

BOARD OF WORKS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021
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.

MINUTES Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve an overview of the January 22, 2021 meeting minutes as presented, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

EUGENE CHILDERS Mayor Daniel noted that Mr. Childers was not present. He advised a letter was sent to him on January 28, 2021 requesting his attendance at this meeting. He advised he will need to talk with Attorney McNagny as well as the Planning & Building Department to see what the next steps will be.

ENGINEERING AGREEMENT – ER ENGINEERING – TRAIL TO SCHOOL Mayor Daniel explained this was for the LPA program, specifically for the trail to the school buildings on SR 9. He shared they have been working over a year on this and have looked at different options but the whole point was to get to the school campus. He advised the application has already been submitted and will find out in the next month whether this grant will happen.

Walt Crowder pointed out the Sub-consultant Services and it being cost + 10%. He questioned if that was an open item that we do not know the cost for or would they have an idea in their submittal. Chip Hill did not think we would ever get to that point.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the proposal by Engineering Resources with a not to exceed amount of \$8,000.00 for the trail project to the high school, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ENGINEERING AGREEMENT – A & Z ENGINEERING: PHASE I WESTGATE Chip Hill explained this was for corrections from our in-house engineering so that they could get the first phase of the Westgate project going. Mayor Daniel advised we have an application in to Community Crossings with INDOT in hopes to have the project funded.

Mayor Daniel noted a good portion of what they have been working on was the utility infrastructure more than the roadway, etc.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the agreement with A & Z Engineering for Phase I of Westgate with a not to exceed amount of \$91,893.00 as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

LEASE AGREEMENT: US BANCORP Mayor Daniel advised this would be for the Water Department Vector truck. Rosie Coyle advised she had everything ready but needed approval from the Board to go ahead with the Lease Agreement with an interest rate of 1.69%.

Walt Crowder questioned if the lease payment would be a one-time annual payment for 7 years. Rosie Coyle advised that was correct with the first payment due February of 2022. Walt Crowder confirmed we would have the unit at that time. Mike Shoda advised the unit was supposed to be here at the end of April or first of May of this year.

Motion was made by Walt Crowder to approve the lease agreement with US Bancorp, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

2021 DRAINAGE ASSESSMENTS Mayor Daniel reminded the Board that as part of the storm water fees our residents pay, the City made a conscience decision to pay for the drainage ditch assessment fees that happen within the City limits. He noted this was the annual request to pay those drainage assessments in the amount of \$8,443.77.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve the drainage assessments as presented for 2021, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

STREET TRUCK QUOTES Kelly Cearbaugh explained this was for a 2 ton truck they have had on the radar for the past 5 years. He advised this would replace their 2004 International 2 ton truck. He noted he received 3 quotes and recommended awarding the purchase to Selking International for \$72,859.78.

Mayor Daniel confirmed the \$10,000.00 was a fair trade-in value for the 2004. Kelly Cearbaugh advised it was.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the dump truck purchase from Selking International with the trade in value of \$10,000.00 for a total net sale price of \$72,859.78 as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

BILLS Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to pay accounts payable vouchers dated February 9, 2021 in the amount of \$1,564,379.99, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

PAYROLL Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to pay all paytypes except overtime in the amount of \$223,316.08 plus overtime in the amount of \$6,888.15 for the payfile ending 01/29/2021, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

WATER LINE PIPING Mike Shoda shared plastic pipe is currently allowed for water lines but felt the City should take a stand and stay with ductile iron only. He advised if the plastic breaks it is not an easy fix. He shared he had a contractor tell him we would be making a big mistake by continuing to allow plastic and would just be asking for trouble.

Mayor Daniel recalled the original discussion in regards to allowing plastic was if it was effectively at the end of the pipe, such as in neighborhoods. He advised he certainly would not

encourage plastic or pvc mains and felt ductile iron was important to have. He felt this was certainly a conversation for Council to have as it would need to be in ordinance form.

Walt Crowder questioned, with big projects, if the piping material would be a part of the specs given to the designer without having to do an ordinance. Mike Shoda advised the problem was plastic was allowed in once. He shared we just cannot say it cannot be used since it was used in another area. Walt Crowder agreed ductile iron would be a more stable infrastructure.

Chip Hill shared Cambridge Crossing put in for ductile iron but the homebuilder requested different bids. He thought it was in legislature now that they could not request. Mayor Daniel shared homebuilders have consistently pushed bills that force Cities and Towns hands in favor of cheaper homebuilding materials.

Attorney McNagny advised it was important as a City that we look at this and if we need to push for legislation it was important that we at least speak up. Nicole Penrod questioned if the State passes a law allowing them to use whatever they want but we would have an ordinance in place, who would win. Mayor Daniel advised the State always wins. Attorney McNagny advised that was the problem and we needed to speak up. She suggested talking with AIM, where the Cities and Towns voice really is.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Chip Hill** – Community Crossing grant and LPA grant through INDOT. **Kelly Cearbaugh** – snow removal, alley’s plowed when 3” or more. **Shawn Lickey** – contesting ruling from IURC on gas line strike, filed all paperwork to be compliant with IDEM on the gas pumps, power installed to the West Ellsworth liftstation, helped with plowing snow. **Scott Leatherman** – update on officer training.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle