

**BOARD OF WORKS  
FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2010  
8:00 A.M.**

Mayor James Fleck - Present  
Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle – Present  
Attorney Marcia McNagny – Present  
Walter Crowder – Absent  
Roger Seymoure – Present

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

**MINUTES** Motion was made by Seymoure to approve an overview of the March 12, 2010 meeting minutes as presented, Mayor Fleck second the motion, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Mayor Fleck to approve an overview of the March 19, 2010 meeting minutes as presented, Seymoure second the motion, all voted aye.

**PARKVIEW HOSPITAL – GREASE TRAP ORDINANCE** Mike Cook advised after reviewing the State Plumbing Code they did have an oversight when writing the ordinance and have since had it redrafted, amended and would be bringing it to Council for approval.

Roger Seymoure confirmed their (Parkview's) proposal would be within the code and we would not have to approve anything outside of changing the ordinance at Council. Mike advised that was correct and had a letter ready to go out to them today.

**BID OPENING – HYDROSTOP MACHINE** Rosie Coyle advised we were selling the machine and there was a minimum bid of \$14,000. She opened and read one bid received from Construction Services of Indiana for \$15,200.00

Motion was made by Mayor Fleck to authorize the sale of the Hydro-Stop Machine to Construction Services of Indiana in the amount of \$15,200.00, Seymoure second the motion, all voted aye.

**SEWER HOOKUP – 318 W. VAN BUREN STREET** Kelly Cearbaugh advised the original request was to run 2 taps into Van Buren Street and tie on but now Mr. Carpenter would like to tie into the existing tap that is there.

Jim Carpenter explained the existing church has everything tapped into a pump that goes in the basement then out to the sewer and this includes the house. He stated they designed the house so that it could be gravity fed and come down between the two buildings. He advised originally the thought was to put in new taps into the street but that also brings a pretty significant expense. He explained he had a licensed plumber out who suggested putting in a hub and use the existing by putting a parallel into a 4 ft. wye which would save digging up the street.

Mayor Fleck questioned with the modifications being made that the church and house would be connected with some type of walkway. Mr. Carpenter explained it would and they were working with Passages on the house proposal. He advised they were getting an architectural drawing and may also use an upper portion of the event center.

Mr. Carpenter explained they took the sewer from under the basement floor and ran a gravity feed in the alley between the church and swap shop so it could come up to where the sewer tap was.

Kelly Cearbaugh advised whatever they want to do is really not our concern because if there was ever a backup or problem we would check our main but anything on their tap would be their responsibility to take care of. He stated the practice in the past was that each property had to have an individual tap. He advised if it was all one property with no chance of separating then that would be a possibility but if down the road the house or snack shop would separate then that is where the problem comes later on. Mr. Carpenter advised Craig Wagner has already said it was one property. Kelly confirmed if it ever sold real estate wise, it could never be split. Mr. Carpenter advised that was correct. Kelly stated if that was the case and they could tie into the one tap then it would save a cut in the road and sidewalk and having to go under electric and water.

Roger Seymoure advised he did not have any problems with it if Kelly was ok with it.

Rosie Coyle questioned Mike Dear how it would affect the water. Mike Dear explained they would have separate water lines to the church and house. Rosie confirmed there would be one sewer bill and two water bills. Mike advised there would be two sewer bills because each water meter would have its own sewer bill. Rosie confirmed having one sewer would not matter. Mike advised it would not. Kelly Cearbaugh questioned if there would be a sewer tap fee. Rosie questioned if they were actually making a tap. Kelly advised they were not. Rosie advised there would not be a tap fee. Roger Seymoure confirmed the house and church would be billed separately. Mr. Carpenter advised that was correct.

Kelly Cearbaugh advised they talked about having some barricades or caution tape along the sidewalk where it was open. Mr. Carpenter advised they would do that.

Motion was made by Seymoure to approve the request at 318 W. Van Buren to not create an additional tap but to hook into a wye at the sewer hook-up, Mayor Fleck second the motion, all voted aye.

Tom LaRue questioned if there had been a change of occupancy for that building. Mr. Carpenter advised they were going to use it for similar occupancy of what it was for the church. He explained they would be teaching modern media and incorporating it with software for the worldwide web. Chief LaRue questioned if the house would be brought into part of the area open to the public. Mr. Carpenter stated the entire upper floor conceivably would be space used by Passages which would connect to the house. He explained they would be able to access the event center but the public would not. He stated he knows there has to be a firewall door between the two buildings and what was needed for the sprinklers.

**CURB CUT REQUEST – 605 W. ELLSWORTH STREET** Kelly Cearbaugh presented a request from Mr. Burkett to put in a concrete driveway. He advised he did not see an issue with it.

Jeff Walker advised the request came before the Board a couple years ago and was approved but at the time he (Mr. Burkett) chose not to move forward with it. He reported Mr. Burkett contacted him awhile back but was informed that the approval process stipulated a 90 day duration so would have to resubmit. Roger Seymoure confirmed it was the same proposal that was issued before. Jeff could not recall.

Rosie Coyle questioned if he would be cutting the curb twice. Jeff Walker advised it was not truly a curb but there would be two entrances. Kelly Cearbaugh stated he would not be cutting into the street for anything.

Motion was made by Seymoure to approve the request for curb cut at 605 W. Ellsworth as presented, Mayor Fleck second the motion, all voted aye.

**STREET CLOSING REQUEST – EAGLE GLEN** Rosie Coyle explained this was not really a street closing request but more of a redirection of traffic. She advised it was pretty much the same as last year.

Mayor Fleck questioned if there was a better way of redirecting the traffic. He stated last year there were some cars that ignored it which did create a problem. Roger Seymoure questioned if they could use the new barricades. Kelly Cearbaugh advised it was not a road closing so they would not use those. He stated they did have a couple Do Not Enter or One Way signs. Chief Petersen suggested putting an officer out there to enforce the parking.

Motion was made by Seymoure to approve the request for restricted parking and barricades for the community garage sale at Eagle Glen on April 30 and May 1 as requested, Mayor Fleck second the motion, all voted aye.

Rosie Coyle questioned if she should have them work with the Police Chief. Mayor Fleck felt that was what they needed to do.

**REQUEST FOR SEWER CONNECTION – 2060 S. 600 E.** Mayor Fleck advised this was a request by a resident to hook into the force main. He did not feel it was ready to be approved or disapproved. He stated they needed to make a final determination as to the extent of whether we have taps out there or we do not have taps out there. Attorney McNagny advised she had not been in communication with the Health Officer yet.

Kelly Cearbaugh advised he would let the individual know it was still under review.

**ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT** Larry Whetstone advised he gave the Board a paper regarding a letter sent to IMPA. He reported they continue to do their trimming; they put in a 600 amp

service at Loon Lake for a new structure; changed out a couple poles and continue with preventative maintenance of changing split bolts to compression type connections.

**STREET DEPARTMENT** Kelly Cearbaugh reported they continue to clean up downtown and look for buried manholes. He advised the dates for the City wide clean up were June 12 for the west side and June 19 for the east side with the appliance pickup after that.

**COMMUNICATIONS/IS DEPARTMENT** Terry Wherry reported they installed the backup for the network. He advised they were having troubles converting one of the servers but when that was done everything would be complete.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT** Tom LaRue warned the Board of a large bill that would be coming through on turn out gear. He advised the prices were increasing significantly April 1 so he had the guys get items ordered.

**WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT** Mike Cook reported they had trouble with an air cylinder that failed on the UV system. He advised they should have it rebuilt and back in service next week.

**WATER DEPARTMENT** Mike Dear reported they received the permit for the Main Street water replacement project. He advised they hooked up a new house and started setting meters at the Overlook apartments.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT** Mike Petersen advised they made a uniform change and displayed it for the Board.

**OUTSIDE OPERATIONS** Jeff Walker reported they had a pre-bid conference for the South Chauncey Street Sewer/Equalization Basin project that was very well attended. He provided the Mayor with additional information on the Holden Lake drainage/watershed area. He reported they have also begun working on the 4-H drainage area.

**BOARD OF WORKS** Rosie Coyle reported unless an emergency comes up there would not be a Board of Works meeting Friday, April 2.

**BILLS** Motion was made by Seymoure to approve the bills dated 3/26/10 in the amount \$874,572.06 as presented, Mayor Fleck second the motion, all voted aye.

**CONSERVATION OF RESOURCES** Mayor Fleck felt it needed to be understood that we were trustees of the utilities which brings the responsibility to conserve the asset on behalf of the public. He advised we are constantly looking for ways to become more efficient and the most recent request by the State of Indiana was that we look for ways of becoming more efficient in the use of our purchase power. He stated it was a complicated subject and was beyond the scope of what we could do here in the City. He explained for several years we have been exploring ways to make that happen in a natural way but when we get an order form the State to comply sometimes people get scared that we are not doing things right. He advised we were and in fact have probably met that standard in the last year and a half to two years. He explained we

sometimes see these as rules that are imposed upon us and we have to comply but we are doing what is required to do it right.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS TO COUNCIL - GOALS** Mayor Fleck advised every year each department sets out goals as to what they would like to get done within the year. He stated he would like to see on every report given to Council the list of goals for the year and then list what has been done over the 2 week period.

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