

**BOARD OF WORKS**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2022**  
**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** Nicole Penrod noted a word that needed changed.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve an overview of the August 9, 2022, meeting minutes as corrected, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**BID OPENING – MAIN STREET LIGHTING PROJECT** Rosie Coyle opened the one bid received from TGB Unlimited Inc. for a total bid of \$75,480.00. Mayor Daniel questioned if there was an engineer’s estimate on this project. Shawn Lickey advised they did not.

Mayor Daniel advised the bid would be taken under advisement until the next meeting.

**STREET CLOSING: FACADE REMODEL – 114 W. VAN BUREN** Tina Houser was present to explain they would be doing a full remodel on the façade and 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the building. She advised they were moving their real estate office from 126 N. Main Street. She shared she would need 2-3 parking spaces out front for a dumpster as well as the sidewalk and should all be done within a month.

Motion was made by Ryan Daniel to approve the sidewalk and 3 parking space closure at 114 W. Van Buren Street as presented, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**STREET CLOSING: 208 W. JACKSON & CHAUNCEY ST.** Mayor Daniel advised this was for the Community of Hope Church. He thought it looked like they wanted the parking spaces on West Jackson and 2 spaces on Chauncey.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the sign installation request for 208 W. Jackson Street, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**STREET CUT PERMIT – SURF INTERNET – CORNER OF SPENCER, VINE, SIMONSON & CHAUNCEY STREETS** Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the permit to cut into curbs, streets or alleys for the corner of Spencer, Vine, Simonson & Chauncey Street, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**STREET CUT PERMIT – SURF INTERNET – 518 S. CHAUNCEY STREET** Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the street cut permit as presented, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**STREET CUT PERMIT – 1127 S. RABER ROAD** Mayor Daniel confirmed this was for a driveway to a new pole building. Kelly Cearbaugh advised that was correct.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the street cut permit for 1127 S. Raber Road as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**STREET CUT PERMIT – 1001 CONNEXION WAY – CULVER’S** Mayor Daniel advised this was for the installation of a gas main for the new Culver’s.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the street cut permit for 1001 Connexion Way as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**BILLS** Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to pay all accounts payable in the amount of \$966,498.63 from the allowance of accounts payable vouchers dated August 23, 2022, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**PAYROLL** Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to pay all paytypes except overtime in the amount of \$291,397.38 plus overtime in the amount of \$12,123.78 for the payfile ending August 12, 2022, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS** **Shawn Lickey** – everything energized at Westgate and will be transitioning from overhead to underground, pole attachment agreement with Surf Wireless, update on AEP 69 kv conversion project, met with Kent Power on the north substation entry project, requested permission to begin hiring process as he has one employee out on military leave for 1 ½ years and another employee who will be stepping down from his position and not returning to the department – Board of Works approved moving forward. **Terry Wherry** – SOS rewiring at the MSF, working on employee training on phishing and malware, new gate controller at water department. **Mike Cook** – attended IWEA conference, need to replace pumps at Main Street liftstation, intern from Whitko. **Kelly Cearbaugh** – 50/50 sidewalk complete on Maple St., working with Lori Shipman on Community Crossings application, installed Welcome to Columbia City sign on the Little Turtle property. **Mike Shoda** – storm line completed at Dogwood, finished clean out of the north tower and have started filling it back up. **Tom LaRue** – new firefighters starting September 24 and the other December 31, repairs to Pump 102 and Pump 101 is having issues with the charging system. **Chip Hill** – update on Westgate project, catch basin cleaned out at Eagle Park. **Mark Green** – football started, splash pad broken down, working on Mother/Son Halloween party, meeting with JPR on the skate park, Aquatics Center closed due to lack of lifeguards. **Police Department** - Mayor Daniel reported for the Police Department in that Officer Kreager has started his employment with Officers Campbell starting August 27 and Thomas starting September 10, several officers at training, scheduling time for elected officials to try the firearms simulator.

**FIREWORKS AT HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL GAMES** Tom LaRue shared before the High School was annexed into the City limits it became standard practice for them to shoot off fireworks after a touchdown. He noted they were in the City limits now and questioned how the Board wanted to address this issue as they were outside of the date that fireworks were allowed within City limits.

Mayor Daniel assumed the school, by allowing fireworks to be fired off on their property, were taking on the liability of the fireworks. Attorney McNagny thought the Board had the ability to do an exception for special events and should make that part of the exception, that the school would be liable.

Mayor Daniel felt because they were now in the City limits, they should at least request the ability to do that. He did not believe there would be an issue with it as long as the school has themselves covered and the City would not have any liability on our side.

Chip Hill noted it was included as part of their annexation agreement that they could do fireworks on the school property.

Nicole Penrod advised she did not have a problem with it but did agree they should at least submit a formal request with the dates. Mayor Daniel did not think anyone was against it but wanted to make sure we were following the ordinance itself. He did not think it would hurt for Tom to have a conversation with the school about it. Walt Crowder noted it could potentially be for any (outside) sport and should encompass those, not just football.

Rosie Coyle questioned if they would need to get a permit from the State. Tom LaRue did not think they were anything other than consumer grade fireworks. Mayor Daniel noted if they were commercial grade they would need a permit.

Having no further business to come before the Board, Mayor Daniel called the meeting adjourned.

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Mayor Ryan Daniel

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Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle