

BOARD OF WORKS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018
5:00 PM

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

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

MINUTES Motion was made by Dan Weigold to approve an overview of the December 28, 2017 meeting minutes as presented, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

BILLS Motion was made by Dan Weigold to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$417,216.13, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ADDITIONAL FIREFIGHTER REQUEST Tom LaRue requested permission to begin the hiring process for an additional firefighter position.

Mayor Daniel noted additional dollars were set aside in the budget for this year to get his department close to the minimum staffing of 2.

Walt Crowder questioned how many that would put on each shift. Tom LaRue advised there would be 3 on every shift with a minimum staffing of 2. He explained, in the meantime, he has moved the Fire Marshall onto a shift so that they could get to the minimum staffing of 2 for this year with the intentions of sometime in the future releasing the Fire Marshall back to a day shift position.

Walt Crowder questioned the housing capabilities. Chief LaRue advised it was 6 but that would be very crowded and felt 4 would be much easier to house, if they get to that.

Mayor Daniel questioned if beds were being shared now. Chief LaRue advised with this addition they would have to strip their beds daily and have the next shift reestablish their bedding.

Mayor Daniel questioned if there were any grant opportunities for this. Chief LaRue advised there was not for the firefighter but he would be applying for the AFG grant to help pay for air pack equipment. He was unsure if the SAFER grant would be available; there was talk about pulling it from the federal budget. Mayor Daniel questioned if that was a retroactive grant; that if we hire, we could still apply to fund the position. Chief LaRue advised we could and the only cost would be to pay the grant writer.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to move forward with the hiring process of a new firefighter, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICER AND DISPATCHER REQUEST Tony Hively also requested permission, with the new budget year in place, to begin the hiring process for a new dispatcher and police officer.

Mayor Daniel noted the police position would be a patrolman position and questioned if one of the patrolman would be moved to the detective bureau. Chief Hively shared when they get to full staff that would be the ideal solution, but priorities will dictate that.

Walt Crowder questioned if there would be a parking meter person in the future. Chief Hively advised once they are at full staff they plan on utilizing one of the patrolman to execute those duties; it would be a rotational basis.

Mayor Daniel questioned how far from full staff they were. Chief Hively advised he had 2 positions vacant from officers on medical leave. Mayor Daniel noted the person they would be hiring was a new position. Chief Hively advised that was correct.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to proceed with the hiring of a new police officer and new dispatcher, Dan Weigold seconded the motion.

Walt Crowder questioned if the dispatcher position would be full time or part time. Chief Hively advised it would be a full time position and then would look at things to see if they needed to continue the part time position.

Upon the motion, all voted aye.

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

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle