

**BOARD OF WORKS  
TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018  
5:00 P.M.**

Mayor Ryan Daniel – Present  
Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle – Present  
Attorney Marcia McNagny – Present  
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 February 27, 2018 meeting minutes as presented, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**REQUEST FOR SEWAGE ADJUSTMENT – 126 N. MAIN STREET** Esther Smith was present to further discuss the issue. Mayor Daniel explained the Board did not have an issue making the adjustment but were concerned with the water just being turned off and what protections were put in place that the water was not accidentally turned back on resulting in this same issue.

Esther Smith advised the water would not be turned back on until renovations were made to the house. She noted no one goes into the basement but her and the valve was down there.

After some discussion, motion was made by Mayor Daniel to make the sewage adjustment for On the Market, LLC at 126 N. Main Street back to 1,000 gallons, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**TEMPORARY SIGN REQUEST – MIRACLE EAR – 232 W. VAN BUREN STREET**

Noreen Davis with Miracle Ear was present to discuss the sign request. She explained the sign was 4 ft. x 4 in. x 24 in. wide and was a sandwich board. She stated they would like to put the sign out during the day but preferably would like to leave it out all of the time.

Mayor Daniel shared the Board of Works could approve up to 30 days and questioned the time frame they were looking at. Ms. Davis stated they could do 30 days at a time but were looking for something permanent. She questioned if they could be approved to put it on Van Buren for 30 days and then Line Street for 30 days and go back and forth.

Mayor Daniel referred to the sign ordinance and advised it would have to go before the BZA for an extension beyond 30 days. He thought the Board could approve a temporary sign if it was on a different street for an additional 30 days. Discussion followed on other temporary signs that were placed around town. Walt Crowder suggested approving a 30 day timeframe and in the meantime have Ms. Davis research further with the BZA. Mayor Daniel agreed and suggested she get on the BZA meeting agenda.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve a 30 day time period for Miracle Ear to place their sandwich board on Van Buren Street next to the curb with the caveat that the sign is half full of sand so it does not blow away, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Mayor Daniel advised he would notify Nathan Bilger, Planning Director.

**CEMETERY MOWING BID QUOTES** Rosie Coyle reported to the Board the bid from last year could be renewed up to three years but the company called and cancelled the contract. She opened and read bids received from Wise Property Management for the amount of \$15,100.00 per year up to 3 years and Emerald Knight for the amount of \$18,850.00 for 1 year and \$17,950.00 for 3 year contract. She advised we have had mowing contracts with both companies.

Bids were taken under advisement until the next meeting.

**ALLEY CUT PERMISSION FOR RETIREMENT OF GAS MAIN** Rosie Coyle believed this to be the same request as they submitted 1 year ago when they had the alley blocked by the Northside Grill building. Kelly Cearbaugh advised they have been at that location for quite some time.

After some discussion, Mayor Daniel made a motion to approve the request, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION REQUEST** Mayor Daniel noted there was a request to review the policy regarding performance evaluations for employees. He shared the individual was retiring and would like to be compensated for the goals section of the employee evaluation. He advised the HR Director has denied the request and was why this was before the Board. He read the policy to the Board.

Dan Weigold felt the policy was explained very specifically. He advised he respected the fact the employee accomplished what he did but was having a problem going against the policy.

Mayor Daniel felt it was important to note there were two components to the performance evaluations; goals and competency categories. He shared the recommendation from the HR Director.

Dan Weigold felt they would be opening things up for a lot of other options and felt they should stay true to the policy. Walt Crowder concurred.

Motion was made by Walt Crowder to deny the request in regards to changing the policy for compensation of the performance bonus, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**STREET CLOSING PERMIT – YO2GO BUILDING – DUMPSTER** Mayor Daniel noted the request was to place a dumpster in the parking stalls next the building.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the parking stall closure request for Billy Reffitt and Yo2Go for a period of 2 weeks after the dumpster has been placed with the caveat that it needs to be concluded within the next 30 days, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**STREET CLOSING PERMIT – LEMONADE DAY** Mayor Daniel explained they were requesting closure of Chauncey between Van Buren and the alley; what we typically would close. He shared this would be for Lemonade Day which was a pretty successful event that

happens around Indianapolis and were trying to start it up here in NE Indiana. He advised the request was for May 19 from 8 am – 2 pm for closure of Chauncey Street from Van Buren to the E/W alley directly north of Van Buren.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve Lemonade Day to close Chauncey Street between Van Buren and the E/W alley directly north of Van Buren as presented for May 19 from 8 am – 2 pm, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**BILLS** Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to pay the bills in the amount of \$870,222.71, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**SDI – LETTER OF INTENT** Mayor Daniel explained this would be stage one of two stages of signing off with SDI to do the sanitary sewer collection project that will help with their \$75,000,000.00 expansion at SDI. He advised the LOI effectively memorializes the discussions that we have been having with the County Redevelopment Commission and SDI. He stated the County Redevelopment Commission and the City sewer works would enter into an agreement with SDI that would build a new sewer line that would run directly from SDI to our plant and would discharge up to 500,000 gallons of sewage per day. He noted the LOI basically states the general tenants of that project. He discussed in further detail a couple provisions of the LOI. He advised the goal of SDI is to have this online by January 1, 2019; however, our side of the project probably would not be complete until June of 2019 so in that interim we would need to have alternative means of disposal.

Mayor Daniel shared if the LOI was approved by the Board it would turn into a definitive agreement. He advised there still may be some little things tweaked but those changes would come before the Board.

Dan Weigold noted this would not affect the rates to the public. Mayor Daniel confirmed there was no anticipated need for a rate increase due to this project.

Walt Crowder felt it should be acknowledged that this has been in negotiations for months and was not a decision made overnight.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the LOI as presented with Steel Dynamics, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

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