

BOARD OF WORKS
FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2009
8:00 A.M.

Mayor James Fleck – Present
Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle – Present
Attorney Marcia McNagny – 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 Upon the motion of Seymoure second by Crowder to approve an overview of the April 10, 2009 meeting minutes as presented, all voted aye.

Upon the motion of Crowder second by Seymoure to approve an overview of the April 17, 2009 meeting minutes as presented, all voted aye.

Upon the motion of Mayor Fleck second by Seymoure to approve an overview of the April 21, 2009 meeting minutes as presented, all voted aye.

2009 STREET REPARIS BID OPENING Rosie Coyle opened and read the bids received. The first bid was from Wayne Asphalt for a total cost excluding castings \$130,461.00; E & B Paving total bid price of \$162,438.00; Niblock Excavating total street paving \$128,866.60 total casting and valves \$8,290.00 for a grand total of \$137,156.60; Phend & Brown total street bid \$160,411.00 and to adjust manholes and catch basins \$17,700.

The bids were taken under advisement and would be awarded at the May 8th meeting.

PARKVIEW WHITLEY HOSPITAL – ALTERNATE WATER SOURCE REQUEST

Mayor Fleck explained he, Mike Dear and Jeff Walker met with hospital officials regarding the need to comply with regulations that require them to have duplicate water sources during emergency situations. He felt after a thorough discussion they were able to come up with an agreement or recommendation for the Board.

Tim Ferguson, Director of Facilities, was present to further explain their request to have an emergency on site water well. He advised they have these wells at their other facilities. He explained the well water source would not be used for irrigation or geothermal and would only be used in the event of an emergency situation such as boil alerts or a main break that would not supply sufficient water pressure.

Mayor Fleck questioned Attorney McNagny if it was sufficient for the Board of Works to make a final decision. Attorney McNagny felt it was. Mayor Fleck questioned if she had reviewed the agreement. Attorney McNagny advised she prepared the agreement almost verbatim based upon the letter dated April 13, 2009 from the hospital but then changes were requested. She advised

she sent out the amended agreement. Mr. Ferguson advised they were in agreement as well but needed their legal counsel to review it before signing.

Walt Crowder confirmed one of the changes was that a meter would be placed on the well. Mike Dear advised that was correct. Mayor Fleck stated even though they could have come in with an alternate route they felt this was the best way to solve it. He advised this was a very unique situation and was not expected to be repeated anywhere else.

Upon the motion of Mayor Fleck second by Seymoure to accept the recommendation of the committee and the agreement to permit the installation of this emergency well, all voted aye.

PAY REQUEST – SES ENVIRONMENTAL – INVOICE 3/31/09 \$509.12 Jeff Walker explained this was for the continuation of the clean up at the south substation property. He advised everything was in order and asked the Board to act favorably on the request.

Jeff explained at IDEM's request SES was required to send the clean-up plan to Region 5 USEPA for review. He advised they identified some areas they felt there were some shortcomings and have made additional sampling requirements of us. He stated it would run about \$3,000 more than what was originally anticipated. He advised he got with Rosie Coyle and made plans to take care of the additional charges.

Upon the motion of Seymoure second by Crowder to pay Invoice 09FWC184 to SES Environmental in the amount of \$509.12 as recommended by Jeff Walker, all voted aye.

Mayor Fleck informed the Board that they were discussing with the owner of the surrounding property the acquisition of easements and the possible acquisition of the property by the owner after clean up is complete.

REQUEST FOR FMLA Walt Crowder advised he was able to confirm it was not a workman's comp claim and understood the rest of the scope. Roger Seymoure advised he was fine with it.

Upon the motion of Crowder second by Seymoure to grant the request for Family Medical Leave as presented, all voted aye.

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY Mayor Fleck explained the request was for leave without pay for purposes of serving in the military reserves. Chief Petersen advised there were 3 separate orders and felt the department could gain from the training. He stated they would be able to cover the shifts.

Upon the motion Seymoure second by Mayor Fleck to approve the request for training and leave without pay, all voted aye.

PEABODY AVENUE PARKING ISSUE Kelly Cearbaugh stated he and Mike Petersen were asked to get proposals for removing the sidewalks and replacing with cement slabs. He presented 3 different options to the Board. He advised he had not talked with the homeowners yet.

Mayor Fleck felt it was important to talk with the homeowners and other affected people on that street since it would change the walkways.

Mayor Fleck tabled the issue for 2 weeks. He advised they could be flexible and wanted to accommodate the owners.

Walt Crowder questioned what the Board's thoughts were regarding the deteriorated sidewalk in place. He advised he wanted to make sure they had it engaged or not engaged to either replace or repair the sidewalk. He felt it was an exception area and did not want to do away with the sidewalk. Mayor Fleck felt the crumbled one needed to be removed and made safe to the extent the circumstances call for the extension of it and at what points it blends with a parking space they would have to make the call. Kelly Cearbaugh advised there was a resident who replaced his sidewalk about 3 years ago through the 50/50 program and was not sure how he was going to feel about the City replacing everyone else's. Mayor Fleck advised they would have to deal with it as they go along. He stated they were not trying to create a hardship but were trying to correct the situation.

SOUTH COLUMBIA PARKWAY AND SOUTH SHORELAND COURT – PARKING

ISSUE Jeff Walker reported he and Kelly Cearbaugh were directed by the Board to come back with some costs associated with some of the options previously presented. He advised the results were distributed to the Board.

Kelly Cearbaugh reported he met with Niblock at the site. He explained the scope of the project and reviewed the quotes with the Board.

Jeff Walker advised he spoke with Betty Mishler to confirm the association still wanted to have something done. He stated they were not interested in having the stub street vacated but they did like the idea of having a pinned on curb. He explained it would help with people driving off on the area they maintain.

Roger Seymoure confirmed a pinned on curb would only cost a couple hundred dollars. Kelly advised that was correct.

Mayor Fleck questioned if the area was a buildable lot. Jeff Walker explained it was not big enough to support having an improvement on. He stated if they took the public right of way and added it to the common area they could potentially have a buildable lot but the association did not want to do that.

Mayor Fleck felt the least expensive option was the most flexible. Roger Seymoure agreed. Jeff advised that was going to be their recommendation after discussions with the association. Walt Crowder agreed.

Upon the motion of Crowder second by Seymoure to accept the recommendation of Jeff Walker, Kelly Cearbaugh and the association to put on the pinned curb in Columbia Shores as presented, all voted aye.

CRACK SEALING AWARD Kelly Cearbaugh advised he received 3 quotes for the 2009 crack sealing project. He recommended Pavement Solutions in the amount of \$30,250.00.

Roger Seymoure questioned if they had used this company before. Kelly advised they had. Roger questioned if he was happy with their work. Kelly advised he was.

Walt Crowder questioned the target time to start the project. Kelly advised it was usually the end of June.

Upon the motion of Mayor Fleck second by Seymoure to accept the recommendation of Kelly Cearbaugh and award the crack sealing contract to Pavement Solutions Inc. in the sum of \$30,250.00, all voted aye.

Mayor Fleck asked Kelly to explain the purpose and advantage of crack sealing. Kelly explained it was an option for the street maintenance. He advised with the freezing and thawing the streets crack which allows water to penetrate the crack and cause the asphalt to deteriorate. He stated the crack seal prevents the asphalt from chipping away and usually lasts 4 – 5 years.

PERMISSION FOR BURIED TELEPHONE FACILITIES Jeff Walker explained this was necessary because of the relocating of the overhead power lines on East Van Buren Street of which the telephone lines were attached to.

Mayor Fleck questioned if this would be outside of any potential street widening. Jeff advised it would be west of the bridge so would not be affected. He recommended approval.

Upon the motion of Seymoure second by Crowder to approve the application for buried phone lines by United Telephone as requested and recommended by Jeff Walker, all voted aye.

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT Mike Cook reported he met with Attorney McNagny to discuss a construction contract for the recycle station. He advised when that was complete he would start the bid process. He stated they also discussed some amendments to the sewer use ordinance regarding changes in their local limits and charging fees.

Mike reported he followed up on the warranty of the cranes with installing the additional plates. He advised he received notice that the warranty would not be affected. Walt Crowder questioned if legal counsel had reviewed the document. Mike advised he did not have a document just an email. Attorney McNagny asked Mike to forward the email to her to make sure it was ok. Attorney McNagny explained the City could send a follow up letter acknowledging receipt of the email confirming the warranty would not be affected.

WATER DEPARTMENT Mike Dear reported they had been working on meter settings in Heritage Place and was rotating guys with meter reading. He advised he had an employee attend a 3 day conference in Columbus. He stated they were fixing a service line on Chicago Street that was leaking.

Mayor Fleck reported Mike Dear agreed to coordinate a committee to look into ways of greening the City.

STREET DEPARTMENT Kelly Cearbaugh reported he had crews working on cleaning the catch basins and grating the alleys. He advised the street sweeper would be out for awhile as well. Mayor Fleck asked that they check an alley in Hilltop that runs by Doc Waterfalls home.

Roger Seymoure questioned how the mulch distribution went. Kelly advised he had a guy there for 4 hours and still had about 2 tri-axel loads left at the end but thought by Wednesday it was all gone. He reported they still had a lot of wood chips available.

PARK DEPARTMENT Mark Green reported league baseball games would be starting next week. He advised he and his staff would be working the Heartbeat's Festival; he thought they were preparing for 1000 people. He reported Gerald Tucker from the recycle center brought 3 - 4 big recycle containers to the park and the plan was to have the community service workers empty them every week.

OUTSIDE OPERATIONS Jeff Walker reported he attended the annual storm water conference in Noblesville. He advised he was informed by IDEM that our audit has been moved back until next year as they were taking longer than anticipated. He reported IDEM was offering workshops to help with the audit process and advised he and representatives of the Soil & Water Conservation District would be attending one in Fort Wayne on July 27.

Walt Crowder questioned the status of the safety training. Jeff explained he and Rosie Coyle reviewed the preliminary documents and have thrown some dates out for the actual training for late May and were waiting to hear back from Bingham McHale.

Walt Crowder also questioned the marketing event with Gene Haskins. Mayor Fleck reported the Solid Waste Board met and had several applicants for the position and were going to set a date for interview.

POLICE DEPARTMENT Mike Petersen advised they were starting to work on their training and continue to work on their new website.

BILLS Upon the motion of Seymoure second by Crowder to approve payment of the bills dated 04/24/09 in the amount of \$661,598.37, all voted aye.

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

Mayor James Fleck

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle