

**BOARD OF WORKS
TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2020
5:00 PM**

Mayor Ryan Daniel – Present
Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle – Present
Attorney Marcia McNagny – Present
Walter Crowder – Present
Nicole Penrod – Present

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

MINTUES Motion was made by Walt Crowder to approve an overview of the July 14, 2020 meeting minutes as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

STREET CLOSURE REQUEST – NIPSCO – SWIHART STREET Rosie Coyle shared Kelly Cearbaugh did not have a problem with the request as they would be on the berm.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the permit to cut into curbs, streets, alleys for NIPSCO on Swihart Street east of the CR 50 East as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

R E CROSBY, INC – PAY REQUEST 10 - \$394,445.49 Mike Cook advised the pay request was in order and has been reviewed by the engineers.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve pay application 19119-10 in the amount of \$394,445.49 as presented, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

BILLS AND PAYROLL Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to pay all accounts payable vouchers totaling \$1,065,108.03, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to pay all pay types except overtime in the amount \$258,088.48 plus overtime pay of \$8,282.26, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

RAILROAD REPAIRS – LINE AND MAIN STREET Mayor Daniel noted CF & E Railroad would be doing repair work on the line that runs from Fort Wayne to Hobart. He advised they would need to work at Ohio and Line Streets and could be as soon as August 11. He shared the closing would remain for approximately 2 days.

NEW CHIPPER – ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT Shawn Lickey explained they were originally going to replace the chipper in 2021 but the current one is in need of about \$7,000 worth of repairs. He stated he could not justify repairs on a 17 year old machine that would be replaced in 4-5 months. He advised he requested quotes from 3 different vendors but only received quotes from Bandit Industries based out of Indianapolis for \$58,900.00, before trade-in, and Vermeer based out of Fort Wayne for \$60,466.00, before trade-in. He shared in discussions with Kelly Cearbaugh, he expressed interest in possibly purchasing the chipper from the electric department at the trade in value of \$5,000. He stated the Street Department would pay for the repairs and would then have a backup machine.

Shawn Lickey advised he was looking for approval to purchase the Vermeer machine for \$60,466.00.

Walt Crowder felt it made good sense and would be good to have backup.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the request from Shawn to purchase a new chipper from Vermeer in the amount of \$60,466.00, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion.

Walt Crowder questioned if this machine was in stock or has to be ordered. Shawn Lickey advised they have to order and build it but thought it would be 30-40 days. He noted they could have the other one repaired in about a week.

Upon the motion, all voted aye.

ENGINEERING AGREEMENT - DONOHUE Mike Cook explained the scope of service to replace the manholes. He advised this was a typical agreement.

He advised the design and CRS services would be \$24,500.00. He thought we would pay for this out of our own funds but Paul Elling reached out to SRF and found there was money left over that could be used. He shared, in talking with Paul, he thought the project costs could be reduced to \$12,000 - \$15,000.

Mike Cook requested permission to proceed with the project. He shared it would essentially be a change order on Project A.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the Engineering Services Agreement for Donohue & Associates in a not to exceed amount of \$24,500.00 as presented, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT – EMPLOYEES Shawn Lickey reported he was given a letter of resignation from one of his 1st year lineman and requested permission to begin the hiring process to fill that position.

The Board of Works was in agreement to move forward.

FIRST FRIDAY STREET CLOSING REQUEST – LESLIE BLAKLEY Leslie Blakley gave an update on what First Friday's may look like for August, September and October. She advised they would be holding a Board meeting tomorrow to discuss where they currently stand and whether to move forward or put things on hold, much of which would be determined by the Governor's weekly meeting.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the First Friday street closing request as presented for 5 pm – 9 pm on 08/07, 09/04 and 10/2 of 2020, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

COLUMBIA CITY CONNECT – LESLIE BLAKLEY Leslie Blakley explained Columbia City Connect was a merger of the Downtown Business Alliance and Columbia City Main Street. She stated they were working towards the same initiative so was in the best interest to just merge the two organizations. She shared they have been focusing on ways to support the local businesses through this time.

OLD SETTLERS UPDATE Marcia McNagny reported the Old Settlers Day Committee has decided to pull the plug on trying to put something together for this year.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle