

BOARD OF WORKS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023
5:00 PM

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

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

MINUTES Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve an overview of the January 24, 2023 meeting minutes as presented, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

STREET CUT PERMITS Kelly Cearbaugh advised he reviewed and approved all of the permits. Walt Crowder reported there were requests for the alley North of Van Buren and Chauncey for NIPSCO, the alley West of Main and Jackson for NIPSCO, the alley East of Elm and Ellsworth Street for NIPSCO, the alley East of Line and Jackson for NIPSCO, Washington and Brownwood for NIPSCO, 629 S. Valley River Drive for NIPSCO and 725 S. Cottonwood Court.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve the street cut permits for the alley North of Van Buren and Chauncey, the alley West of Main and Jackson, the alley East of Elm and Ellsworth Street, the alley East of Line and Jackson, at Washington and Brownwood, at 629 S. Valley River Drive and 725 S. Cottonwood Court as requested, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

2023 DRAINAGE ASSESSMENTS Walt Crowder referred to the report from the County on drainage assessment costs. He explained there has been very little cost in the past 4 years. He pointed out there was an increase for this year due to maintenance needing to come into play. Nicole Penrod confirmed this was something we do every year. Walt Crowder advised we have been in agreement with the County for the past 5+ years.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve the drainage assessment payments for City residents dated January 27, 2023 as presented, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

GENERLINK TRANSFER SWITCH Shawn Lickey reported he was approached by a customer about a switch that was recently approved that can be installed on households for portable generators. He advised he was interested in this because it has a bypass switch that will allow power to the house but will not feed back on the lines. He shared the most important thing about this switch is it will protect our lineman. He explained there is an agreement and waiver for the customer to sign that would hold the City harmless if anything were to happen. He advised the customer can purchase the switch themselves and the City will install the switch for a fee.

Shawn Lickey advised there were a few rules to the program; one being the electric department has to do an inspection prior to the customer purchasing the equipment. Walt Crowder questioned if there would be a service interruption. Shawn Lickey explained there would maybe be a 30 second interruption for them to install the device. He advised Attorney McNagny reviewed the waiver and was comfortable with it.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve the GenerLink Program as presented by Shawn Lickey for the City electric customers, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

BID AWARD COMMUNITY CROSSING – 2023 STREET REPAIRS Motion was made by Walt Crowder to proceed with the Notice to Award the bid to Niblock and have Rosie and Mark Jesse work together to review the agreement, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

PAYROLL Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to pay all paytypes except overtime in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the HSA City Share for new employee Colton Dial for the payfile ending 01/27/2023, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to pay all paytypes except overtime in the amount of \$252,449.75 plus overtime \$11,131.30 for the payfile ending 02/02/2023, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

BILLS Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to pay accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$1,142,423.72 from the allowance of accounts payable vouchers dated 02/14/2023, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to pay accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$1,599.17 for meter deposits and credits dated 01/27/2023, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

PLAT APPROVAL – TANGLEWOOD Chip Hill explained Bridgeport Homes owns 5 lots out there and have reconfigured the lots. He advised this has been approved by the Plan Commission.

Motion was made by Walt Crowder to accept the mylar as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Tom LaRue** – employees to Indy for sprinkler and smoke alarm training, training in-house, Trent Stamper continuing Inspector I training. **Gary Parrett** – update on interview process, Officer Stamper resigned February 6 and Officer Stephenson retired February 8, Officers Campbell and Thomas should be back from the academy in mid-April. **Kelly Cearbaugh** – televising Columbia Shores area, Jet machine scheduled for repairs, sweeping streets and general maintenance. **Mike Cook** – SDI annual report and EPA sludge reports completed and submitted, SCADA upgrades almost complete on lift stations, pulled new wires into Headworks building for ventilation system. **Mike Shoda** – fixed 3 leaks, replaced

culvert on West Business 30. **Shawn Lickey** – hooked permanent power to new Community Foundation building, installed new banners along SR 205, met with Kent Power on the North Substation project, working with Weigand on new jail project. **Terry Wherry** – SOS completed installation of public wi-fi at the MSF and will be moving to the water department.

Having no further business to come before the Board, Walt Crowder called the meeting adjourned.

Walter Crowder

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle