

**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