

BOARD OF WORKS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2015
5:15 P.M.

Mayor Ryan Daniel – Present
Deputy Clerk Treasurer Sally Wherry – 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 July 28, 2015 meeting minutes as presented, Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

BID AWARD – SUBSTATION Craig Trowbridge with Spectrum Engineering was present to discuss the bids and make a recommendation. He shared Hooper Corporation was a company they had never heard of but did some research on them and they seem to be a big company. He stated Vaughn Industries was a company they have worked with several times and have always done a good job. He advised it was their recommendation to award the bid to Vaughn Industries because they were the low bidder.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to accept the recommendation of Spectrum Engineering for the North Substation construction to Vaughn Industries in the amount of \$125,000.00 as presented, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

GIVING GARDENS – HOOP HOUSE Rachel reported she talked with Shawn Lickey about running electricity for the exhaust fan; he checked the electric panel and advised there was a transformer already hanging and as long as it was kept within 100 ft. of Hanna Street he could waive the \$375 fee. She shared some pictures of the greenhouse they would like to put up.

Rachel shared they wrote a grant to the United Way and were awarded \$500 if they were able to get approval from the Board. She advised they started a fundraising campaign and have raised \$550 and were short about \$500 and would continue to fundraise.

She shared the greenhouse would protect their plants and extend their garden season. She added that the Bowen Center also utilizes the garden and will be writing a year round program to bring kids to the garden for rehabilitation purposes. She advised the Master Gardeners would also be involved by doing some guest speaking and being a team leaders for the Bowen Center kids.

Rachel advised they would have to dig holes for footers for the ribs of the house. She stated it was not necessarily a permanent structure but would be putting cement in the ground. She shared the house was 25 x 90 ft. long and there would only be one house.

Dan Weigold questioned if there were any liability issues with the City. Attorney McNagny questioned if this was the property currently being used. Mayor Daniel advised it was. Attorney McNagny suggested an addendum to the lease may be needed to allow this beyond what was originally allowed and also perhaps an adjustment to the insurance to cover structures.

Walt Crowder questioned if there had been discussions with the Zoning Commissions. Rachel advised they had not. Jeff Walker advised he was going to suggest they get with the Planning & Building Department, since it is a semi-permanent structure with concrete footers they will at least want to review it.

Walt Crowder questioned since it was titled 'residential' if a survey had been done. Rachel advised they had discussed that and suggested they should go door to door to get at least the immediate houses along the property. Attorney McNagny shared if this was going to be subject to any setbacks they would need to give official notice to the surrounding properties anyway.

Mayor Daniel questioned if there was a timeline. Rachel shared it would be nice to get the holes dug before it gets too cold; they still needed to purchase things for it and would probably write a grant to DEKKO to see what they could get funding for. She advised it would be nice to get it done this season.

Dan Weigold advised he did not have a problem with it once they go through all of the procedures with the Planning Department.

Walt Crowder questioned if they had priced fencing. Rachel advised they had not and guessed it would be more than \$1500 to go around the garden and would not allow them room to grow; the hoop house seemed like a cheaper route for them plus the added benefits of being able to extend their season. Walt Crowder questioned if the day would come that they would need to move then it would be the tenant's responsibility to remove all contents. Mayor Daniel could not recall the contents of the agreement and felt it would be helpful to have the agreement put in the Dropbox to review for the next meeting. Rachel advised if the time came they would take the house down and even remove the concrete if needed.

Official approval was postponed until the next meeting.

Rachel asked for clarification on waiving the \$375 fee to know whether it was something they would need to account for. Mayor Daniel advised that would be something the Board of Works could approve; Shawn Lickey should be at the next meeting to discuss it.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – ADDITIONAL WASTEWATER FLOWS – SDI Jeff Walker explained back in May representatives from Steel Dynamics approached the wastewater staff and indicated they would like to consider raising their daily discharge from their current permit of 280,000 gallons per day up to potentially 400,000 gallons per day. He reported they were not looking to expand their operations but were looking to create more efficiencies internally; part of that was being able to discharge more to the City. He shared over the years we have had issues with the corrosiveness of the discharge coming from them and what it has done to our infrastructure.

