

**BOARD OF WORKS**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2009**  
**8:00 A.M.**

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

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

**MINUTES** Upon the motion of Seymoure second by Crowder to approve an overview of the March 27, 2009 meeting minutes as presented, all voted aye.

Upon the motion of Crowder second by Mayor Fleck to approve an overview of the April 3, 2009 meeting minutes as presented, all voted aye.

**PAY REQUEST – WHITAKER ENGINEERING, P.C – INV. 09/03-3: \$4,560.00** Jeff Walker explained the request was for the influent screen project. He advised everything was in order and requested the Board act favorably on the invoice.

Upon the motion of Seymoure second by Mayor Fleck to approve Invoice 09/03-3 to Whitaker Engineering in the amount of \$4,560.00 as recommended by Jeff Walker, all voted aye.

**PAY REQUEST – WHITAKER ENGINEERING, P.C. – INV. 09/03-4: \$120.00** Jeff Walker explained the request was classified under the post construction end of the Water Pollution Control Project and included for the most part the davit crane issue and a collection of other items. He advised it was in order and requested the Board act favorably.

Upon the motion of Mayor Fleck second by Seymoure to pay Invoice 09/03-4 to Whitaker Engineering in the amount of \$120.00, all voted aye.

**CURB CUT REQUEST – 113 E. MARKET STREET** Kelly Cearbaugh advised they reviewed the request and did not see a problem with the curb cut. He explained Bloom, Gates, Sigler & Whiteleather were going to put in a parking lot.

Mayor Fleck questioned if there was a reason why they could not enter from the alley. Jeff Walker explained they typically try to have traffic enter from the street rather than the alleyways. He advised the alleys were more narrow and in the winter time they were not plowed as quickly as the streets.

Walt Crowder questioned if this request would go through proper architect design in terms of lighting, shrubbery and everything within the ordinances. Ken Devito advised they talked with David Sewell and he was fine with everything as is. Jeff Walker explained the central business

district was separate from any other development primarily because of the density of the businesses downtown. Roger Seymoure confirmed the request did not require action from the Planning Commission. Jeff advised it did not.

Mayor Fleck mentioned that when they did the County parking lot they required some landscaping. Walt Crowder added that the lot would be right up to residential perimeters. Jeff Walker advised he could not speak on David Sewell's behalf. Ken Devito explained they were not involved with the design but in looking at the lot as a whole there would be plenty of green space remaining. He advised there would be curbs around the parking lot and grass on all sides. Walt expressed a concern that if they made others do those requirements he wanted to stay consistent. Mayor Fleck agreed.

After additional discussion, the issue was postponed for further review. Attorney McNagny advised she could check with Dave Sewell. Jeff Walker offered to work with Attorney McNagny on it.

**REQUEST FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING SPOT – 111 W. MARKET STREET** Roger Seymoure clarified the request was for a handicapped spot right next to the alley. Brian Anspach advised it was and mentioned there was a handicapped spot on the other side of the alley in front of the jail. He thought it was the only handicapped spot in that block. He mentioned the Bowen Center had 2 spots on Chauncey Street but those were private.

Walt Crowder suggested trying the one spot that was already there before designating another space since there was limited parking for other businesses. Mayor Fleck thought differently in that with a doctor's office there would be people coming in and out of there. He advised there was parking behind the building. Walt was unaware of that. Mayor Fleck expressed a concern that people would pull up and stop in the alley. Walt agreed they would probably have a variety of scenarios.

Walt questioned Kelly Cearbaugh if it would require modifications from the street department. Kelly advised they would have to put in a sign and stencil the street. Roger Seymoure questioned if they would have to change the space at all. Kelly advised they would not.

Walt mentioned the space would not be designated to the doctor's office so anyone could use it. Captain Anspach stated it would also be regulated under the 2 hour parking.

Roger questioned if they were required to do anything about the ramp in front. Mayor Fleck questioned the design. Jeff Walker stated the request was for 18". Mayor Fleck questioned if it would create any safety hazards with having a ramp there. Captain Anspach thought it would be ok.

Mayor Fleck questioned if they needed an ordinance for the ramp. Attorney McNagny advised they did not for the ramp but would for the parking space.

Upon the motion of Crowder second by Seymoure to recommend to Council to support the request of dedicating a handicapped space as identified and presented in front of 111 W. Market

Street by the alley and include the ramp as requested not to exceed more than 18" from the building as presented, all voted aye.

**WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT** Mike Cook reported he and Austin Babb would be attending a pretreatment conference in Greenwood on April 14 & 15. He advised he would be bringing proposals for the lift stations and gate actuators to the meeting next Friday. He stated he received a call from the individual he employed last year during the summer inquiring if it would be possible for him to come back this summer. Mike requested, with the Board's approval, to have him back. Mayor Fleck stated they ordinarily leave that up to the Department Head and gave him the go ahead.

**COMMUNICATIONS/IS DEPARTMENT** Terry Wherry reported the system made it through the April 1<sup>st</sup> virus scare without any issues. He advised they continue to work through the rebanding and thought they would be done in the next month.

Mayor Fleck questioned the nature of the virus. Terry explained it was an older virus that had been modified to take over machines and send out spam.

**WATER DEPARTMENT** Mike Dear reported they changed out a valve on East Ellsworth Street that was leaking and exercised 30 other valves. He advised a couple of his employees attended a seminar in Wabash on service lines and water mains.

**ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT** Larry Whetstone reported they continue with pole replacements and had 28 shut offs this month. Roger Seymoure questioned how high they get in a month with shut offs. Mayor Fleck reported there had been times when it was over 100.

Larry explained they also put in a couple new services and continue with tree trimming. He advised they were waiting on dryer weather to do the stump removal.

**OUTSIDE OPERATIONS** Jeff Walker reported he received from Burgess & Niple the draft legal descriptions for the easements for the new interceptor sewer project. He also reported there was a survey crew in town from Burgess & Niple getting final invert elevations as well as necessary information from the wastewater plant. He advised they should have a draft of the storm water master plan by next Friday for review. He stated the villa project just north of The Dock would be starting this summer.

**STREET DEPARTMENT** Kelly Cearbaugh advised they started limb pickup and would finish up on Monday. He stated they had all of the sign posts in for Park Street and Lincolnway. He advised they would be making one pass next week to pick up leaves.

Discussion followed on rescheduling the leaf mulch giveaway due to the Heartbeat's Festival being on the same day. It was decided to move the giveaway up one week to April 18.

Kelly asked for direction from the Board regarding the parking issue on Peabody Avenue. Mayor Fleck thought they were going to take away the sidewalk. Kelly wanted to have that clarified. Mayor Fleck asked for Kelly and Mike Petersen to come up with a written proposal to

be presented at next Friday's meeting. He asked for costs to do away with the sidewalk and costs to put in a parking pad so they would have a basis to make a decision.

**PARK DEPARTMENT** Mark Green reported all of the bathrooms were now open. He advised the pool was drained, cleaned and ready to be inspected. He reported they were working on the baseball fields and would be having games a few days a week from here on out.

**BILLS** Upon the motion of Seymoure second by Mayor Fleck to approve the bills as presented dated 4-10-09 in the amount of \$223,972.21, all voted aye.

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