



COLUMBIA CITY BOARD OF WORKS

Location: CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

112 S. Chauncey Street (ADA Accessible)

When: February 10, 2026

Time: 5:00 PM

MAYOR:

Ryan Daniel

Term 01.01.24-12.31.27

CLERK-TREASURER:

Leslee Robinson

Term 05.03.25-12.31.27

**COLUMBIA CITY
BOARD OF WORKS**

MEMBERS:

APPOINTED TO A
4-YEAR TERM:
1/1/2024-12/31/2027

MAYOR:

Ryan Daniel

Dan Weigold

Lisa Smith

ROLL CALL: Weigold Smith Daniel

1. Minutes

2. County Drain Assessments

3. Bills:

EFT February 10

Checks February 10

Meter Deposits for January

Payroll:

January 30

4. Department Reports

Please Note

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**BOARD OF WORKS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026
5:00 P.M.**

Mayor Ryan Daniel – Present
Clerk Treasurer Leslee Robinson – 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 5:05 p.m.

MINUTES Lisa Smith noted that Mayor Daniel’s name was misspelled under the Training Agreement discussion. Mayor Daniel made a motion to approve the January 13, 2026 meeting minutes as corrected. Dan Weigold seconded the motion, Mayor Daniel and Dan Weigold approved, Lisa Smith abstained.

ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT – 417 N ELM STREET Sean Trumbull of 417 N. Elm Street was present to talk about the encroachment agreement. He explained that when they purchased the property there was a shed at the back by the alley but moved it to the Weigand Street side and then put a small addition onto it to house his motorcycles. He shared that someone came by and left him a note stating that he was encroaching into the right of way.

Mayor Daniel confirmed with the department heads that there were no concerns with utilities. No concerns were raised.

Mayor Daniel made a motion to approve the Encroachment Agreement for 417 North Elm Street as presented. Lisa Smith seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Daniel explained to Mr. Trumbull that if for some reason we would need to get into that area, we would work with him to try and figure out a way to get around it.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST – PEQUIGNOT Matt Heiden explained this was for Andrea Pequignot whose daughter was going to be one of the princesses at the Father/Daughter dance.

Dan Weigold made a motion to approve as presented. Lisa Smith seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF NON-REOCCURRING UTILITY CHARGES Leslee Robinson explained there were several things in the ordinances that were forthcoming for the council meeting regarding the utilities and advised that there were some things on the list that were not previously spelled out. She reported that she and Shawn sat down and reviewed the current charges and discovered that we were losing money by keeping the rates as they were. She reviewed the proposed changes with the Board.

Mayor Daniel made a motion to approve the changes to the charges for services and equipment

as presented. Lisa Smith seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

BILLS Lisa Smith made a motion to pay all accounts payable in the amount of \$293,289.90. from the allowance of accounts payable vouchers dated January 27, 2026 for checks. Dan Weigold seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Lisa Smith made a motion to pay all accounts payable in the amount of \$981,481.71 from the allowance of accounts payable vouchers dated January 27, 2026 for EFT payments. Dan Weigold seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Lisa Smith made a motion to pay all accounts payable in the amount of \$1,300 from the allowance of accounts payable vouchers dated January 27, 2026 for checks for volunteer fire clothing. Dan Weigold seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Lisa Smith made a motion to pay all accounts payable in the amount of \$1,000 from the allowance of accounts payable vouchers dated January 27, 2026 for EFT payments for volunteer fire clothing allowance. Dan Weigold seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

PAYROLL Lisa Smith made a motion to pay all accounts payable except overtime in the amount of \$295,584.59 plus overtime in the amount of \$12,494.24 for a total of \$308,078.83 for the pay file ending January 9, 2026. Dan Weigold seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Tom LaRue** – update on Truck 101 repairs, receiving equipment for new truck, looking at all possibilities for 800 radios, firehouse repairs completed on the west side, looking at quotes for hose testing, breathing air compressor on order and working with a company to be able to use the old bottles off the old system. **Gary Parrett** – update on new officers, build Lego creation with local police filled up within three hours and will plan to do more of those events, reported on the most recent snow event. **Kelly Cearbaugh** – reported on snow removal and expressed appreciation to the other departments who helped out as well as Salesman Trucking, reported on truck repairs. **Matt Heiden** - water line in at the dog park and waiting on fencing quotes, sold out of tickets for the Father/Daughter dance, getting ready for baseball and softball registration. **Chip Hill** – applied for permit with railroad for the trail, RDC actively pursuing appraisals and demo cost for the Smith Brothers towing property as well as appraisals for the jail, they renamed the CIP fund that is used to give financial assistance to businesses as Business Enhancement Grant, they picked Meyer Najem as the BOT company for the amphitheater. **Mike Shoda** – have been checking meter pits because of frozen pipe issues but are finding most times it is because in the newer homes the water comes into the garage but then people are leaving their garage door open. **Mike Cook** – received patch kit for the Dystor, working on year-end sludge report and will be finishing up the SDI report.

MAYOR REPORT Mayor Daniel reminded members that the retreat was coming up Thursday and Friday. He advised that he would be in Indianapolis for the Mayor's Roundtable and would be going to the State House to talk with our legislators about some of the things that are happening.

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

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Leslee Robinson



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January 30, 2026

City of Columbia City
Board of Public Works
112 S Chauncey St
Columbia City IN 46725

Dear Board of Public Works,

As you are aware, for the past few years, the City of Columbia City has agreed to pay drainage assessments for city residents on county regulated drains. Below are the drains and amounts the county will be billing for tax year 2025 payable in 2026. **THIS IS NOT A BILL.** If approved, these amounts will be added to your City tax bill.

Drain #	Drain Name	City R/W	City Parcels	Reason for Collection
081-000B	COLUMBIA REALTY 1	\$293.86	\$18,800.00	Required maintenance needed
132-000A	DOWELL L	\$38.45	\$3,360.00	Required maintenance & annual spray
219-000B	GALLIVAN-SCHUMAN	\$0.00	\$50.00	Drain fund in the RED
361-000B	KEPNER C	\$61.86	\$1508.04	Drain fund in the RED
543-000A	PHILLIPS C A	\$102.35	\$9,274.08	Required maintenance & annual spray
543-008AB	PHILLIPS C #8	\$49.67	\$854.99	Required maintenance & annual spray
543-011B	PHILLIPS C #11	\$34.83	\$1,350.46	Required maintenance needed
Subtotals:		\$581.02	\$35,197.57	
Total Amount Requested:			\$35,778.59	

Attached also is a map showing the location of the listed drains. If you have any questions, please contact me at your earliest convenience so we can continue to move forward with the drainage assessment certification process.

Thank you,


Brad Allen, PE
Whitley County Engineer



McKown 428-000B

Shooks #6 636-006B

Humbarger L #12
299-012A

Shook S A
636-000A

Gallivan-Schuman 219-000B

Phillips C BU 543-000BU

Keper C 314-008

Phillips C #8
543-008AB

Maynard J
440-000A

Columbia Realty

Phillips C #11

Phillips CA
543-000A

Dowell L
132-000A

Frank W 180-000B

Blue River
026-000A

Dowell L
132-000A