

**BOARD OF WORKS**  
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2010**  
**8:00 A.M.**

Mayor James Fleck – Present  
Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle – Present  
Attorney Lindsey Grossnickle – Absent  
Walter Crowder – Present  
Roger Seymoure – Present

The Columbia City Board of Works met in regular session with all members present, Mayor Fleck presiding.

**MINUTES** Motion was made by Seymoure to approve an overview of the December 31, 2009 meeting minutes as presented, Crowder second the motion, all voted aye.

**PARK DEPARTMENT** Mark Green advised they would be started baseball registration next week.

**WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT** Mike Cook reported the pump went out on their automatic sampler but they were able to fix the problem and save tons of money. He advised he would be collecting quotes for odor control at Morsches Park.

**STREET DEPARTMENT** Kelly Cearbaugh reported they have been working on snow removal.

**WATER DEPARTMENT** Mike Dear reported they fixed a main break at the intersection of North and Main Street. He advised they had a breaker go bad on a blower motor and Larry Whetstone was changing that out. He reported they continue checking hydrants to make sure they are not frozen.

**ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT** Larry Whetstone reported they completed taking down Christmas decorations and only had 55 shut offs for December. He advised they started trimming around electric lines and would also be starting tree removal.

**COMMUNICATIONS/IS DEPARTMENT** Terry Wherry reported he has moved some new machines into the network and have been using Windows 7 without any issues so far. He advised they made the conversion over to the new IDACS system and have finished up working with CenturyLink on the first phase of network improvements. He stated the network was running well but did not feel we got the improvement we wanted so were working on some other issues.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT** Tom LaRue reported they had a water line break that flooded a portion of the museum. He advised they did not think there was going to be any permanent damage to the structure.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT** Mike Petersen advised they put snow tires on the squad cars. He reported they do from time to time leave the cars running because the cold weather does affect the equipment in the vehicles.

**OUTSIDE OPERATIONS** Jeff Walker reported he spoke with Cecil Whitaker regarding the fine screen issue and gave an update to the Board. He advised he contacted Region 3A regarding the status of the OCRA grant application and was notified there was a small piece of information missing but has since been acquired and sent to them. He explained once the award takes place he would have Burgess & Niple finish up the documents required for SRF. He reported SRF also requires us to confirm with them that we would be capable of giving notice to proceed for the project by May 15. He explained they did not want to allocate funds to our project if it was

not going to be ready. He reported the balance of the project will be funded through an SRF loan and discussed the need to get the bond ordinance in process. Rosie Coyle advised it would be presented at the January 26 meeting. Jeff reported he met with StructurePoint representatives and advised they have a preliminary roadway design they were working through.

Mayor Fleck reported the engineers would be making presentation to INDOT on the request for additional funding next week.

Mayor Fleck added that as part of the SR 205 project, the committee continues to work on the pedestrian bridge project at the back of Morsches Park.

**2010 POLICE CAR QUOTES** Mike Petersen reviewed quotes from Trier's and Bloomington Ford. He advised he tried to get a local quote from R & B but they were not quoting this year. He advised there was a difference in the quotes but it was primarily in the options. Mayor Fleck questioned if they were the same packages. Chief Petersen advised they were the exact same packages. Mayor Fleck asked for a recommendation. Chief Petersen recommended Trier's even though the quote was a \$1,000 per car higher. He explained he would have to travel down to Bloomington which would take manpower and fuel. He advised Bloomington was a good company but if there were problems or warranty issues he did not want to have to travel down whereas Trier's was 3 blocks away.

Roger Seymoure questioned if there were warranty issues they could not go to Trier's. Chief Petersen advised they could on certain issues.

Walt Crowder questioned if most of the cars in the fleet today were purchased locally. Chief Petersen advised they were and were either purchased from Trier's or R & B which was located between Columbia City and Warsaw.

Mayor Fleck questioned what the turnover was on a car. Chief Petersen advised 7 years.

Rosie Coyle questioned if there were trade-ins with these. Chief Petersen advised not with these cars but would for the Drug Task Force car. He explained they use the cars to trade in on the Drug Task Force car so they don't have to pay for that car. He stated Detective Stephenson had been to both local dealerships and has gotten a list of cars that would be passed onto the Mayor and Board to make a decision. He advised he has tried to keep it out of public forum since it was a clandestine car.

Motion was made by Mayor Fleck to accept the recommendation of the Police Chief and purchase the vehicle with the necessary additional packages from Trier Automotive with a bid dated December 29, 2009 totaling \$21,516.81 for each vehicle, Seymoure second the motion, all voted aye.

**SELLING OF LOTS AT CEMETERY** Rosie Coyle explained there were a couple lots in the Greenhill Cemetery that about the properties on Ellsworth Street that the City still owns. She advised there was a gentleman interested in purchasing those lots and questioned the Board if they would be interested in pursuing the sale of the lots. She reviewed a map of the area with the Board.

Kelly Cearbaugh did not feel there was any reason as a City to hang onto the lots unless someone had a suggestion. He advised they maintained the lots in the summer as part of their easement mowing but that was about the only involvement they had.

Rosie Coyle advised there were still a few things that needed to be checked into but did not want to pursue it any further unless the Board wanted to.

Walt Crowder mentioned the lots would potentially never be used as cemetery plots within the cemetery property because there was nothing in lots 8 – 28 today. Rosie agreed. She stated the only access to those lots was through the cemetery.

Kelly Cearbaugh questioned if they could potentially purchase the lots and build a house on it. Rosie was not sure because the only access was through the cemetery. She advised there was a problem with that before and may have to put a restriction on the lots if the City does sell them.

Walt Crowder felt if there was no purpose to the City they could at least start the inquiry. Rosie advised she could call the gentleman to see what he was planning to do. Walt felt it would be worth more fact finding and proceed to see what the options were.

**RECYCLING TRANSITION** Walt Crowder stated for those people who need assistance in getting their recycling to the curb if it they had a request in place today it would transfer to the new ownership.

Kelly Cearbaugh questioned if people continue to miss getting their small cans picked up if they could take them to the recycle center themselves. Mayor Fleck was not sure but could call and find out.

**CEMETERY MOWING BIDS** Rosie Coyle advised she put out for bids for cemetery mowing and would be opened at the January 22 Board meeting.

**CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP** Rosie Coyle mentioned Christmas tree pickup was scheduled for January 16.

Having no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor James Fleck

Attest:

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Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle