

BOARD OF WORKS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022
5:00 PM

Mayor Ryan Daniel – Present
Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle – Absent
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 Mayor Daniel noted minor changes to be made to the January 11, 2022, meeting minutes.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve an overview of the January 11, 2022, meeting minutes as corrected, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

STREET CUT PERMITS – NIPSCO NIPSCO submitted street cut permits for 869 Summit Drive for gas service installation, 575 E. Business 30 to retire gas service to the business, 507 W. Columbia Parkway for gas service installation and 1370 W. Westgate Avenue for gas service installation.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the permit to cut into curbs, streets and alleys for 869 Summit Drive, 575 E. Business 30, 507 W. Columbia Parkway and 1370 W. Westgate Avenue as presented, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

STREET CLOSING PERMIT – JA CAR SHOW Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve the street closing permit for the Junior Achievement of Whitley County 20th Annual Car Show on August 6, 2022, from 6 am – 2 pm, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

BURGESS & NIPLE GROUNDWATER MONITORING SERVICES: WAYNE RECLAMATION Mayor Daniel noted this comes up every year for the Wayne Waste site, in which we really do not have control over but are somehow involved in. He thought a few years ago the numbers were declining but there were some other things they were working through.

Walt Crowder questioned if it would be beneficial for us to start laying some ground that says within 5 years we really should be done with this or was that immaterial at this time. He advised he was just looking for a best guess closure on the issue. Attorney McNagny advised it was really out of our hands right now. Mayor Daniel advised they have been having conversations with the Whitley County Treasurer as some of the properties were on tax sale every year. Attorney McNagny advised she has provided law to the Whitley County Treasurer on the things they could do annually to get the properties off of the tax roles, but that is up to them. She felt it certainly was not a bad idea to ask every once in a while, but she has continued to do that. She advised there was no indication it was going to stop and noted it was supposed to have stopped about 5 years ago.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to enter into agreement with Burgess & Niple for proposal #22-1015 for the Wayne Reclamation and Recycling Facility groundwater monitoring services for 2022, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

AGREEMENT A & Z – WEST VAN BUREN STREET DRAINAGE STUDY Chip Hill explained with the reengineering of Westgate they have found there were only 2 tiles that drain Westgate and they cannot handle the roughly 160 acres of storm water. He shared they were trying to figure out the best route for the drainage and this study would encompass that. He noted for the first phase they were putting in a retention pond, but that only addresses the first phase. He advised there would be two more phases and need to determine where to take the storm water.

Mayor Daniel noted the study was a not to exceed amount of \$49,300.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the West Van Buren Street Drainage Study with A & Z Engineering for a not to exceed amount of \$49,300.00, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Mike Shoda questioned with the retention pond if they were going to look into increasing the size if they cannot go down Lincolnway. Mayor Daniel thought with the comprehensive study they would present several options of how to handle the stormwater.

BILLS AND PAYROLL Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to pay all accounts payable in the amount of \$1,002,505.36 from the accounts payable vouchers dated 01/25/2022, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to pay all paytypes except overtime in the amount of \$253,145.22 plus overtime of \$6,603.17 for the payfile ending 01/14/2022, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

DEPARTMENT HEADS **Mike Shoda** - training on new meter test bench, frozen meters, low pressure east of town due to adjusting the towers because of the cold temperatures. **Tom LaRue** – breathing air compressor broken again, changed out batteries in air packs, update on hiring process. **Mike Cook** – teleconference with IDEM regarding toxicity, putting together RFQ for Jefferson and Main force main replacements, quoting for Columbia Shores liftstation upgrades, working on SDI yearly reports. **Gary Parrett** – meeting to discuss 2022 training, reported on 2021 statistics, working on SOP's. **Mark Green** – Father/Daughter dance next weekend, preparing for baseball/softball registration, plowing snow, first aid training. **Kelly Cearbaugh** – update on snow removal. **Shawn Lickey** – replacing poles, update on Westgate project, received Main Street lighting bid documents. **Terry Wherry** – lost servers, replacing old equipment, update on Duo project, free Wi-Fi on hold. **Chip Hill** – update on Westgate project.

MAYOR REPORT Mayor Daniel gave an update on the business personal property tax.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest;

Deputy Clerk Treasurer Sally Wherry