

**BOARD OF WORKS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021
5:00 PM**

Mayor Ryan Daniel – Present
Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle – Present
Attorney Marcia McNagny – Present
Walter Crowder – Absent
Nicole Penrod – Present

The Columbia City Board of Works met in regular session with all members except Walt Crowder present, Mayor Daniel presiding.

MINUTES Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve an overview of the November 23, 2021, meeting minutes as presented, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

BID OPENING – NORTH SUBSTATION UPGRADE Rosie Coyle opened and read bids received from Vaughn Industries for the amount of \$867,058.32, Power Construction Group for the amount of \$961,635.00, Kent Power for the amount of \$741,660.00, Hydaker-Wheatlake Company for the amount of \$1,200,032.00.

Mayor Daniel advised the bids would be taken under advisement and awarded at the next meeting.

GIVING GARDENS PRESENTATION Julian Herron, Treasurer of Giving Gardens Indiana, was present to discuss a couple proposals. He shared they would like to construct a pavilion to be used as a classroom for an educational program. He explained the preferred location for the pavilion was on City property located north of the Giving Gardens property. He shared their other request was to either have permission to walk the same City property to gain access to another parcel or to deed the City parcel over to them; however, they would not be able to maintain the entire parcel.

Mayor Daniel reviewed the map and questioned if they had conversations with Planning and Building concerning the parcel split. It was advised they have a meeting set up with BZA. Mayor Daniel questioned Chip Hill where the parcel split would go. Chip Hill explained the BZA has an issue because it is zoned industrial; however, he did not see an issue because it could not be developed. He shared he talked with Nathan Bilger and informed him the City did not have an issue, but the BZA did. He questioned if the City would be willing to donate that parcel to Giving Garden's since it was undevelopable. Mayor Daniel shared it was not a big deal to use the land to get to the wooded area, but the parcel split was a little more challenging because of how it would be split. He advised he could see pros and cons of it. He questioned if it was Giving Garden's preference to just do the parcel split or was there an interest to have the property to do more things. It was suggested the entire property would be ideal. Mayor Daniel shared this was land the City would not use or develop and seemed a natural fit to use it for more natural purposes, not only from a water quality standpoint but also for giving opportunities for additional education purposes. He noted the City currently mows the property and by having one less

property to mow would be a benefit to the City. Nicole Penrod questioned Mr. Herron if they would take the entire property if they could maintain it. Mr. Herron advised they do not have the equipment to mow it. It was noted they would plant more native grasses and different wildflowers to beautify the area. Mayor Daniel shared his biggest issue from a long-term perspective was where the City deeds the property over but then someone complains and now there is an ordinance violation. Attorney McNagny advised she would take a look at the ordinance to see how it reads.

Mayor Daniel requested to table the issue for two weeks.

Nicole Penrod questioned if the surrounding neighbors would need to be notified. Mayor Daniel thought if there was a rezone then the neighbors were notified. He questioned if they have heard from the neighbors there. It was shared a lot of the neighbors come to their events and really enjoy it.

PAY REQUEST – EVEREST EXCAVATING: PIG LAUNCH Mike Cook advised everything was in order and the project was complete.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve pay application for Everest Excavating with Engineers project # 13790 in the amount of \$81,765.00 as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the Invoice # 8977 for Everest Excavating LLC in the amount of \$21,500.00 as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

AGREED ORDER – TOXICITY Mike Cook explained the order has been reviewed by he, Austin Babb and Attorney McNagny. He recommended the agreement be signed and returned to IDEM. He shared he had a phone conference with EnviroScience who suggested we have phone conference with IDEM once the agreement has been signed.

Mike Cook advised they have not found any toxicity in all the testing that has been so far. He shared after the phone conference with IDEM they may move forward with doing 3 tests in a row and if they pass all of them then the agreed order would be done.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to enter into the agreed order with Indiana Department of Environmental Management in Case #2021-27712-W, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

PETITION TO VACATE ALLEY: KEITH COFFELT – 368 N. OAK Chip Hill reported Mr. Coffelt would like, at some point, to develop those 3 lots but there is an undeveloped alley between 2 of the lots.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to pass on a favorable recommendation for the vacation of the alley just south of 368 N. Oak, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

REQUEST TO BLOCK PARKING SPACES – FIRE DEPARTMENT CANDY GIVE AWAY

Fire Chief Tom LaRue advised they opted to not do the inside candy giveaway again this year and would be doing the same as they did last year.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve the street closing request for the Fire Department candy giveaway on December 24 from 5 – 8 pm, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

CURB CUT REQUEST – 881 E. DEER PATH – NIPSCO Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the permit to cut into curbs, streets, or alleys for 881 E. Deer Path as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

CURB CUT REQUEST – 729 NORFOLK COVE – NIPSCO Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the permit to cut into curbs, streets, or alleys for 729 Norfolk Cove as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

CURB CUT REQUEST – 754 NORFOLK COVE – NIPSCO Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the permit to cut into curbs, streets, or alleys for 754 Norfolk Cove as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

CURB CUT REQUEST – 344 W. ORCHID COURT – NIPSCO Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve the permit to cut into curbs, streets, or alleys for 344 W. Orchid Ct. as presented, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

CURB CUT REQUEST – 388 N. BRENNAN STREET – NIPSCO Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the permit to cut into curbs, streets, or alleys for 388 N. Brennan Street. as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

CURB CUT REQUEST – 9 BARBARA DRIVE – NIPSCO Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the permit to cut into curbs, streets or alleys for 9 Barbara Drive as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

QUOTE FOR LEAD & COPPER TESTING Steve Smith with 120 Water was present to discuss the Clean Water Act Lead & Copper rule revision. He shared this revision was going to force every municipality to have service line inventory of, not only what the City has, but what the residents have to identify any potential lead lines out there.

Mayor Daniel shared he and Mike Shoda have talked about the City's responsibility has always been the main and up to the meter. He advised this rule by the Federal Government was to now go from the meter to the home that we would be responsible, effectively for not only identifying, but potentially in the future replacing.

Steve Smith explained, if the City would move forward with his company, what services they would provide. He noted anything that was not identified after 2024 would automatically be considered lead.

Mayor Daniel felt this would be a great first step to prepare us for this Federal guideline. He questioned what the anticipated completion time would be. Mr. Smith noted the contract says 2 years, it was not an open-ended agreement, but things could be added to it. He shared it would take 8 or 9 months to build the model. Mayor Daniel questioned what interaction they would have with the residents. Mr. Smith advised it would be up to what the City wants; they could do all of it, some or part of it.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to go with Mike Shoda's recommendation to enter into the agreement with 120 Water with an annual reoccurring subscription of \$16,600.00 and the one-time implementation cost of \$1,500.00, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

RENEWAL OF CEMETERY MOWING Rosie Coyle reported she worked with Kelly Cearbaugh and Attorney McNagny on the renewal. She shared Kelly would like to move forward with renewing the mowing contract with Hodges Property Management for another 3 years.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to enter into the mowing agreement with Hodges Property Management 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 \$1,513,526.31 dated 12/14/2021, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to pay all paytypes except overtime in the amount of \$232,892.96 plus over time in the amount of \$7,064.60 for the payfile ending 11/19/2021, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to pay all paytypes except overtime in the amount of \$234,0129.77 plus over time in the amount of \$13,501.41 for the payfile ending 12/03/2021, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to pay all paytypes except overtime in the amount of \$37,946.95 for the payfile ending 12/10/2021 for Wellness Awards, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Chip Hill** – update on Westgate project, meeting with potential clients, trail grant was submitted. **Shawn Lickey** – installing service to new storage facility at Countryside trailer park, bid opening for north substation entry project, reported on storm related outage. **Mike Cook** – update on repairs at the plant. **Gary Parrett** – insurance deemed Officer Cook's vehicle a total loss, Patrolling for Presents at Paige's Crossing on December 18, dispatch interviews on-going. **Mike Shoda** – hooking up new services, Vac truck complete and hoped to have it by the end of this week. **Tom LaRue** – issues with breathing air compressor, museum clean up, update on training, candy giveaway December 24 from 6 – 8 pm. **Terry Wherry** – update on SCADA project and downtown internet project, moving forward with multi-factor authentication. **Mark Green** – ice rink open, preparing for Father/Daughter dance in February.

YOUTH COUNCIL Savannah was present to report what the Youth Council has been doing.

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

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle