

BOARD OF WORKS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 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 September 14, 2021, meeting minutes as presented, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

STREET CLOSING PERMIT – OLD SETTLERS 2022 Rosie Coyle advised the request was the same as in years past. Mayor Daniel reported he, Rosie and Chris LaRue met with the Old Settlers Committee to talk about some of the challenges and concerns from 2021 and how to improve on those.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the Old Settlers Festival street closing permit for Sunday, June 19 – Sunday, June 26, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

STREET CUT PERMIT – 305 W JACKSON BLDG. 2 – RETIRE GAS LINE Motion was made by Walt Crowder to accept the curb cut permit as presented at 305 W. Jackson Street, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

STREET CUT PERMIT – 1260 W. BUSINESS 30 - INSTALL GAS SERVICE Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the permit to cut into curbs, streets & alleys for 1260 W. Business 30 as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

STREET CUT PERMIT – 333 W. ORCHID CT - INSTALL GAS SERVICE Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve the curb cut for 333 W. Orchid Ct. in Columbia City, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

STREET CUT PERMIT – 9 JEFFREY DR. – DRIVEWAY Rosie Coyle reported Cory Sievers talked with the individual and did not have a problem with it. Mayor Daniel noted there was a sidewalk there and hoped they smoothed that as well. Rosie advised she would have Cory check it.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the permit to cut into curbs, streets, and alleys for 9 Jeffrey Drive with the caveat that the Street Department would check to ensure the sidewalk is blended into the driveway so as to not have ADA issues, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

PLAT APPROVAL – DOT AMERICA CAMPUS Mayor Daniel reviewed the mylar with the Board.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the DOT America plat as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

PAY REQUEST: EVEREST EXCAVATING Mike Cook advised he reviewed the pay request and recommended the Board approve payment. He noted this pay request would exhaust our SRF funds and the remaining would come out of his budget. Mayor Daniel reminded the Board this was for the 700 E. pig launch.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve Pay Application #1 for Everest Excavating for the 700 E. pig launch project in the amount of \$49,059.00, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

POLICE CAR PURCHASE Gary Parrett reported when he picked up their new car at City Ford, they advised we may or may not receive another vehicle in 2022 due to the chip shortages. He reported City Ford had an extra vehicle and it was available for us to purchase if we wanted. He shared he talked with Mayor and Rosie, and they were able to find funds for the purchase if the Board approved. He advised the cost was \$33,908.25 which was the same price for the car ordered in January. He requested permission to purchase the second vehicle. Mayor Daniel confirmed it was an Explorer. Chief Parrett advised it was. Mayor Daniel thought it made sense to grab the vehicle while we could.

Nicole Penrod confirmed they said they would not have another vehicle in 2022. Chief Parrett advised they may or may not. He shared he ordered the 2021 vehicle in January and just now received it.

Mayor Daniel shared we already have funds for a car set aside in the public safety LOIT. He advised at the next Council meeting he would be giving the ARP funding budget that he and Rosie created with the department heads. He noted part of that does have potential car funding for the police.

Walt Crowder questioned if they would be deleting a car out of their fleet. Chief Parrett advised he would be getting rid of one of the Crown Vics. He shared since we have only been replacing one, sometimes two vehicles, our maintenance costs have increased considerably. He advised we use to be on a 6-7 year rotation but are now at 10-12 year rotation.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve the purchase of the car available at City Ford for the police department, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ENGINEERING AGREEMENT: 69 KVA/DISTRIBUTION LINE MODIFICATION DESIGN Mayor Daniel explained there was a quote included in the packet for the engineering for the north substation. He advised it would be the cost for them to engineer and project manage the new poles and wires for the north substation project.

Motion was made by Walt Crowder to approve Task Order #142CCMU9132021A for the amount of \$24,740.00, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

BILLS AND PAYROLL Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to pay all accounts payable vouchers dated September 28, 2021, in the amount of \$1,375,644.33, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to pay all paytypes except overtime in the amount of \$249,500.82 plus overtime in the amount of \$11,035.57 for payfile ending 09/10/21, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to pay all paytypes except overtime in the amount of \$221,314.80 plus overtime in the amount of \$5,205.10 for payfile ending 09/24/21, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Mike Shoda** – starting on the Jefferson Street project next week and should take about 2 weeks. **Gary Parrett** – BABE golf outing, update on training, working on policies. **Mike Cook** – work complete on compactor, update on Culligan units, sink hole on Jefferson Street, upgrading Towerview control panel.

IDEM agreed order – Mike Cook reported items were questioned in the TRE and requested some changes. He advised they approved the changes and lowered our fine from \$11,250 to \$4,125 because of the actions we had taken. He asked for approval from the Board to get this paid and returned as our case manager would be leaving IDEM October 1. Mike Cook advised Attorney McNagny has been involved with the process. Mayor Daniel felt it was a fair compromise, especially by a State agency. Mike Cook noted the agreed order grants us 36 months to get the toxicity completed and steps to take if we do not think we can meet it. Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to send in the agreed order and approve paying the fine of \$4,125.00 to IDEM, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Park Department - Mayor Daniel reported for Mark Green that the Mother/Son event will be held October 22 and the old high school property will be seeded in about 2 weeks. **Fire Department** – Mayor Daniel reported for Tom LaRue that the training facility should be done by the end of the month, Truck 105 was rear-ended with minor damage.

MAYOR REPORT Mayor Daniel reported they held a redistricting meeting, he met with the United Way Director, he attended the Rotary meeting and toured the solar park, Youth Council will be meeting, AIM conference next week.

WHITLEY COUNTY REGIONAL WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT Walt Crowder reported the areas they were looking to expand services where sewers were failing are Churubusco west, Churubusco south, Stable Acres, Dunfee and Coesse. He shared they were waiting to get their final budget money and still need to set the areas of priority.

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

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle