

BOARD OF WORKS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2012
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Ryan Daniel – Present
Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle – Present
Attorney Marcia McNagny – Present
Daniel 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 November 27, 2012 meeting minutes as presented, Crowder second the motion, all voted aye.

PAY REQUEST – STRUCTURE POINT: INV. 58995 \$1,541.56 Jeff Walker reported this was for work performed during the month of October; there was billing against the different phases that include mitigation as well as utility work and delineation. He advised everything was in order and recommended the Board act favorably in the sum of \$1,541.56. Mayor Daniel confirmed this was for the 205 project. Jeff advised it was.

Motion was made by Crowder to pay Invoice 58995 to American StructurePoint in the amount of \$1,541.56, Weigold second the motion, all voted aye.

2013 FIRE DEPARTMENT AGREEMENT Tom LaRue explained this was the annual agreement with the volunteers. He advised nothing has really changed on it.

Motion was made by Weigold to accept the fire department agreement as presented, Crowder second the motion, all voted aye.

BILLS Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the bills for the volunteer firefighters in the amount of \$22,800.01, Weigold second the motion, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Weigold to pay the bills as presented for the amount of \$776,337.12, Mayor Daniel second the motion, all voted aye.

VINE & LINE STREET IMPROVEMENTS Jeff Walker explained in looking forward to Phase 2 of the South Line Street improvements slated for spring, he and Kelly discussed the undersized and broken down storm system in that area. He advised they felt this would be a perfect opportunity to separate the storm water from the sanitary lines but would have to be done prior to them coming in the spring to start working on the streets. He reported they asked Wigent Excavating and Reiff Construction to put together a quote; they have been reviewed and Wigent's was the low bidder. He asked the Board to approve the quote from Wigent's; they could start immediately and would be done by the end of the year.

Dan Weigold questioned in looking at the project costs of \$41,000 and the project costs for the southeast side, if there was some things they should be looking to do on our own instead of hiring GAI to do an \$800,000+ project. Walt Crowder felt they needed to look at it on a case by case basis. He stated over where they were doing the design it was a gravity design not pressure design; he believed the complexity of the projects were apple and orange. He felt on Vine Street if they did not get it right the first time, all the other sections that are done over the next 4 – 5 years are not going to be right. Jeff Walker advised that was correct; the preliminary design has to factor in those subsequent phases to get the trunk interceptor correct. Mayor Daniel felt after they get the final design in they could take a hard look at it to see if there were local people that could do the work or have a larger firm do it.

Walt Crowder confirmed the funding would be 100% storm water; he felt it was important to acknowledge that we were doing this with the cash financing that we have. Jeff Walker advised that was correct. Mayor Daniel agreed it was a good use of our dollars and an important project.

Motion was made by Weigold to accept the bid from Wigent's for \$41,045.00, Mayor Daniel second the motion, all voted aye.

AUTOMATED ENERGY AGREEMENT Jeff Walker explained the proposed agreement was forwarded to the business interested in starting this service; they were ok with it as long as we would fill in the blanks before they would sign it.

Rosie Coyle advised she still did not understand how it was going to coordinate with the billing. Jeff Walker explained the only thing extra would be a second stand alone bill. Rosie confirmed it would not affect what we would bill them. Jeff advised it would not. Mayor Daniel explained the formula of the billing will be put into the program then the business could go on and get an estimate as to what their bill is for certain periods of time. He stated all Rosie would be in charge of is billing the monthly fee. Jeff explained we need to provide Automated Energy with our current rates and tariffs then they will put it in their software and tie the two together. He stated Rosie would have to come up with a second bill that was strictly based off of their sliding scale of existing IMPA users which he thought was about \$25.00.

Mayor Daniel questioned Attorney McNagny where it says “the City shall provide an internet link to a load profiling software program” if that could be construed by the company to say that the City would be providing any type of internet access. Attorney McNagny did not believe so.

Walt Crowder questioned if we waived a charge somewhere. Mayor Daniel advised we waived the \$100 installation fee of the meter. Jeff Walker stated they would still have a \$100 program set up fee and their monthly fee.

Mayor Daniel questioned the maximum number of customers who could be a part of this program. Jeff Walker stated there were around 20 – 22 but there were only a handful that would actually potentially benefit from it.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to enter into the service agreement with Automated Energy, Weigold second the motion, all voted aye.

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT Mike Cook reported both mixers were back up and operating, they have been doing industrial inspections and sampling for potential limit changes with the new permit, he talked with the Treasurer of the NIOA and they are tentatively scheduled for June 12 to host a plant tour, speaker and luncheon.

FIRE DEPARTMENT Tom LaRue advised they have been working on employee evaluations, he reported on their Christmas Eve candy give away and training.

IS/COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT Terry Wherry reported he finished wiring at the Water Department to get a new computer on the network, SDS Communications finished installing weatherproof boxes for the cameras that will be on the bathrooms and bridge at the Park, they received about 25 applications for the position opening in January.

POLICE DEPARTMENT Tim Longenbaugh reported they had the written test for the new hire and 23 will be moving on to the physical agility test, the officers have been ramping up bank patrol and they met with the sergeants and detectives to go over 2013 goals.

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT Larry Whetstone reported they installed a new pole behind the computer shop on Main Street, they changed a pole out in South Whitley, they had to delay shut off day by one day due to an emergency in South Whitley, they have been trimming and cutting trees and working on other miscellaneous repairs, work orders and locates.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT Jeff Walker gave an update on the trail and bridge extension, he met with Nadine Lamle and John Goetz for the MS4 work, he gave an update on the land purchase needed for the 205 project, he met with Doug McKibben, owner of City Ford and Chevrolet, regarding one of his subsidiaries who will be taking over the old Trier show room building and also discussed viable uses for the former parts and service building on the east side, he advised they received good news on the former substation site on South Chauncey Street where contamination was found in that everything was clean.

PARK DEPARTMENT Mark Green reported they have been working on the bathrooms at the pavilion, they cut a couple trees down at the park, they made about \$300 on the Dashing through the Snow 5K, the first meeting of the Aquatic Facility Task Force was scheduled for January 9 at 6 p.m. in the Council room, Father/Daughter dance was scheduled for February 8 at the 4-H center, he advised they were getting things around for baseball and softball and they received 2 new scoreboards from Pepsi.

WATER DEPARTMENT Mike Dear reported a couple of his employees attended a 2 day conference in Columbus, they winterized meter pits, started checking hydrants for the winter, fixed a service line leak on North Elm Street, the annual maintenance and testing of wells and high service pumps was done, he met with Kevin Biggs about the location to run the water line from 100 S. into Eagle Glen, they have a meeting with a gentleman from Griffin Pipe to discuss ductile iron pipe vs. pvc pipe, he has a meeting with Paul Hansen to further discuss the corrosion issue.

STREET DEPARTMENT Kelly Cearbaugh reported they continue to work on sign replacements and were trimming alley and street trees back.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Attorney McNagny requested to schedule an executive session on a litigation matter for sometime next week.

STOP LIGHT TIMING Dan Weigold expressed a concern for the timing on the stop lights at Chauncey and Van Buren and even at Line and North Street regarding the length of time you set before the light changes. Larry Whetstone advised Tom Ziesig does that for us and could let him know what the concerns are. Mayor Daniel asked to meet with Larry about this.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle