

**BOARD OF WORKS**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2013**  
**5:15 P.M.**

Mayor Ryan Daniel – Present  
Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle – Present  
Attorney Marcia McNagny – Present  
Daniel Weigold – Present  
Walter Crowder – Absent

The Columbia City Board of Works met in regular session with all members except Crowder present, Mayor Daniel presiding.

**MINUTES** Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve an overview of the November 12, 2013 meeting minutes as presented, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**BID AWARD – FIRE TRUCK** Tom Larue reported the Fire Truck Committee met on November 2 and reviewed the bids. He advised based on the Committee's recommendation he asked the Board to award the bid to 911 Fleet & Fire in the amount of \$499,529.00.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to go with the recommendation of our Fire Chief and award the bid to 911 Fleet & Fire Equipment in the amount of \$499,529.00, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**BID AWARD – FIRE EQUIPMENT** Tom LaRue advised there was a spec list sent out to multiple vendors for the loose equipment. He reported the total cost would be \$109,824.89 and would be paid to multiple vendors, depending on the equipment.

Mayor Daniel confirmed all of the equipment would go on the truck. Chief LaRue advised it would either go on the new truck or they are redoing some of the rescue tools on the other trucks so that all of the trucks become streamlined and the same. Mayor Daniel questioned if there were extra pieces of equipment if those would be sold to recoup some of the costs. Chief LaRue advised he would be coming to the Board to ask for direction on what to do with the equipment they might be getting rid of.

Motion was made by Weigold to approve the recommendation by the Fire Chief for the extra equipment for \$109,824.89 as presented, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**WESTGATE STORM WATER QUOTES** Jeff Walker reviewed the history of the storm water issues in Westgate. He advised it was his and Kelly Cearbaugh's recommendation to approve and award the Reiff Construction quote in the amount of \$31,200.00.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the recommendation of Jeff Walker and Kelly Cearbaugh to award the project to Jerry Reiff in the amount of \$31,200.00, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**STREET CLOSING REQUEST – LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE** Jennifer Romano was present to discuss the route and activities planned for the night. The parade is planned for November 29 at 6:00 p.m. and had 14 floats signed up.

Motion was made by Weigold to approve the street closing request for November 29 from 3:00 – 10:00 p.m., Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**BLUE MEDICAL AGREEMENT** Lori Shipman noted that there were some changes made to the agreement but would be incorporated into the documents prior to the signing tomorrow. Mayor Daniel confirmed the intent had not changed on the documents. Attorney McNagny advised it had not.

Lori Shipman introduced Bill Smith with Blue M Medical. She recapped their economic development project as well as the REDLG loan program. She advised Columbia City was the first municipal electric utility in the State to utilize the program.

Mayor Daniel noted this was not jeopardizing utility dollars; it was an agreement between the City and USDA and the agreement before the Board today was between the City and Blue M Medical for the funds. He advised he already signed the papers with USDA.

Motion was made by Weigold to accept the loan agreement with the incorporated changes in the amount of \$104,000.00 as presented, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion.

Attorney McNagny questioned if all of this was based upon the Council's approval of tax abatement tonight. Alan Tio stated there was a good understanding that all pieces were independent and were separate approvals.

Upon the motion, all voted aye.

**DON LANGELOH – LINCOLN POINTE – USE OF PVC** Don Langeloh reported they were starting the next phase in Lincoln Pointe; he has talked with Mike Dear about the possibility of using PVC as opposed to trexel. He explained there were more and more communities going to this and it has proven itself. He shared with more and more developers going to this product he would like to be able to use it in housing developments to save a little bit of money. He felt this product was as equal to the product we have been using.

Dan Weigold shared there were some issues he would like to research before making a decision.

Mayor Daniel advised that he has looked through the material and has done some comparison but needed to dig in more than he has. He felt it would be a great idea to talk with other communities who have used PVC.

Mayor Daniel asked to have this on the next Board of Works agenda to discuss and try to make some kind of decision.

**HIRING REQUEST – ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT** Shawn Lickey reported he would be losing an employee tomorrow who is moving on to take another position. He advised he needed to start looking at their replacement plan as he does have another gentleman set to retire in January and another one looking to retire next summer. He stated he could potentially be losing 3 guys in the next 6 months and would like to bring on 2 new hires at the groundsman position. He advised the budget would support it and requested approval to move forward with 2 new groundsman.

Dan Weigold felt they obviously needed to move forward with it. He stated he would like to check out the possibility of having something in writing where once we train them they would be obligated to be with us for a period of time or if they decide to leave after we train them then we have a way to be reimbursed. Attorney McNagny advised she was working on something concerning that. Mayor Daniel shared this was something they were seeing across the state where younger individuals go to a municipality, get trained and after 3 – 4 years and then they go to a private utility and get paid more. He stressed that we needed to protect our investments.

Motion was made by Weigold to give Shawn permission to go ahead in hiring 2 additional electric department employees, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**BILLS** Motion was made by Weigold to approve the bills in the amount of \$937,205.51 as presented, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

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Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle