

**BOARD OF WORKS  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2013  
5:15 P.M.**

Mayor Ryan Daniel – Present  
Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle – Present  
Attorney Marcia McNagny – Present  
Daniel Weigold – Present  
Walt 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 Weigold to approve an overview of the February 12, 2013 meeting minutes as presented, Mayor Daniel second the motion, all voted aye.

**CARL SILER: TAP FEES FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOMES IN RAVENWOOD** Carl Siler with Habitat for Humanity was present to request the waiver of sewer tap fees for their projects within the City. He advised they own 4 lots and have an option on 5 more in Ravenwood.

Dan Weigold questioned how we have handled things in the past. Rosie Coyle explained we have voided the sewer fee but have them pay the water. Mike Dear advised water has about an \$800 investment on each lot and sewer just has an inspection.

Rosie Coyle questioned the Board if they wanted Mr. Siler to come back every time they were building a new home other than in Ravenwood. Mayor Daniel advised he would like him to.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to waive the sewer tap fees for Habitat for Humanity for up to 9 homes in Ravenwood, Weigold second the motion, all voted aye.

**RAIN BARREL PROGRAM** John Gotz with the Soil & Water Conservation District was present to discuss the rain barrel program. He advised they were proposing a program that would assist participating City residents in purchasing rain barrel's for their property. He explained it would help the City meet its public participation and involvement minimum control measure which was one of the requirements of the permit. He stated they would pool purchases with the Soil & Water Conservation District, Whitley County and possibly Wells County to get a better rate. He advised the City would offset the cost of a rain barrel for the household. He explained the delivery point would be the Maintenance Facility and funds would be handled through the Utility Office.

Mayor Daniel advised \$30 was discussed as an offset amount; the average person would pay \$75-\$80 for the barrel and accessories but the storm water utility would offset that by \$30. He felt this would be an incentive to capture the rain water instead of it going into our combined system.

Dan Weigold advised he had a rain barrel a long time ago and wondered how much those would really offset the amount of water going to our treatment plant. Mr. Gotz advised they estimate about 1300 gallons of storm water per barrel. He stated it was not a large decrease in storm water run-off but it was some. He advised part of it also is public participation and involvement.

Mike Dear questioned if someone were to purchase one of these and start saving could there be a reduction in their storm water fee. Mayor Daniel advised that was something they talked about and was not completely out of the question.

Jeff Walker advised Attorney McNagny still needed to put together the liability clause that would relieve us from an after purchase liability of the product.

Dan Weigold advised he was not opposed to it but wanted to make sure we would be getting a true benefit of it and could justify the cost. Mayor Daniel advised the Board would need to decide what the offset would be.

**DRAINAGE ASSESSMENTS: BRANDON FORRESTER** Brandon Forrester reviewed information distributed to the Board regarding dollars as it pertains to the different drains, City residents, streets and right of ways as well as the Indiana Code he referenced for the proposal.

Mr. Brandon explained there were 3 options; not collect on the drains, bill the landowners directly through their tax bill or have the City pay on behalf of the citizens.

Mayor Daniel advised he and Jeff Walker have talked with Brandon as well as Commissioner Schrupf to get the details worked out. Dan Weigold did not feel we should put another assessed fee on our property owners when we are already basically paying a minimum ditch assessment for storm water. He stated he would like to see when there are drains or tiles that need to be taken care of that we pay for it out of our storm water fund.

Motion was made by Weigold to work with the County as far as paying the drainage assessments per their recommendation; \$14,747.11 for the drainage assessment for residents and \$357.69 for the right of ways, etc. and forward the recommendation to Council, Mayor Daniel second the motion, all voted aye.

**BURGESS & NIPLA AGREEMENT: GROUNDWATER MONITORING SERVICES**

Jeff Walker explained this was for the 2013 semi-annual groundwater testing. He advised the not to exceed costs have not changed but their 2013 hourly rates have if it would fall back to that for outside services. He recommended the Board act favorably and approve the agreement for 2013.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to enter into the agreement with Burgess & Niple for a not to exceed amount of \$10,220.00 for semi-annual groundwater monitoring at the WRRF, Weigold second the motion, all voted aye.

**ORDINANCE VIOLATION EXTENSION REQUESTS** Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to extend Mr. Lackey's deadline to fix the ordinance violation issue until April 18, 2013, Weigold second the motion, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to extend the ordinance violation for Mr. McKeever until April 26, 2013 to take care of his ordinance violation, Weigold second the motion, all voted aye.

**2013 VEHICLE REPLACEMENT – ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT** Shawn Lickey reported it was their recommendation to go with the City Ford bid of \$34,069.21 with a \$2,000.00 trade in price to replace the 1997 dump truck. He stated upon Walt's request they did look at the Jeep Liberty; it was lower in price but they did not feel the quality was of the Ford and were recommending the Ford Escape from City Ford in the amount of \$23,620.29, even though it was \$60 more it was important to them to keep business local.

Mayor Daniel questioned the 2000 GMC pickup. Shawn explained that will be a sealed bid from interested employees. He advised the scrap value was \$250.00.

Motion was made by Weigold to purchase from City Ford the 2013 Ford F550 for \$34,069.21 which includes the \$2,000.00 trade in price as well as the Ford Escape for \$23,620.29, Mayor Daniel second the motion, all voted aye.

**2013 VEHICLE REPLACEMENT – WATER DEPARTMENT** Mike Dear reported they received quotes from Bob Thomas Ford and City Ford and recommended going with City Ford on a 2013 Ford F550 for the price of \$36,679.46 with a trade in price of \$1,000.00 on the 2001 truck.

Motion was made by Weigold to approve the purchase as recommended in the amount of \$36,679.46, Mayor Daniel second the motion, all voted aye.

**2013 VEHICLE REPLACEMENT – STREET DEPARTMENT** Mayor Daniel reported that Kelly Cearbaugh was at a conference. He noted they also received quotes from Bob Thomas and City Ford; City Ford was \$1,587.00 more than Bob Thomas.

Mayor Daniel questioned if \$1500.00 was worth going local or not. Dan Weigold advised the first thing that comes to mind is where they would have to take the vehicle for warranty work, etc. he stated \$1500 was a lot of money. Rosie Coyle noted that the \$1500 was the difference in trade in value; City Ford was giving \$3000.00 and Bob Thomas was giving \$4500.00.

Jeff Walker thought the warranty work could be done at any certified Ford dealer.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to go with the purchase price of \$31,542.00, which includes the trade in, for the street department truck which was a Ford F550 from Bob Thomas Ford, Weigold second the motion, all voted aye.

**BILLS** Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the bills in the amount of \$797,136.74, Weigold second the motion, all voted aye.

**MINUTES** Rosie Coyle noted that she put 2 different formats of the minutes in the agenda; one more detailed than the other and asked the Board which format they preferred. Mayor Daniel felt it was something they needed to talk about.

**PARK DEPARTMENT** Mark Green reported they were redoing the concession stand at DeVol Field, the Park Board approved the bathrooms for back by the pond and the pavilion bathroom project was awarded. He advised baseball and softball registration ends soon, there was a coaches and players clinic this Sunday and next Sunday at the high school and they had an intern starting next Monday.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor Ryan Daniel

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Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle