

**BOARD OF WORKS**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2010**  
**8:00 A.M.**

Mayor James Fleck – Present  
Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle – Present  
Attorney Lindsey Grossnickle – Present  
Walt 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 March 26, 2010 meeting minutes as presented, Mayor Fleck second the motion, Seymoure and Mayor Fleck voted aye, Crowder abstained.

**BID OPENING – EQUALIZATION BASIN & INTERCEPTOR SEWER** Glen Morrow with Burgess & Niple opened and read the bids submitted for the Equalization Basin and Interceptor Sewer project. Bids were received from Bowen Engineering, base bid amount of \$6,755,500.00 and alternate bid amount of \$6,855,000.00; Weigand Construction, base bid of \$7,286,635.00 and alternate bid amount of \$7,405,949.00; Robert E. Crosby, base bid of \$7,343,013.00 and alternate bid amount of \$7,461,752.00; Hagerman Construction, base bid of \$7,218,000.00 and the total for the alternate bid was not calculated; and Thieneman Construction, base bid of \$7,719,244.00 and did not have an alternate bid.

Mayor Fleck advised the bids would be taken under advisement until the April 16, 2010 Board of Works meeting.

**2010 STREET BID OPENING** Rosie Coyle opened and read bids submitted for the 2010 street paving project. Bids were received from Wayne Asphalt, total bid price without castings for \$128,487.00, price to raise manholes and catch basins was \$250.00 per manhole; E & B Paving, total bid price of \$151,036.00, price for adjusting manholes was \$350.00 each; Niblock, total bid price of \$119,593.00.

Mayor Fleck advised the bids would be taken under advisement until the April 16, 2010 Board of Works meeting.

**2010 CURB ENHANCEMENT BID OPENING** Rosie Coyle opened and read bids submitted for the 2010 curb enhancement project. Bids were received from Garcia, total bid price of \$22,040.60 and PRIMCO, total bid price of \$23,462.00.

Mayor Fleck advised the bids would be taken under advisement until the April 16, 2010 Board of Works meeting.

**CONTRACT FOR SERVICES: REGION IIIA – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
BLOCK GRANT ADMINISTRATION** Mayor Fleck advised this had to do with the administration of the grant we received for the South Chauncey Street project.

Attorney Grossnickle advised Attorney McNagny reviewed the contract. She shared the only issue brought up with the contract was that Region IIIA only wished to provide \$2 million in insurance coverage which would not be enough to cover all of the potential liability; however, to require them to provide more would be extremely costly. She explained her understanding from Attorney McNagny was if for some reason there was a loss of the entire grant that liability would not likely rest completely on the shoulders of Region IIIA anyway and just wanted the Board to be aware of that and also that Region IIIA was probably not likely to provide more. Walt Crowder pointed out that the contract states for general liability they would carry at least \$2 million. Roger Seymoure confirmed that was all they were going to provide anyway. Attorney Grossnickle advised that was correct.

Walt Crowder questioned in Section 3 what the \$66,000 Compensation to Commission was referring to. Rosie Coyle advised it was for administrative costs. She explained they went out for quotes for this service and Region IIIA was the only one who submitted anything.

Motion was made by Crowder to enter into the agreement as presented for the CDBG construction grant funds to be used towards the wastewater project as listed, Seymoure second the motion, all voted aye.

**CRACK SEALING AWARD** Kelly Cearbaugh advised Pavement Solutions was the lowest bidder and recommended awarding the job to them. Roger Seymoure questioned if they have been used before. Kelly advised they had and did a good job. He stated he had 4 bids; Pavement Solutions was \$1.17 per lb., Synergy was \$1.38 per lb., American Pavement was \$1.74 per lb. and Pavement Maintenance was \$1.45 per lb. He explained in the past they were getting close to 30,000 lbs. of material down per year but as the price goes up they were down to about 26,000 lbs. He stated if they wanted to maintain the same poundage they may have to up the budget for it.

Roger Seymoure questioned if the bid was within the estimates of what was anticipated it would cost. Kelly advised it was and had \$31,000 budgeted for the program.

Walt Crowder questioned what that would equate to as far as city blocks. Kelly advised it depended on the street and the poundage for the street. He stated they just do what they can with the amount of money they have. Roger Seymoure confirmed we were falling behind each year with what they would like to do. Kelly advised they were but it was not a big amount. Walt Crowder suggested next year doing an alternate quote.

Motion was made by Seymoure to approve the contract for crack sealing with Pavement Solutions in the amount of \$1.17 per pound as recommended by Kelly Cearbaugh, Mayor Fleck second the motion, all voted aye.

**CONTRACT EXTENSION: TRASH HAULING** Rosie Coyle advised it was time to renew the garbage contract and National Serv All said they would renew at the same price as it was this year and not increase it. She explained they asked Serv All if there was a chance they would renew it on a three year basis and they agreed. She advised they prepared a three year contract and mentioned the only thing that could possibly change was the CPI but the price for the trash pickup would stay the same for 3 years.

Mayor Fleck expressed a concern because we have not taken competitive bids since the inception of the program but have negotiated with them. He did not know of any significant problems with the delivery of services and felt we had a good working relationship with this company. Rosie advised she has had inquiries from other haulers interested in bidding. She stated with that we take a risk of it being higher. She felt since the contract ends June 30 if it was decided to take bids we should only renew for one year and take bids next year because the process was a little lengthy.

Walt Crowder advised he had the same concerns, with it being a service he felt we should let entrepreneurs who maybe want to start up a business or people who have not had an opportunity given a chance to bid. He stated there was nothing negative against the current company because they have been more than fair and flexible but felt as the Board of Works and Council they needed to consider giving people those opportunities and would like to see it put out for bid.

Jeff Walker suggested if it was put out for bid there were two things that needed to be specified, to make sure new containers were a part of the bid so that it was equal for everyone and the other issue was the annual clean up. He stated entrepreneurs do not necessarily have the resources to cover the City in 2 weekend periods. Walt Crowder understood and felt if they would take Rosie's suggestion and renew for one year they would have that time to prepare for it.

Motion was made by Mayor Fleck to go with a one year contract extension if it meets all of the legal criteria, Crowder second the motion, all voted aye.

**SIGN REQUEST – BALL FURNITURE** Motion was made by Seymoure to approve the request by Ball Furniture for the sign placement as presented, Mayor Fleck second the motion, all voted aye.

**REQUEST FOR SEWER CONNECTION 2060 S. 600 E.** Mayor Fleck felt it was premature to make a decision on this because of information on the possible extensive development out there.

Rosie Coyle reported Attorney McNagny met with Scott Wagner and he said it was the City's discretion as to whether we allow hook ups or not.

Kelly Cearbaugh understood from the last meeting the Board was going to review each individual case and decide whether to allow them to hook on but the meeting he was in before that he felt the Board was leaning towards accepting who was already hooked on and not allow anymore. Mayor Fleck felt there were two major issues, industrial and residential developments that will probably continue to come in periodically.

Attorney Grossnickle questioned if the resident had an immediate need. Kelly Cearbaugh advised he contacted them after the last meeting and let them know it was still under review but would keep in contact with them. He mentioned that they did hint around that there were several neighbors who might be interested in hooking up too. He stated if we allow this one it will keep going and he was not sure the line was designed to handle that.

Walt Crowder advised he was under the impression from the last project request from the industrial side that the decision was they would not allow it, not saying never under those circumstances. He thought they were still waiting for legal clarification because there was more to it than just yes or no.

Mayor Fleck felt they would have to have a special meeting to discuss this issue only and have the necessary resources in terms of engineers, etc. to get this resolved.

Jeff Walker advised Attorney McNagny had been in contact with Scott Wagner and suggested having him at the next meeting. He was not sure they really needed engineers as he had their recommendations in writing. He felt it was a matter of making it official at this point.

Rosie Coyle questioned if this could be done in an executive session. Attorney Grossnickle advised a decision could not be made but they could have policy discussion and felt that would be a very good idea.

**PAY REQUEST – BONAR GROUP – LIFT STATION REPLACEMENT – INV. 45764**  
**\$8,010.00** Jeff Walker reported the lift station project was just waiting for permit approval at the state level. He advised the invoice was in order and recommended the Board act favorably in the amount of \$8,010.00.

Motion was made by Mayor Fleck to approve Bonar's request for payment of Invoice 45764 in the amount of \$8,010.00, Seymoure second the motion, all voted aye.

**PAY REQUEST – BONAR GROUP – JEFFREY DRIVE & HOLDEN ROAD STORM**  
**WATER IMPROVEMENTS – INVOICE 45765 \$2,077.50** Jeff Walker stated this project was ready to bid and anticipated moving ahead in the next few weeks. He advised everything was in order and recommended the Board act favorably in the sum of \$2,077.50.

Motion was made by Seymoure to approve Invoice 45765 to Bonar Group in the amount of \$2,077.50 as recommended by Jeff Walker, Crowder second the motion, all voted aye.

**PAY REQUEST – BONAR GROUP – STORM WATER OUTFALLS REPAIRS –**  
**INVOICE 45766 \$1,294.15** Jeff Walker advised they were waiting for the final permit from DNR and other than that everything was ready to go. He advised everything was in order and recommended the Board act favorably in the amount of \$1,294.15.

Motion was made Crowder to accept the recommendation to pay \$1,294.15 to Bonar for Invoice 45766, Seymoure second the motion, all voted aye.

**COMMUNICATIONS/IS DEPARTMENT** Terry Wherry reported the changeover of the servers was complete and everything seemed to be running quickly and reliably. He advised CenturyLink was going to provide us with two new SYSCO wireless routers that would be installed between two of the buildings to see if the increase in speed would take care of the speed needed for the cameras and network issues. He stated they would test it for a month or so and then move along from there one way or another. Mayor Fleck questioned if it works out what the investment would be to do all of the buildings. Terry thought the total investment was \$10,000.

**STREET DEPARTMENT** Kelly Cearbaugh reported he received a call from a street commissioner from another city close to our size who was inquiring about the State bids for salt. He advised they went with another company who quoted \$75.00 and the State bid was \$62.00. He felt we were doing pretty well by going with the State. He explained it was a one year renewal and paperwork has already been sent back to the State for this year. Mayor Fleck questioned how much we usually spend on salt. Kelly stated it was around \$25,000.

Kelly reported they worked with a couple members of the Drainage Board at the 4-H grounds to verify that the 10" & 15" tile was open and working properly. He advised they spent a couple days there with the jet machine and backhoe.

Kelly stated he would like to propose a curb and sidewalk project on Whitley Street from North to Van Buren Street. He advised there were a couple streets that would probably come off the list from the 2010 street repair so some of the funding could come through that and the Cum Fund to support the project. He felt with the school traffic it would make sense to do a project in that area. Rosie Coyle questioned if streets would still be removed from the list even if he had the money available for both. Mayor Fleck advised they would.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT** Tom LaRue reported April was pipeline awareness month. He advised he provided information to Chris Myers to put in the newspaper.

**WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT** Mike Cook advised they were replacing some pipes and brackets at the Short Street lift station. He reported they finished seeding at the Coesse lift station and will have the fence installed when it gets dryer and warmer. He stated there were several deficiencies found during the crane inspections and the most expensive one to be repaired is the overhead crane in the head works building. He advised to bring all 3 cranes up to OSHA specifications he had an estimate of about \$6,500.00.

**BILLS** Rosie Coyle reported we were paying on a claim regarding an accident at the park. Mayor Fleck advised we consulted legal opinion and we were not admitting or denying liability but the circumstances were such that it was in the best interest to get it settled. He stated the Park Board indicated this is what they wanted to do as well as Mark Green. Attorney Grossnickle did not believe there was any liability on the City's part but preferred to discuss the issue in executive session because of the potential litigation issues and felt they certainly needed some form of waiver. She advised she did draft a waiver and release of liability for activities that go on at the Park from now on. Mayor Fleck stated he would not send the check until all of

the work was done. Rosie advised it would not go out until she receives the authority to send it. An executive session was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on April 13.

Motion was made by Seymoure to approve expenses for payment dated 4-09-2010 with the exception of voucher #36 in the amount of \$2,090.00 total expenses were \$590,923.37 but needs to exclude the \$2,090.00, Mayor Fleck second the motion, all voted aye.

**OUTSIDE OPERATIONS** Jeff Walker reported the Long Term Control Plan draft was delivered this week and has been working on reviewing that. He advised they had a meeting regarding the Siemens response letter on the fine screen process and formulated a response to their letter requesting additional information.

**LIGHT CONVERSION GRANT APPLICATION** Mayor Fleck reported we had a grant application to convert lights to LED. He advised the amount of the grant could be as much as \$250,000. He explained when they started there was a certain number that included the downtown decorative lights and Van Buren out to US 30. He stated everything was moving along well then they found out that amortizing was outside the framework of the grant and would not work so they were scrambling to get new quotes and were changing the way they were going after the conversion.

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

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Mayor James Fleck

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Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle