

**BOARD OF WORKS  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 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 November 9, 2021, meeting minutes as presented, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**PAY REQUEST – EVEREST EXCAVATING: PIG LAUNCH** Rosie Coyle advised she still did not have total approval from Donohue to pay the request. She shared the Board could hold off on approval or give approval pending direction from Donohue. Mayor Daniel questioned if there would be a problem waiting until the next meeting. Rosie Coyle advised there would not.

The Board was in agreement to table approval until the next meeting.

**STREET CUT PERMIT – 697 S. COTTONWOOD CT. – NEW GAS SERVICE** Mayor Daniel noted this would be for gas service to a new home.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the request to cut into curbs, streets or alleys at 697 S. Cottonwood Ct. from NIPSCO as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**STREET CUT PERMIT – 771 NORFOLK – NEW GAS SERVICE** Mayor Daniel noted this was also for service to a new home.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the request to cut into curbs, streets or alleys at 771 Norfolk as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**STREET CUT PERMIT – 317 W. LONGFELLOW BLVD. – NEW GAS SERVICE**  
Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve the request to cut into curbs, streets or alleys at 317 W. Longfellow Blvd. as presented, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**STREET CUT PERMIT – 741 NORFOLK – NEW GAS SERVICE** Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve the request to cut into curbs, streets or alleys at 741 Norfolk Cove in Columbia City, Indiana, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**STREET CLOSING PERMIT – WHITLEY COUNTY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**  
Mayor Daniel noted this appears to be the same general premise as requests in the past. He

advised it would be for December 3 & 4 from 5 – 9 pm for the parking spaces on the south side of the courthouse.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the street closing permit for the Whitley County Community Christmas Celebration for December 3 & 4 as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**POLICE CAR REPLACEMENT** Gary Parrett reported Officer Cook's vehicle was involved in an accident which could be a possible total loss on the vehicle. He explained when they were searching for a vehicle as a replacement, they were finding prices were skyrocketing with lead times of 6 – 8 months. He shared in their research, they found that City Ford ended up having a cancellation from another department for 2 Hybrid Ford Explorer's. He reported the cost would be \$35,622.25 per vehicle. He advised the money was already allocated and City Ford was willing to give us a 45-day leeway so we could pay out of next year's budget.

Walt Crowder confirmed the unit that was hit would be one of the replacements. Chief Parrett advised it would be. Walt Crowder confirmed they officially totaled Officer Cook's unit. Chief Parrett advised it was still in the works. Walt Crowder suggested they could buy one unit knowing there would be no risk until insurance would determine whether the vehicle was totaled. Mayor Daniel felt the reason Chief Parrett was bringing this forward was because it was already in his budget to buy 2 vehicles (actually 4 vehicles; 2 from ARP money and 2 from actual budget). He felt the real issue was more about trying to get a vehicle quicker and on the road. He advised they do anticipate there will be insurance proceeds that will come back. Rosie Coyle thought we should know something from insurance by the first of the week.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to give Chief Parrett permission to move forward with the 2 vehicle purchases, 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 \$858,976.94 dated 11/23/2021 , Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to pay all paytypes except overtime in the amount of \$223,067.45 plus over time in the amount of \$9,292.37 for the payfile ending November 5, 2021, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS** **Terry Wherry** – working through the multi-factor authorization process. **Gary Parrett** – partnering with Toys 4 Tots, Patrolling 4 Presents program scheduled for December 18 at Paige's Crossing, gearing up for the Turkey Trot and lighted Christmas parade, working on SOP's and extended deadline for Dispatch applications. **Chip Hill** – DNR grant due December 1, moving forward with Westgate project. **Tom LaRue** – Blake Forrester turned in letter of resignation and requested permission to hire to fill his position; Board granted permission. Update on burn facility, water department installing hydrant by the facility.

**MAYOR REPORT** Mayor Daniel reported Columbia City was getting a Culver's restaurant and there was a lot of other movement happening. He shared he had a fantastic conversation with the school superintendent.

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

---

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

---

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle