

**BOARD OF WORKS  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023  
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 Mayor Daniel to approve an overview of the December 27, 2022, meeting minutes as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, Mayor Daniel and Nicole Penrod voted aye, Walt Crowder abstained.

**PERMIT TO CUT INTO STREET: 1037 W GREEN MEADOW RUN – NIPSCO** Mayor Daniel explained this was to run gas service to Deer River Estates. There were no concerns from the department heads.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the permit to cut into curbs, streets or alleys for 1037 W. Green Meadow Run for NIPSCO as presented, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**CHAPMAN’S BREWERY – CONOR BUSICK** Conor Busick, General Manager at Chapman’s Brewery, was present to request permission to use their smoker outside. He advised after speaking with the Fire Chief there were certain regulations they needed to follow which would put placement of the smoker on someone else’s property. He shared that STAR Bank has allowed them to use their parking lot but were only giving them 2 more weeks as it was a liability issue for the bank for them to set up there. He advised he walked around with a tap measure to try and find a place it would work and only found 2 locations: at the end of Ohki Alley or at the front of Ohki Alley. He advised his preference was at the front of Ohki Alley; however, if the Board did not approve either location he would have to take the smoker to their Brewery in Angola.

Walt Crowder questioned the preferred location again. Mr. Busick explained at the end of Ohki Alley on Van Buren Street at the edge of the sidewalk. He advised it would not be on the street and there would be room for people to walk behind it. He noted it would be attended every minute the flames were still lit; he always has a fire extinguisher and bucket of water with him.

Walt Crowder questioned if there would be a type of perimeter to keep people away from it. Mr. Busick advised he could put up a barrier if the Board would like. Chief LaRue questioned if the body of the smoker was insulated. Mr. Busick advised it was not and does get hot on the outside. He noted the smoker would never be unattended so if someone was getting close, he could warn them and could even put signage up warning of open flames, etc.

Mayor Daniel felt this was good for our downtown as well for Chapman's. He shared he would have more concerns if the smoker was not attended at all times but Conor has given his word, and has shown, the smoker will be tended to at all times. He noted at the end of the day it was still Chapman's taking on that liability.

Walt Crowder confirmed they could be cooking up to 15 hours. Mr. Busick advised it could be up to 15 hours at a time. Chief Parrett questioned if the smoker would be removed once they were done cooking. Mr. Busick advised it would.

Mayor Daniel advised he did not have a problem, the only thing that was brought up to him was the handicapped ramp there and questioned if the smoker would block the entire ramp. Mr. Busick advised it pretty much takes up the whole space there but it would only be 1 day per week. He shared ideally; they would like to do the smoking on Wednesday's.

Walt Crowder advised he was willing to give it a shot.

Mayor Daniel noted one of the things Conor mentioned to him was that by the end of June they hope to be smoking meats over at the Electric Works location and would bring it over from there. Mr. Busick advised that was correct so this would be temporary.

Mayor Daniel questioned if the Board would give approval up through June would that be satisfactory. Mr. Busick advised it would be. Mayor Daniel shared a concern for downtown festivals and making sure they were maneuvering around those. Mr. Busick advised they love the downtown events. He shared they were good for their business and do not want to step on the toes of any of them.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve Chapman's request for the smoker at the end of Ohki Alley right next to Van Buren Street for once a week up to and through the month of June, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**BILLS** Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to pay accounts payable in the amount of \$1,611,840.10 from the allowance of accounts payable vouchers dated 01/10/2023, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to pay Jones Chemical Incorporated \$2,213.64 from the allowance of accounts payable vouchers dated 01/10/2023, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**PAYROLL** Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to pay all paytypes except overtime for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter clothing allowance in the amount of \$10,725.00 for the payfile ending 01/06/2023, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to pay all paytypes except overtime in the amount of \$238,711.24 plus overtime \$14,202.73 for the payfile ending 12/30/2022, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to pay all paytypes except overtime for HSA Contributions in the amount of \$190,000.00 for the payfile ending 01/06/2023, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to pay all paytypes except overtime for the year 2022 Performance Bonus's in the amount of \$67,500.00 for the payfile ending 01/06/2023, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**VOLUNTEER FIREMAN RUN PAY** Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to pay accounts payable for Volunteer Fireman in the amount of \$2600.00 from the allowance of accounts payable vouchers dated 01/10/2023, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT – AMENDMENT 1 – DONOHUE** Mayor Daniel explained this was an amendment regarding the Main Street and Jefferson Street lift station. Mike Cook advised this would be an increase of \$28,900.00 making the total amount \$114,000.00. He reviewed the changes included.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve Amendment #1 for engineering services agreement on the Jefferson and Main Street force main replacement project with Donohue & Associates as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS** **Chip Hill** – Connie Dye delivered petition for annexation. **Shawn Lickey** – update on Main Street lighting project, preparing for North Substation project, working on inventory and street lighting projects. **Mike Cook** – kick off meeting for the CSO project, working on sludge recirculating pumps, received and reviewing new permit involving cyanide, working on year end reports. **Mike Shoda** – 12” water main break by Morsches Lumber, replacing bad valves. **Gary Parrett** – update on hiring process, Officer Campbell and Thomas at the academy. **Kelly Cearbaugh** – performing maintenance on streets, alleys and signs, update on Community Crossings paving project. **Mark Green** – tickets on sale for Father/Daughter dance, building new overlook by pond, met with JPF on Eagle Park. **Tom LaRue** – deep cleaning, Colyn Iden starting January 3, Truck 107 having some issues, working on trailer received from the District Training Council a few years ago.

Having no further business to discuss Mayor Daniel called the meeting adjourned.

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Mayor Ryan Daniel

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Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle