

BOARD OF WORKS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026
5:00 P.M.

Mayor Ryan Daniel – Present
Clerk Treasurer Leslee Robinson – Present
Attorney Marcia McNagny – Present
Daniel Weigold – Present
Lisa Smith – Absent

The Columbia City Board of Works met in regular session with all members except Lisa Smith present. Mayor Daniel called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

MINUTES Mayor Daniel made a motion to approve the December 30, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Dan Weigold seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

PREMIER POWER & MAINTENANCE QUOTE Shawn Lickey explained this was a quote for testing on our North substation and was the same company who does our South substation testing. He advised our North substation was due for testing this year and noted that we do this on a 5-year rotation. He reported that the remaining substation was not due for another couple years. He advised it would be the same testing and thought even the same cost. He praised them for doing a great job and was really happy with this company. He guessed this would take place in the spring or fall when the load is down. He recommended going with Premier Power for the amount of \$53,360.00 for the North substation testing.

Mayor Daniel made a motion to approve proposal GCBS-447629 with Premier Power Maintenance in the amount of \$53,360.00. Dan Weigold seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

EMPLOYMENT TRAINING AGREEMENT Leslee Robinson advised there were training agreements for the 4 new police officers: Alivia Blocher, Trey Bedwell, Travis Janssen and Conner Didion.

Mayor Daniel made a motion to approve the Employment Training Agreements for Didion, Janssen, Bedwell and Blocher as presented. Dan Weigold seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

PAYROLL Dan Weigold made a motion to approve H.S.A. contributions in the amount of \$188,000.00 as presented. Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Dan Weigold made a motion to approve performance bonuses in the amount of \$76,250.00 as presented. Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Dan Weigold made a motion to approve the first quarter clothing allowance in the amount of \$13,125.00 as presented. Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

BILLS Dan Weigold made a motion to approve EFT's for year end in the amount of \$125,000.00 as presented. Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Dan Weigold made a motion to approve checks for year end in the amount of \$152,600.25 as presented. Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Dan Weigold made a motion to pay checks dated 01/13/2026 in the amount of \$1,064,872.78 as presented. Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Dan Weigold made a motion to pay EFT's dated 01/13/2026 in the amount of \$925,390.04 as presented. Mayor Daniel seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION QUITCLAIM DEED – JAIL PROPERTY Mayor Daniel explained in conversation with Attorney McNagny, as well as with a private company who is going to help us bring in additional developers for the jail, it was recommended that we transfer all of the deeds for the former jail property over to the Redevelopment Commission. He advised that they have much more flexibility than the city itself with negotiations and things like that. He noted there were 4 different quitclaim deeds.

Mayor Daniel made a motion to approve the 4 quitclaim deeds for the former Whitley County jail as presented. Dan Wegold seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Chip Hill** – hoping to have a firm BOT selection soon for the amphitheater, working alongside the Mayor on the jail. **Tom LaRue** – update on Truck 101 repairs, equipment on order or delivered for the new truck, new truck delivery has been pushed back to June or July, looking at options for 800 radios, update on repairs to the West side of the firehouse, taking quotes for hose testing this year. **Mike Cook** – met with insurance regarding office building roof damage that happened right before Thanksgiving. He reported the cost value came in at \$9,815.49 and our deductible is \$10,000.00 so would be moving forward with getting quotes for a metal roof. Met with Ferguson about changing out the decant valves on the sludge storage tank, started working on the SDI report and year end things. **Gary Parrett** – update on new officers, update on tornado sirens, police and dispatch have some great trainings scheduled for 2026, community Lego creation event with local police on February 22 from 2 – 4 p.m. at Eagle Glen. **Shawn Lickey** – continue with pole changes on Brown Road, working on a job description that was approved a few years ago but was never added to the salary ordinance and then will be posting for that job, Grant Sievers started as an intern this week.

YOUTH COUNCIL Delaney Dee was present representing the Youth Council and shared that at their last meeting they helped with the Mary Raber Elementary School Christmas party and then toured the courthouse and met with staff to learn how things work.

MAYOR REPORT Mayor Daniel reported that they held interviews with the two potential firms to run the amphitheater project through the BOT process. He advised there was a bill going through legislation right now that will appropriate additional dollars over to the Community Crossings program. He reported that we will be applying for that special round in March or April in hopes to get funding for Westgate but if not will reapply at their regular round in July. He

advised he will be out of the office next week and then January 29 & 30 is the city retreat in South Bend.

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

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Leslee Robinson