

BOARD OF WORKS
TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2021
5:00 PM

Mayor Ryan Daniel – Present
Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle – Present
Attorney Marcia McNagny – Absent
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 Walt Crowder to approve an overview of the June 22, 2021, meeting minutes as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

STREET CLOSING REQUEST – 4-H FAIR PARADE Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve the street closing request for the Whitley County 4-H parade on Saturday, July 17, 2021, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

STREET CLOSING REQUEST – THE NOOK Mayor Daniel explained the request was between the last meeting and now. He shared he worked with Gary Parrett and Sally Wherry on this and approved using a portion of the sidewalk as well as the parking spaces in front of The Nook. He advised Gary helped with cones so people had an area to congregate. He asked for retroactive approval for the public access permit and street closing permit for The Nook's 50th anniversary as presented.

Motion was made by Walt Crowder to approve both the Public Access closing permit and the Street Closing permit as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

STREET CLOSING REQUEST – CHAPMAN'S Mayor Daniel noted this request was also somewhat retroactive and under construction now. He explained the renovation was to put in a kitchen in the building connected to Chapman's. He shared he and Rosie Coyle talked with Scott Richmond who was doing the renovation. He advised the original request was to place the dumpster completely in front of the alley but what they said was basically to split ½ of the alley and the first or second parking space in front of Chapman's. He noted the dumpster appeared to only be in the first two parking spaces in front of Chapman's. He reported the Chamber Director contacted him with a concern for the dumpster blocking the spaces. He advised he explained where the City's position was. He stated the construction was scheduled to go through August 5 but only gave approval up to this point in time.

Nicole Penrod confirmed there was only the one complaint. Mayor Daniel advised that was correct and really was more of a concern. Nicole Penrod felt it was only a short period of time and they needed somewhere to go. Mayor Daniel explained the thinking behind splitting the difference was they did not really want a dumpster blocking the whole alley and felt with the renovation taking place at Chapman's it made sense to take up some of their parking.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve the street closing permit for the renovation to Chapman's from July 12 to August 5, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

PERMIT TO CUT INTO CURBS, STREETS OR ALLEYS Mayor Daniel noted the request was for the new section on Valley River Drive. Chip Hill advised the work had already been completed. Mayor Daniel requested a reminder be sent to NIPSCO to fill out their permits before starting construction.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the Permit to Cut into Curbs, Streets or Alleys for Valley River Drive on behalf of NIPSCO, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, Mayor Daniel and Walt Crowder voted aye, Nicole Penrod was opposed.

AEP FACILITIES AGREEMENT Shawn Lickey requested to table the issue. He shared after reviewing the document he found a misprint and advised they would be submitting a corrected agreement.

Motion was made by Walt Crowder to table the AEP Facilities Agreement, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

REELSTRONG WIRE TRAILER Shawn Lickey shared their existing pole trailer, built in 1979, was not in very good shape. He advised he found two companies that make trailers that could replace their pole trailer and wire trailer. He reported he had 2 quotes; there was a \$1300 difference in quotes but the one being recommended was galvanized; the other was powder coated. He recommended going with Reelstrong for the combo wire/pole trailer for \$26,834.86.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the Reelstrong Utility Fleet Trailer in the amount of \$26,834.86, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion.

Walt Crowder noted there were several options in regard to lengths. Shawn Lickey advised the trailer was a 25 ft. trailer so they could haul everything from their biggest pole to their smallest pole.

Walt Crowder questioned what they would do with the old trailer. Shawn Lickey advised they would probably keep the wire trailer and auction off the pole trailer.

Upon the motion, all voted aye.

QUOTE FOR POLE CAMERA Mayor Daniel shared there were areas in which their current camera just could not get into; this camera would also allow them down into manholes to look around.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve Kelly Cearbaugh's request for purchase from BEC Brown Equipment Company in the amount of \$21,382.25 as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

BILLS AND PAYROLL Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to pay all accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$1,189,408.99, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to pay all paytypes except overtime in the amount of \$253,985.24 plus overtime in the amount of \$8,401.36 for payfile ending 06/18/2021, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to pay all paytypes except overtime in the amount of \$9,350.00 for payfile ending 07/01/2021 for the 3rd quarter clothing allowance, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to pay all paytypes except overtime in the amount of \$241,581.67 plus over time in the amount of \$9,383.61 for payfile ending 07/02/2021, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Mike Cook** – still waiting on Jefferson Street Scada re-installation and programming at Ellsworth Street, liquidated damages to date were \$113,000.00, upgrades done to help with increased water flow to the plant, new flow meters in, new employees doing great, PLC and UV system crashed but was able to get back up and have new PLC on order. **Gary Parrett** – fire scene cleaned up, posting No Parking signs for the 4-H Fair.

WATER LINE REPLACEMENT Mike Shoda reported they were called in for a water main break in the 400 block of E. Jefferson Street and advised they found another leak in that area. He requested permission to replace that block of line. Mayor Daniel confirmed they had just replaced between Madison and Marshall. Mike Shoda advised that was correct and they were eventually planning to go all the way to Main Street but would like to do the one block right now. He was able to get a quick quote of about \$14,800.00. He suggested they could use what they have on hand for Westgate and order more for that project.

The Board of Works agreed to proceed.

Walt Crowder questioned if this was something they could do in-house. Mike Shoda advised they would do everything in-house except for the cement work.

DUMPSTER AT CHAPMAN'S Chip Hill asked for suggestions on what to do in the alley behind Chapman's. He shared the owner of the old Northside Grill would like to put in a confinement system for his dumpster. He advised it currently was a pass-through alley and with the line of sight, you can not see. He suggested making it a 3-way stop alley. He shared it would assist with people walking out of Ohki Alley and would allow the dumpster to be in a closed container instead of being out in the open. Mayor Daniel felt it was a creative way to address the situation; it would give the property owner the ability to improve the look at the end of the alley and safety for those walking out of the alley on the north side.

The Board agreed with the suggestion.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS CONTINUED **Shawn Lickey** – continue to work on conversion project, update on Westgate project, employees to substation training through IMPA, received drawings from ALTEC for the new digger derrick truck that was previously approved, vandalism to gate to solar park, hiring process for open position, update on Main Street street lighting project.

MAYOR REPORT Mayor Daniel reported the Morsches Park storage facility was starting to go up, they were working on a couple grants, movie nights were scheduled at the Aquatics Center, site visit for the DNR grant for various projects at the park, budget meetings coming up.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Deputy Clerk Treasurer Sally Wherry