

BOARD OF WORKS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026
5:00 P.M.

Mayor Ryan Daniel – Present
Clerk Treasurer Leslee Robinson – 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 Dan Weigold made a motion to approve the August 25, 2026 meeting minutes as presented. Lisa Smith seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT There were no public comments.

ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT – 202 N. LINE STREET – TINCHER Mayor Daniel noted that the Tincher's were not present, but the request was for a sign in the right-of-way.

Dan Weigold shared that he has driven by it several times and the sign does not block anything, but it is in the right-of-way. He advised that he had mixed feelings on this one. Mayor Daniel agreed. He mentioned that it was not hurting anybody necessarily but also felt there was a right and wrong place for advertising signs such as that. He was not sure we want to encourage advertising signs of that size, especially in residential zones. He reminded the Board that there was also a lot of conversation over this property about their fencing being see-through versus not, and now there is a big sign there that is not see-through.

Dan Weigold shared that he does not want to set a precedence and referenced the letter received from the Planning office in terms of following the zoning rules.

Lisa Smith advised she has not driven by the sign but felt if there was an ordinance in place, and we make an exception, then we would be opening a door.

Dan Weigold questioned if any of our departments had a problem with it. Chief Parrett felt as long as the sign meets ordinance requirements. Mayor Daniel noted that according to the letter it does not. Dan Weigold felt it was a nice sign just not in the right spot. Mayor Daniel agreed.

Leslee Robinson shared that Mr. Tincher sent her an email stating that he may be taking an alternate route and the sign may not be needed. She was unsure what that meant exactly but he also mentioned that he had a conflict and would not be able to make the meeting.

Mayor Daniel read the zoning ordinance pertaining to signs in the right-of-way.

Dan Weigold shared that his two issues were that we do not want to start allowing signs in a R1, or in the right-of-way.

Mayor Daniel made a motion to deny the request and encourage Mr. Tincher to find a legal location to put the sign. Dan Weigold seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

STREET CLOSING – KELLY’S WC SKELETON FESTIVAL Chief Parrett reported that he talked with Michelle Grable and as of right now they have enough vendors to fill the space they are requesting. He advised that if something changes, she is going to get ahold of him prior to the event to lessen the closed areas.

Mayor Daniel noted that they changed the time on the reopening of the streets.

Mayor Daniel made a motion to approve Kelly’s Whitley County Skeleton Festival street closing permit as requested. Lisa Smith seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

STREET CLOSING – HAUNTED JAIL Mayor Daniel made a motion to approve the Haunted Jail on the requested dates as presented. Dan Weigold seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

BILLS Lisa Smith made a motion to pay all accounts payable in the amount of \$503,559.19 from the allowance of accounts payable vouchers dated September 8, 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 \$467,927.16 from the allowance of accounts payable vouchers dated September 8, 2026 for EFT payments. 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 \$294,260.54 plus overtime in the amount of \$16,085.14 for a total of \$310,345.68 for the payfile ending August 21, 2026. Dan Weigold seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Shawn Lickey** – finished installation at Park Terrace but still have ground restoration to do, completed restoration at the CTE property and Eagle Park, finished pulling in wire at Eagle Park and on Hilltop Drive around the 3-phase junction box and will start working on the single-phase, working on field lighting issues at Morsches Park. **Chip Hill** – continue to work on TIF areas for the two, possibly three, developments, continue to work with interested parties on the jail, trees were planted in Eagle Park, trees came in for Ohki Alley. **Terry Wherry** – security patch installed on the video camera server to prevent hackers from getting in, working with Preferred IT on a new security package for the MSF GIS server. **Mike Cook** – last of the control panels should be installed the week of September 14 which should wrap up that project, completed 3rd quarter force main cleaning at SDI, still working on blower and VFD quotes which is projected to be in the \$250,000 - \$270,000 range. **Gary Parrett** – held county-wide ballistic shield training, opened application process and closes on September 18, preparing for homecoming parade and Prism Fest, waiting on the state to approve the new T1

line that AT & T put in. **Toby Fralick** – Truck 107 is back in service, working on getting new radios mounted, continue to get things installed on the new engine, scheduling field trips for fire prevention in October, Family Safety Fest in September 26.

MAYOR REPORT Mayor Daniel reported that Movie on the Square went pretty well. They continue to work on those TIF districts as Chip mentioned and the guaranteed maximum price for the amphitheater will be in for the next council meeting.

Having no further business to discuss, Mayor Daniel called the meeting adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Leslee Robinson