

**BOARD OF WORKS  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024  
5:00 PM**

Mayor Ryan Daniel – Present  
Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle – Present  
Attorney Marcia McNagny – Present  
Daniel Weigold – Present  
Lisa Smith – Present

The Columbia City Board of Works met in regular session with all members present, Mayor Daniel called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

**MINUTES** Mayor Daniel advised he submitted a correction to Rosie regarding the correct spelling for Steve Henschen's name. Mayor Daniel made a motion to approve the January 23, 2024, minutes with the noted change. Lisa Smith seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**BID AWARD – WESTGATE** Chip Hill explained the bidders had to be certified through INDOT, but the low bidder was not, so they had to go with the second lowest bidder, which was Pulver Asphalt Paving. He recommended the signing of the contract with Pulver so they could get started. He thought they would like to start around March 11.

Mayor Daniel shared he was in support of that recommendation as they were the lowest responsible, responsive bidder, unfortunately our lowest bidder did not fit that category because of the certification issue.

Mayor Daniel made a motion to award the Westgate Subdivision Phase 2 Reconstruction Project to Pulver Asphalt Paving. Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**NOTICE OF AWARD – WESTGATE** Mayor Daniel made a motion to approve the Notice of Award for the Westgate project. Lisa Smith seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**WESTGATE ROADWAY AGREEMENT – PULVER ASPHALT** Mayor Daniel advised, per Attorney McNagny's recommendation, we should go ahead and approve the contract pending Pulver's approval and signature. He thought the agreement was pretty boilerplate language in general, but obviously if they have changes, they will have to come back to the Board. He noted Lawrence Street was misspelled in one location. He suggested going ahead and having them review it, make that change, as well make sure there were no other changes and then come back to it at the next meeting.

**MISSION 25 MOU** Mayor Daniel reported the City received opioid settlement dollars from the State of Indiana and noted there were two categories, one of which goes for abatement. He shared that Mission 25 gave a presentation at the Council meeting last time and Council generally approved the idea of giving all the opioid money to Mission 25 as they were really the only people doing this kind of recovery work.

Mayor Daniel advised he tried to incorporate the language he thought the Council wanted as a part of this agreement; for instance, Mission 25 must make a yearly presentation to Council and the City would have the ability to terminate the agreement if for some reason there was an issue. He advised Attorney McNagny has looked over the MOU as well as Mission 25, so it was up to the Board for your blessing and approval. He noted this was a three-year agreement, so they would have to come back with a new agreement. He shared we would not know exactly where the opioid money was going to be but the numbers that are put in there are what is currently being projected. He noted they were also working on additional lawsuits nationally and assumed the City would benefit from additional dollars coming in for that purpose.

Mayor Daniel made a motion to approve the MOU with Mission 25 as presented. Lisa Smith seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**WHITLEY COUNTY DRAINAGE ASSESSMENTS FOR COLUMBIA CITY** Dan Weigold pointed out the map showing the areas of needed rehabilitation and advised they do assessments every year. He explained instead of trying to come up with a dollar amount per watershed, they made the whole City a watershed, so to speak. He noted otherwise, residents would not only be charged a ditch assessment but also a drainage assessment and they were already paying for stormwater, probably as much or more than if everything was individualized. He advised the amount was a little less than last year, but it is still necessary work that needs to be done on the drains going in and out of the City.

Mayor Daniel shared this was obviously something that is included in our stormwater fee for our residents so was not something they get individually billed on. He advised he was supportive of it and was one less thing that our taxpayers need to worry about when they get their tax bills. He added this was something we have handled historically.

Mayor Daniel made a motion to approve paying the drainage assessments as presented. Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**DRAW REQUEST #1 – WAKE CONTRACTING** Mike Cook reported this was their first pay request, which was for 50% of the contract amount. He explained this would allow them to purchase all the materials for the job and then be able to get started after that.

Dan Weigold made a motion to pay \$31,613.00 to Wake Contracting as presented. Lisa Smith seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**PARKING SPACE CLOSING REQUEST: MOO-OVER 207 W. VAN BUREN ST.** Mayor Daniel shared this request was because America's Best Restaurants will be coming back and filming more with Moo-Over. He felt this was a really positive thing and noted there was a lot of great stuff happening with Moo-Over. He noted all of the department heads have signed off on the request.

Mayor Daniel made a motion to approve the one parking spot requested for America's Best Restaurants for Moo-Over on March 7<sup>th</sup> as presented. Lisa Smith seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**LETTER OF AGREEMENT – PHASE 2 WESTGATE – A & Z ENGINEERING** Chip Hill explained this was an agreement with A & Z for the Westgate Subdivision for them to perform all the construction, inspection and administration services. He requested this be approved in the amount of \$98,000.00.

Mayor Daniel made a motion to approve the agreement with A & Z for the Phase 2 Westgate subdivision construction inspection services as presented. Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**STREET CUT PERMIT – NIPSCO (RETROACTIVE) ORIGINALLY**

**APPROVED 07/2023** Mayor Daniel noted this permit was originally approved back in July 2023. He reported they started work on Park Street but we did not think they had a permit. He explained after a little bit of research and phone tag, we found they pulled a permit back in July. He noted our permits allowed for 90 days typically but they never came back to pull a new one. He advised they sent in new forms which is what was in front of the Board. He reported it was to put in a new gas main basically along Park Street and Lincolnway.

Mayor Daniel noted they have been digging in the streets and thought we had a permit fee for digging up hard infrastructure at this point. Rosie Coyle advised that was correct

but told NIPSCO since this was done in July, and this is just an extension, they would not have to pay. Mayor Daniel felt it would be good for the Board to waive the fee because of that purpose. He advised he did not want to set a precedent.

Mayor Daniel made a motion to approve both permits to cut into curbs, streets or alleys for Park Street from Lincolnway to Shinneman and Lincolnway from Connexion to Emancipation and further note permit fees will be waived because of their previous submission back in July. Lisa Smith seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**BILLS** Lisa Smith made a motion to pay all accounts payable in the amount of \$712,526.49 from the allowances of accounts payable vouchers dated 2/13/24 for checks. Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Lisa Smith made a motion to pay all accounts payable in the amount of \$398,757.41 from the allowance of accounts payable vouchers dated 2/13/24 for EFT payments. Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**PAYROLL** Lisa Smith made a motion to pay all accounts payable, except overtime in the amount of \$271,318.16 plus overtime in the amount of \$17,512.05 for a total of \$288,830.21 for the payfile ending 01/26/24. Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS** **Chip Hill** - moving ahead with Eagle Park and working with the DNR to possibly get more funding, Westgate is moving forward, utility relocation going on for the Blue River Trail project. **Terry Wherry** - placed four computers in the squad room and updated to Windows 11, fiber fixed in Morsches Park, waiting on them to finish work up at the booster station, meeting tomorrow to go over the migration for the new Spillman server. **Shawn Lickey** - continue poll changing, sent mechanic to Florida for fire truck training, ordered new trailer, looking at purchasing our own fiber equipment. **Matt Heiden** – update on Father/Daughter dance, tore down skate ramp, update on hiring process for administrative assistant and seasonal help, picked up dump trailer. **Mike Shoda** - working on South Chauncey Street, getting things ready for Wigent's to connect line on SR 205, received parts for Westgate, actuator motor going bad so ordered 2 new ones. **205 Project** – Mike Shoda explained they were extending the 12-inch main from the entrance at Eagle Glen down to 200 East and then eventually will go under 205 and down 200 East to the Connie Dye property. Mayor Daniel noted it would also loop the water system. Mike Shoda advised that was correct as it dead ended at Quail Ridge. **Mike Cook** - new liftstation panels have been set, continuously calling Merrill Brothers for sludge hauling. **Tom LaRue** – sprucing up fire station, all of our equipment still functioning correctly, update on hiring process, working with several local businesses who are having alarm issues.

**CITY RETREAT** Mayor Daniel reminded everyone of the City retreat that will be Thursday and Friday in Noblesville. He advised it was always a great time to learn about what the department heads are thinking about and the vision for the future of our Community.

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