

BOARD OF WORKS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 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 November 26, 2013 meeting minutes as presented, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, Weigold and Mayor Daniel voted aye, Crowder abstained.

FIBER PROJECT – 3 PHASE APPROVAL Shawn Lickey explained Phase 3 would be the bid process. He advised Spectrum Engineering would be facilitating this.

Rosie Coyle questioned the price. Mayor Daniel advised it would be \$4579.00.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve Phase 3 of the fiber project, Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

MUTUAL HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT: NE REMC Mayor Daniel advised this was in regards to the Eagle Glen water loop.

Attorney McNagny explained REMC requested, since we would be acquiring easements, that they be allowed to use the area as well. She advised she informed them we would need an agreement with them regarding liability and use of the area.

Motion was made by Weigold to approve the mutual hold harmless agreement as presented, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

POLICE CAR QUOTES Tim Longenbaugh advised they received three bids; O'Daniel in Fort Wayne, Thomas Dodge in Highland, Indiana and Wabash Valley Chrysler.

Chief Longenbaugh reported they priced out the V6 engine rather than the V8 Hemi. He stated it would save them in the cost of the vehicle and miles per gallon.

Chief Longenbaugh asked for direction from the Board on whether to sell the old vehicles through sealed bids or wait and see what the trade in numbers are. Rosie Coyle advised if the vehicles are valued over \$1,000 then we have to advertise or trade in but if it is under \$1,000 we could take sealed bids.

Walt Crowder felt it was a cleaner deal to just buy them straight out. Dan Weigold agreed. Walt Crowder questioned if they could merge with the County in their auction. Chief Longenbaugh advised they have never done that but could check into it. Mayor Daniel liked the idea of going with the auction.

Chief Longenbaugh recommended going with O'Daniel for all three vehicles for a price of \$22,096.00.

Motion was made by Walt Crowder to accept the recommendation to purchase three from O'Daniel Motor Sales located in Fort Wayne, Indiana for \$22,096.00 per vehicle, Weigold seconded the motion.

Walt Crowder felt it was important to note that we do every effort to do business locally but because we do not have a Dodge dealer we had to go outside of the City.

Upon the motion, all voted aye.

NEW HIRE: POLICE DEPARTMENT Tim Longenbaugh advised he would like to start the process of hiring a new officer to fill the void of the SRO position that starts January 1 by Officer Petersen. He stated their process takes 10-12 weeks to get through so would be March or April before they could get someone started.

All Board members were in agreement to move forward with the process.

WAIVER OF TAP FEES – FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION Tom LaRue was present representing the Whitley County Fire Chief's Association. He explained they were doing a fundraiser by building a house through Ideal Homes with the profit being divided amongst the departments to help repay the 10% cost for the Communications Grant they received this summer. He asked the Board if they would waive the tap fees for water, sewer and electric. He advised everything involved with the house was being given to them at a drastically reduced rate or donated.

Dan Weigold felt it was a worthwhile and unique project. He added it was a benefit to the area fire departments and was a way the City could contribute as well by eliminating the tap fees.

Walt Crowder questioned if there were any restrictions with what we could do in terms of donations. Mike Dear advised when we were part of the IURC we could not do that. Walt advised he would have no issues and just wanted to make sure they stayed within the rules.

Chief LaRue advised he spoke with the 3 utility departments to get their approval prior to bringing it to the Board.

Walt Crowder questioned the intent of the fundraiser. Chief LaRue explained the profits from the sale of the house will be divided up amongst the County Fire Departments who gave towards the Communications Grant for the 10% match.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to waive the tap fees for the house on behalf of the Fire Chief's Association, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

NOTICE TO PROCEED – EAGLE GLEN WATER LOOP Mike Dear explained they need to get the notice to proceed for the boring jobs on the Eagle Glen line to H & G Utilities so they can get started. Rosie Coyle advised all of the contracts have been signed.

Motion was made by Crowder to proceed with project #13361-5135 located at the Eagle Glen water main loop, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

BILLS Rosie Coyle explained there were two sets that needed approved.

Motion was made by Crowder to approve the bills for the Volunteer Fire Department for 2013 for the amount of \$23,049.99, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Weigold to pay the bills in the amount of \$787,513.70 as presented, Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

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

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

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle