

**BOARD OF WORKS  
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 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 5:00 p.m.

**MINUTES** Mayor Daniel noted a couple spelling corrections under Terry Wherry's department report. Mayor Daniel made a motion to approve the May 14, 2024, meeting minutes as corrected. Lisa Smith seconded the motion, Mayor Daniel and Lisa Smith voted aye, Dan Weigold abstained.

**STREET CLOSING REQUEST – JIM MARTIN – DISCUSSION ON PARKING SPOTS FOR FOOD TRUCK** Jim Martin was present to discuss the request to block off parking spaces for his food truck. He advised they bought the old Krider's Meat Market, which is now Wood Farms Premium Meats.

Mayor Daniel confirmed the request was for the first two parking spaces on Jackson Street just West of Main Street to park the food truck and vend out onto the sidewalk. Mr. Martin advised that was correct. He explained it would not necessarily have to be those two spots but noticed those were a little off the beaten path and they were parallel spots so would take up less space than with angled parking. He shared that he was open to parking somewhere else if that would be a better option. He advised he currently parks at NAPA on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and was looking for somewhere else to park Thursdays and Fridays on a consistent basis.

Mayor Daniel noted he looked at our food truck ordinance and did not see any concerns with there. He questioned how long they have had their food truck. Mr. Martin explained they have been based out of Fort Wayne for the last three years but since purchasing Krider's they have relocated the entire business, mobile and everything, here locally.

Rosie Coyle mentioned if there was a funeral going on he may want to relocate. Mr. Martin advised he could definitely go somewhere else in that situation. Rosie questioned if they would be set up during Old Settler's Week. Mayor Daniel advised a lot of traffic is rerouted from Van Buren to both Market and Jackson Streets so would be a bit of a traffic hazard there. Mr. Martin advised he could set up at a different location that week

Mayor Daniel did not foresee an issue with the request and suggested we try it and see how well it works. He felt the bigger issue for him, outside of Old Settlers, was where people would park to come to the food truck. Mr. Martin stressed that he was definitely willing to work with the people at the funeral home and surrounding businesses.

Mayor Daniel made a motion to approve the parking space closing request as presented. Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted unanimously.

Mayor Daniel suggested to Mr. Martin that since this will be a weekly thing for 5-6 months, he may want to put pylons in those parking spaces maybe on Wednesday night or Thursday mornings. He advised if there were any issues to work with Chief Parrett.

**STREET CLOSING REQUEST – FIRST FRIDAY JUNE 7 – MARKET STREET CAR SHOW** Mayor Daniel noted this was for the June 7 First Friday and blocking off parking spaces South of the courthouse on Market Street. He questioned if they were talking about the courthouse spaces, or on the other side of Market Street. Rosie Coyle advised it would be the courthouse side of the street.

Mayor Daniel thought most employees should be gone by 5:00 p.m. on that Friday. Chief Parrett advised he could post 'No Parking' signs for after 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Daniel made a motion to approve the request from First Fridays as presented. Lisa Smith seconded the motion, all voted unanimously.

**BILLS** Lisa Smith made a motion to pay all accounts payable in the amount of \$229,718.98 from the allowance of accounts payable vouchers dated 5/28/24 for checks. Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted unanimously.

Lisa Smith made a motion to pay all accounts payable in the amount of \$1,053,488.08 from the allowance of accounts payable vouchers dated 5/28/24 for EFT payment. Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted unanimously.

Lisa Smith made a motion to pay all accounts payable in the amount of \$1,475.34 from the allowance of accounts payable vouchers dated 5/28/24 for budget refunds. Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted unanimously.

Lisa Smith made a motion to pay all accounts payable in the amount of \$2,956.14 from the allowance of accounts payable vouchers dated 5/28/24 for meter deposit refunds. Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted unanimously.

**PAYROLL** Lisa Smith made a motion to pay all accounts payable, except overtime in the amount of \$287,655.49 plus overtime in the amount of \$16,753.19 for a total of \$304,408.68 for the payfile ending 5/17/24. Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted unanimously.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS** **Chip Hill** – update on Eagle Park, Westgate is moving forward with minor complaints. **Terry Wherry** - public Wi-Fi is now running on our SURF fiber connections and the rollover line is supposed to be moved this week so our main network will be down, quotes in for the public Wi-Fi at Ohki Alley and Thomas Marshall Park. **Matt Heiden** – Aquatics Center open for holiday weekend but was affected by the weather a couple days. **Kelly Cearbaugh** – finished South Chauncey Street sidewalk project, fixed a spot on Van Buren Street where a tree was removed, update on 50/50 sidewalk projects, working with Great Lakes Chloride to get the alleys sprayed for dust control within the next couple weeks, working on Community Crossings Grant list for 2025. **Mike Shoda** – hooked up apartment building on Ellsworth Street and replaced lead lines in the area, water line was hit out at Westgate and was repaired. **Mike Cook** - crane inspections completed for the year, passed our biomonitoring testing but waiting on the final report, secondary up and running, update on flow meter for sludge return. **Tom LaRue** – update on new fire truck process, new recruit Colin Harding will be starting June 3<sup>rd</sup>, roof of the firehouse was addressed last week, Chris LaRue working with some local businesses in reference to a lot of false alarms we have been having, IROL reporting system going really well. **Shawn Lickey** – Morsches Road project complete, located a new stump grinder via the Tree Board, waiting for materials for the Eagle Park project, update on fuel pumps, Osmos will begin pole testing on all the poles South of US 30, David Osborn, one of our second-year lineman, will be leaving us and asked permission to replace both Eli and David. The Board approved. **Gary Parrett** – progress meeting with GIS regarding updates to our Spillman program, Sergeant Wooldridge attended FBI negotiator class, gearing up for all the downtown events in June and July, two applicants going to the Board of Works for interviews on May 30<sup>th</sup> still has one position open and requested permission to open up another process sometime in June. The Board approved. Dispatch is running smooth, received resignation letter from Savanna Fettig, her last day is June 9<sup>th</sup> and requested permission to start hiring process to fill her position. The Board approved.

**MAYOR REPORT** Mayor Daniel reported the Memorial Day parade went well. He advised he was almost complete with budget meetings and the Utility Rate Advisory Board will be meeting next Monday evening. He reported on the restaurant trade show that he and Chip Hill attended.

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

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Mayor Ryan Daniel

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Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle