

BOARD OF WORKS
TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 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 Nicole Penrod to approve an overview of the May 23, 2023, meeting minutes as presented, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

BID OPENING: FORCE MAIN JEFFERSON & MAIN STREET Rosie Coyle reported there were no bids submitted. Mike Cook advised he would contact the Engineers but assumed they would try to rebid closer to winter. Mayor Daniel tabled indefinitely.

INDOT UNOFFICIAL DETOUR – BLUE RIVER BRIDGE REPAIR Mayor Daniel reported he met with INDOT and they have their official detour for the Blue River Bridge repair. He explained we, as the City, are to define what we believe the unofficial detour would be, meaning what the route is most people will take to get around the construction. He advised that would allow us to recoup cost for damages at the end of the construction. He explained INDOT would video the unofficial detour at the beginning and again at the end and then we will look at and define what issues have developed along that route. He shared in talking with Kelly Cearbaugh they believe most people will take Radio Road across to Line Street, down to Van Buren and then Van Buren across to Main Street.

Walt Crowder assumed there would be notification to all of the people involved for the detour. Mayor Daniel explained INDOT will be charged with putting up all of the barricades, informing citizens along the way, timeline, etc. Mayor Daniel asked INDOT to also let us know so we can pass it along to our residents.

Nicole Penrod questioned how long the project would take. Kelly Cearbaugh thought it to be 8 months. Mayor Daniel advised this was scheduled to take place in the Spring of 2024.

Walt Crowder suggested for people who know the area, they may take other routes. Mayor Daniel advised that was one thing he talked with Gary Parrett about, that when we get to that point, we make sure we have extra presence in the bypass areas to ensure there are not semi-trucks going down Whitley Street and those things.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the letter of understanding unofficial detour regarding the bridge over the Blue River, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT – CUCCIA – 394 N. BRENNAN STREET John & Melissa Cuccia of 394 N. Brennan Street were present to discuss their fence encroachment. Mrs. Cuccia explained the fence was pretty much already put up; the individual installing the fence was told he did not need a permit for where it was going.

Mayor Daniel explained we tell individuals who build in our easement that if for some reason we need to get in there to work on our utilities we would remove the structure as gently as we can but it would be at the owner's expense to put back. Mrs. Cuccia questioned if there would be notification prior to removal. Mayor Daniel advised if it was not an emergency, we definitely would let them know.

Kelly Cearbaugh was unsure what utilities run at the back of the property. Mayor Daniel noted there was a 10' utility and drainage easement in the back that was not too far from the river and guessed the majority of the utilities were on the street side. Mr. Cuccia advised that was correct as they had everything marked prior to placing the fence. He noted there were power lines that run behind the house but they left 20' back there.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the encroachment agreement for 394 N. Brennan Street as presented, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

STREET CUT PERMIT: 402 N. BRENNAN STREET Mayor Daniel noted this was for NIPSCO.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the permit to cut into curbs, streets or alleys for 402 N. Brennan Street as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

STREET CUT PERMIT: 411 W. COLUMBIA PKWY - BRIGHTSPEED Mayor Daniel advised this was for Brightspeed. He noted they would not be cutting the street but would be doing a 6" drill to pothole. Kelly Cearbaugh reviewed the request and had concerns about how it was worded. He advised he contacted the individual whose name was on the permit; it was clarified they would be boring under the street and this was precautionary just in case they end up having to cut the street.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the permit to cut into curbs, streets or alleys for 411 W. Columbia Pkwy as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion.

Walt Crowder noted the permit had multiple addresses listed. Mayor Daniel shared his understanding was they were running fiber through Columbia Shores. Kelly Cearbaugh advised his crew had multiple locates for Columbia Shores and questioned if this was similar to what Berry-It was doing but is Brightspeed. Mayor Daniel advised that was correct and thought Brightspeed was planning to do more aerial rather than underground unless overhead was not an option.

Upon the motion, all voted aye.

STREET CUT PERMIT: 501 OHIO STREET - BRIGHTSPEED Mayor Daniel noted this was also for Brightspeed but for the Hanna Street extended area.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the permit to cut into curbs, streets or alleys for 501 Ohio Street as presented, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

STREET CUT PERMIT: 641 ARMSTRONG DR. - BRIGHTSPEED Mayor Daniel advised this was for the Armstrong Industrial Park locations for Brightspeed. He thought this was an area that SURF was currently not in.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve the permit to cut into curbs, streets or alleys for 641 Armstrong Drive as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

CHAPMAN'S BREWING SMOKING PERMIT - ZAC WHITE Zac White with Chapman's Brewing Company was present to request an extension of their temporary smoking permit for smoking meat until the end of July. He shared the smoked meats have increased their business by about 40% and would like to continue doing it. He agreed having the smoker outside on the sidewalk was not the best option but could not move it inside unless he had a separate hood for it. He advised he applied for a variance with the State to move the smoking operation up to the Brewery in Angola but have not heard anything from them yet. He noted he has purchased product to get the oil spots off the sidewalk and also has grill mats.

Rosie Coyle confirmed the smoker was protected so kids can't touch it. Mr. White advised they have a fire extinguisher there at all times and was monitored at all times. He advised he could put some type of barrier up if that was preferred. He shared he has it placed as far out on the sidewalk as he could. Rosie Coyle shared people have concerns because the smoker gets so hot. Mr. White advised it does get hot and was why he did not want to have it there forever, it was just temporary. Mayor Daniel shared the concerns he has heard was in regards to the amount of smoke it generates but felt they all understood this was a temporary thing. He personally did not mind extending for a month knowing there was a plan of action in process.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to allow Chapman's to continue smoking meat on the sidewalk as previously approved for an additional 1 month ending at the end of July, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

PAY REQUEST #2 – EVEREST EXCAVATING \$96,971.25 Mike Cook explained this was for the CSO-19 project. He advised he and the Engineer's have reviewed the request and recommended approval in the amount of \$96,971.25.

Mayor Daniel confirmed the total contract remaining was for contingency. Mike Cook advised there were a few things not installed yet; they were probably about 70% complete.

Motion was made by Mayor Daniel to approve pay application #2 with Everest Excavating for an amount of \$96,971.25 as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

BILLS Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to pay all accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$1,192,085.93 from the allowance of accounts payable vouchers dated 06/13/2023 for check payments, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to pay all accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$76,628.51 from the allowance of accounts payable vouchers dated 06/13/2023 for EFT payments, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to pay all accounts payable for May 23, 2023, meter deposits and credits in the amount of \$2,345.34 from the allowance of accounts payable vouchers dated 05/25/2023, 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 \$257,920.40 plus overtime in the amount of \$10,421.86 for the payfile ending 05/19/2023, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to pay all paytypes except overtime in the amount of \$257,789.17 plus overtime in the amount of \$8,205.22 for the payfile ending 06/02/2023, Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, all voted aye.

AMENDMENT #2 – WESSLER ENGINEERING – 100 S. SEWER EXTENSION Attorney McNagny shared she had a few comments and was not sure any of them were a huge issue. She noted on page 1 under #10, it was unclear what they meant regarding the 20' easement as well on page 2 under #11 noted the verbiage did not make sense and suggested it should read “which will include...”. Mayor Daniel suggested just adding in the word “which” in each #11, #12 so that it made sense.

Attorney McNagny assumed the 20' was obvious to all parties but she was unsure if it meant length, width or what. Mayor Daniel felt Chip Hill and the Engineer's knew what it meant but questioned the Board how they felt about it.

After some discussion, approval of Amendment #2 was tabled for further clarification.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Mike Cook** – Safety Committee walk through completed, Miller Drain assisting with liftstation in Columbia Shores, painting ARV's, attended IFA meeting. **Mike Shoda** – working on storm water sink holes on Business 30 West, continue to change out meters, delay in flushing hydrants until Fall. **Tom LaRue** – Truck 105 sensor issues, Union Township took old gas meters, working on Fire Museum roof. **Kelly Cearbaugh** – maintenance on Jet Machine, 2 guys started CDL training, taking equipment to Touch a Truck events, continue sewer televising in Columbia Shores area. **Matt Heiden** – pool season started strong, baseball season winding down, preparing for 4th of July events. **Terry Wherry** – fiber project at North water tower is complete, equipment on order for new park office. **Electric Dept.** – Mayor Daniel reported for Shawn Lickey in that the transmission breakers failed testing, tree removal and trimming, equipment to Touch a Truck event, met with Weigand Construction on service to new jail, installed new services, boring in new conduit to line that feeds Park Terrace. **Police Dept.** – Mayor Daniel reported for Gary Parrett in that they extended conditionally offers of

employment to 3 individuals and were accepted, Operation Pull Over has started, receiving applications for new hiring process for Police Dept., hired new dispatcher Savanna Fettig, continue to work on policies and SOP's. **Community Dev.** – Mayor Daniel reported for Chip Hill in that he has been working with a developer about a property on South SR 9, working with individual on the Test Kitchen.

MAYOR REPORT Mayor Daniel reported they held their first downtown planning meeting. He has an intern, Eden Oddou, for a month and a half who use to serve on the Youth Council. He reported he and Rosie met initially on budgets. He advised things were in place for Old Settlers. He shared fireworks and festivities will be at the Park on July 3rd.

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

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle