bad joints but the majority is because we are a combined system and are collecting rain event storm water.

Jeff Walker explained in the very beginning the consultant who put together the entire package for IDEM felt separation of the combined system was not feasible but since then it has been revisited and we feel it is part of our obligation, in particular, since we have a storm water utility now. He stated they feel it was time to look at new technics and technology. He shared that they would like to go to IDEM to seek a revision to our existing plan but to do that we have to have engineered supporting strategies on what we might want to modify. He stated he would like the support of the Board to put together a proposal for professional services and have a consulting firm meet with IDEM to develop a strategy for a better and more cost effective compliance strategy. He stated because this is not a cookie cutter approach, every consulting firm will likely have a different approach so would like to seek qualifications based selection rather than fee based; accept all firms interested and have a committee that would interview for the selection process.

Jeff Walker asked for the Board's support in moving forward with this approach and if so desired they would be looking at 30-45 days to put the proposal together but asked to wait until after the first of the year to do the interview process.

Mayor Daniel stated in our LTCP there was very little or no separation in the plan. He advised it would be good to start taking some of the storm water out of the system and felt this was a route we should at least consider.

Dan Weigold agreed it was absolutely necessary to take advantage of reevaluating our system.

Walt Crowder felt we were right on track and the investment was good to make sure we had the expert's supportive thoughts.

NEW POLICE CAR BIDS Tim Longenbaugh asked for permission to begin the bid process for new police cars. Mayor Daniel noted that 2014 was an off year and they would be looking at purchasing 3 cars.

Motion was made by Crowder to allow Chief Longenbaugh to start the process of collecting bids for the 2014 police car replacement for 3 vehicles, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

YOUTH COUNCIL Morghan Wilcoxson gave an update on what the Youth Council has been doing.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle