

**BOARD OF WORKS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2014
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 Mayor Daniel to approve an overview of the October 14, 2014 meeting minutes as presented, Weigold seconded the motion, Mayor Daniel and Weigold voted aye, Crowder abstained.

HALLOWEEN PARADE PERMIT Motion was made by Weigold to approve the Halloween Parade scheduled for November 1 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

PERMIT FOR BURIED TELEPHONE FACILITIES Rosie Coyle reported she talked with Shawn Lickey, Kelly Cearbaugh and Mike Shoda and they did not have any problems with it.

Kelly Cearbaugh reviewed the route and advised nothing would be open cut it would all be bored under the road.

Motion was made by Crowder to approve the request from Embarq to install fiber optic cable as presented with activity #E655583, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

FINAL PAY REQUEST #6; SOUTH SIDE SEWER IMPROVEMENTS Jeff Walker explained this was for the release of retainage. He explained the retainage was basically an assurance that everything gets done to our satisfaction, which it did. He recommended the Board approve this final pay application in the sum of \$48,970.86.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve payment application #6 release of retainage per the recommendation of Jeff Walker in the amount of \$48,970.86, Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

QUOTE FOR FIBER RING PROJECT Terry Wherry explained when they first started the project there were 2 sections; getting the fiber hung on the poles and into the buildings and the second was connecting the fiber inside the buildings to the switches. He advised when they started looking at the equipment they found they needed a new core switch at City Hall.

Jeff with SDS Communications reviewed the quote and everything it would include.

Walt Crowder questioned if this would be the total package of installation or just for the hardware and programming. Terry Wherry advised this would be for the total; the only thing that would be left is the jumpers they would have to put in. Butch Sterner with SDS advised there would be some down time.

Motion was made by Crowder to award the hardware purchase of CISCO to SDS Communications who is our existing partner for estimate #1882 for \$30,110.31, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

LORI SHIPMAN – REDLEG APPLICATION Lori Shipman was present to bring forth a resolution for another REDLEG application which was for the expansion of an existing company, IMPACT CNC. She advised they were looking at purchasing a building on Short Street. She stated the purchase price of the building was \$625,000.00; they would like to borrow \$500,000.00 through the REDLEG program and would be putting up the matching \$125,000.00. She advised this project would include a \$2 million equipment purchase and 60 new jobs.

Mayor Daniel reminded the Board that this program is where the City is loaned money from USDA Rural Development and then in turn we loan that to a company at a low interest rate of about 1.5%. Lori Shipman explained it was not an interest rate it was a loan servicing fee as it was charged on the outstanding balance one time per year.

Walt Crowder questioned if we have a limit that is available to us. Lori Shipman explained this was a per project limit and in checking with USDA we were still good to go but felt at some point we would reach a borrowing limit. Crowder questioned the payback return time. Shipman advised it was 5 years.

Walt Crowder confirmed this was transparent to the City and was basically a pass through. Lori Shipman advised it goes through the Columbia City Municipal Utility but yes was a pass through. She explained the City was not charged any rates, fees or anything from USDA Rural Development. She stated the 1.5% offsets the cost of the irrevocable letter of credit the Utility was required to have on the term of the loan.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the electric utility resolution authorizing application for Rural Economic Development Loan for the \$500,000 with IMPACT Holdings, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE VIOLATION – 310 N. WALNUT STREET Tim Longenbaugh explained this was an ongoing issue of ordinance violations at 310 N. Walnut Street since June. He reported there have been two violations written by Officer Yorg but neither has been paid and they have failed to abate the violations.

Mayor Daniel felt they needed to be very judicious as to what we can and cannot do but we certainly do have the ability to send a mowing crew there but one of the big questions was the junk. Walt Crowder and Dan Weigold agreed we needed to be cautious. Mayor Daniel suggested if the Board did not feel comfortable with moving forward with mowing and cleaning up the junk on the property we could certainly go to a more aggressive fining

schedule. Walt Crowder suggested if he has not paid anything now he probably would not pay tomorrow; maybe a letter from the City Attorney would have any more impact. Attorney McNagny stated the code allows for a continuous abatement sign to be posted in the yard and the Board of Works could order a cleanup of the property and place a lien on the property for the costs.

Mayor Daniel questioned what would constitute cleaning up. Attorney McNagny advised they could look at what might be injurious to the health and safety of the citizens or something that would attract vermin. She stated if the Board feels those things need to be removed the City would have the ability to do that and could then provide notice of where the items are and they could pay to come pick them up.

After much discussion, it was the Board's recommendation to post a sign allowing 10 days for the grass to be mowed. If after the 10 days the grass is still in violation the City will go in and mow, relocate the junk on the property in orderly fashion and file a lien on the property for services rendered. The Board would revisit the issue at the next meeting.

FIRE TRUCK 102 Rosie Coyle advised they needed to start thinking about what they wanted to do with Truck 102. Mayor Daniel questioned if we could donate it to another department. Tom LaRue advised the open cab design makes it so that we could not give or sell it to another department for a fire truck without doing something with the open cab design. He stated it could be used for a purpose other than firefighting.

Rosie asked if within the next month the Board could have a decision made.

BILLS Motion was made by Weigold to approve the bills in the amount of \$966,385.52 as presented, Mayor Daniel 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