He stated they would like to have something in place within a 6 month period and although aggressive it was doable.

Jeff Walker advised they solicited 2 firms; Engineering Resources, they have already done some work out in the County as well as Donohue & Associates who has done a lot of work out in the County for the City with lift stations, upgrades, new force mains, new sanitary gravity as well as our capacity at the treatment facility. He shared that both firms were reputable and met the scope and really could almost flip a coin but felt Donohue had a little more comprehensive review of the system, scope and more than anything their experience with the system. He advised there was a \$2200.00 difference between the proposals and would like to recommend Donohue option 2 for \$22,500.00; Engineering Resources was \$20,300.00.

Dan Weigold questioned how the additional flow would affect our Long Term Control Plan. Jeff Walker advised that would be part of the scope.

Attorney McNagny questioned the reimbursable services for Engineering Resources if that would actually be included because it would put them at \$23,500. Jeff Walker explained that referred to the televising; Kelly and his crew tried to televise at 600 E. and there was enough build up on the interior of the pipe that even after sending the cleaning tool through they still could not get the televising equipment through so they will need to hire a professional firm with either company. Dan Weigold questioned if SDI would be helping with the financial cost of this. Mayor Daniel advised when they discussed this with SDI there was a common understanding that they would be taking on a large majority of the construction of this project. He felt this would be good to get an understanding of where we were at with these pipes, with the capacity that we have. Jeff Walker felt from a business standpoint this should fall on us. Walt Crowder agreed this information would benefit the City either way.

Mayor Daniel advised they did some calculations, if they did go up to the 400,000 gallons per day, and what it would increase the bill to SDI. Mike Cook stated 1/3 of our daily flow would just be from SDI.

Walt Crowder fully respected the opinions and recommendation but felt this may be an opportunity for us to get familiar with a new firm with a new set of eyes plus they are in Fort Wayne versus Indianapolis. Jeff Walker advised it truly could be either firm as they both met the letter of the proposal itself. Mayor Daniel questioned the reasoning for leaning towards Engineering Resources. Walt Crowder felt with a project like this, with the intensity and timeframes, closer was better and there were good recommendations from SDI and the County. He shared he was looking at the package deal, not isolating it to one event. Mike Cook noted Donohue & Associates already had all of the information (studies, reports, etc.) and Engineering Resources would need to get that information from Donohue. Mayor Daniel questioned Jeff Walker and Mike Cook how they decided upon recommending Donohue. Jeff Walker explained for him, he looked at where his comfort was and knows what Donohue has done with our infrastructure. Mike Cook explained he looked at them side by side but leaned towards Donohue more because they seemed to go more in depth in the scope; Engineering Resources did not request any information as far as operational and Donohue was requesting 5 years of data; Donohue has previously worked with the City, they know the system, they have already done

part of a study out there and just need to update it. Jeff Walker did not think we could go wrong with either firm

Motion was made by Weigold to go with Donohue & Associates for the request for proposal for the US 30 sanitary sewer feasibility study to accept additional water flow for a total amount of \$22,500.00, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, Weigold and Mayor Daniel voted aye, Crowder voted against.

BILLS Motion was made by Weigold to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$500,142.94, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

LINCOLN POINTE – LIFT STATION Mike Cook advised they still have not installed the fencing around the lift station and would like a letter be sent to the developer advising they need to have the fence installed. Jeff Walker wondered if there was still a performance bond on file for them. It was requested to have Rosie check with the Planning Department and report back at the next meeting.

GRAVEL PARKING LOTS – RHOADES AUTOMOTIVE Walt Crowder questioned if there was a timeline to have a gravel parking lot paved. Jeff Walker explained unless there was temporary approval through the Planning Department the ordinance does say parking lots need to be a hard surface, either asphalt or concrete. Mayor Daniel requested to get clarification from the Planning Department on this.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Deputy Clerk Treasurer Sally Wherry