

BOARD OF WORKS
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2009
8:00 A.M.

Mayor James Fleck – Absent
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 except Mayor Fleck present, Crowder presiding.

MINUTES Upon the motion of Seymoure second by Crowder to approve an overview of the May 8, 2009 meeting minutes as presented, all voted aye.

Approval of the May 21, 2009 were tabled.

Upon the motion of Crowder second by Seymoure to approve an overview of the June 5, 2009 meeting minutes as presented, all voted aye.

STORMWATER MASTER PLAN UPDATE: MARK JESSE Mark Jesse gave an overview of the Master Plan. He explained the purpose of the Plan was to evaluate storm water utility components and the utility itself as far as problem areas, cost estimates for potential projects and items to improve the utility.

Mr. Jesse stated the first thing they did was an inventory of the City's existing storm water utility. He explained they worked with Jeff Walker and Gene Haskins on the project and took information from the surveys that were sent out and identified problem areas along with the storm water outfalls. He advised they also indentified potential storm water projects, assigned cost estimates, established priorities of the projects and included suggestions for the utility such as items to be purchased.

Mr. Jesse summarized the recommended improvement projects including the Westgate project, Jeffrey Drive and Holden Road project, 6 outfalls that were identified to be improved to prevent erosion problems and the Line Street storm water project. He advised there was a storm water problem at the intersection of Walnut and Vine Street and was something that could be easily taken care of after the Line Street project was installed. The last of the recommendations was to use \$1 million of storm water funds towards long term control plan projects Phase IIA, IIB and IIC. He advised they identified immediate need projects or within the next 5 years depending on the funding; the Westgate project, storm water outfall improvements to correct the erosion problems, Jeffery Street and Holden Road storm sewer improvements, the purchase of sewer televising equipment and lastly at the next round of Call for Projects with INDOT that the City apply for the Line Street project.

Mr. Jesse advised the Master Plan was intended to be a planning tool and if adopted it was not mandatory that it be followed.

Walt Crowder asked Mr. Jesse to elaborate on Holden Lake. Mr. Jesse explained Holden Lake was a private pond; however, the MS4 storm water goes to that pond for drainage. He advised they recommended an annual amount be budgeted out of the storm water funds for operation and maintenance of the pond because the City was contributing to the lake.

Roger Seymoure questioned how many survey's came back of the 1200 sent out. Mr. Jesse advised there were 35 sent back. Jeff Walker advised he and the staff of Bonar went out and individually inspected each of the responses and reported about 1/3 were legitimate public problems and most were private issues.

Walt Crowder asked to take it under advisement until the next Board of Works meeting.

PAY REQUEST – SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT \$1,084.64 Jeff Walker advised everything was in order and recommended the Board act favorably on the request.

Upon the motion of Seymoure second by Crowder to approve the request from the Soil and Water Conservation District in the amount of \$1,084.64 as recommended by Jeff Walker, all voted aye.

PAY REQUEST – ROBERT CROSBY, INC – INV. 8155-1 \$11,475.00 Mike Dear reported this was the first payment for the aeration tank repair and recommended payment in the amount of \$11,475.00.

Walt Crowder confirmed retainage would be kept for a period of time. Mike advised it would and thought it was kept for a year.

Roger Seymoure questioned if they had completed the work. Mike advised they had with no problems.

Upon the motion of Crowder second by Seymoure to accept Mike Dear's recommendation to pay DLZ in the amount of \$11,475.00 for work performed with a 10% retainage of \$1,275.00, all voted aye.

PAY REQUEST – SCHNEIDER CORPORATION – INV. 139131 \$1,980.00 Jeff Walker explained this request was for inspection services on the fine screen process at the treatment plant. He advised everything was in order and recommended the Board act favorably in the amount of \$1,980.00.

Roger Seymoure questioned if everything was completed on the screen. Jeff Walker advised it was not but the parts were ordered. Mike Cook advised they should be on site on the 22nd.

Upon the motion of Seymoure second by Crowder to approve payment to Schneider Corporation for Invoice 139131 in the amount of \$1,980.00 as recommended by Jeff Walker, all voted aye.

PAY REQUEST – SCHNEIDER CORPORATION – INV. 139122 \$4,686.00 Jeff Walker explained the request was for the interceptor sewer project for services covering construction administration and observation inspection. He advised everything was in order and recommended the Board act favorably in the amount of \$4,686.00.

Roger Seymoure questioned if the project was almost finished. Jeff advised all the work had been done and they were working on planting trees and reseeded.

Upon the motion of Crowder second by Seymoure to accept Jeff Walker's recommendation to pay Schneider Corporation the amount of \$4,686.00 as part of the continuation of the interceptor project, all voted aye.

PAY REQUEST – BONAR GROUP – INV. 0045054 \$2,768.75 Jeff Walker explained this was for the storm water master plan update. He advised everything was in order and asked the Board to act favorably in the amount of \$2,768.75.

Upon the motion of Seymoure second by Crowder to approve Invoice 0045054 to Bonar Group in the amount of \$2,768.75 as requested by Jeff Walker, all voted aye.

STREET CLOSING REQUEST - AMERICAN LEGION OLD SETTLERS: JUNE 22 - 28
Walt Crowder advised all the department heads signed off on the street closing request.

Upon the motion of Seymoure second by Crowder to approve the street closing for Old Settlers from June 22 – 28 as shown on the application and as approved by all the required parties.

Walt Crowder questioned Chief Petersen what his thought process was regarding the ordinance concerning shirts, etc. Chief Petersen advised last year went real well and reported they would have signs up again this year.

Upon the motion, all voted aye.

APPLICATION FOR GAS MAIN – NIPSCO – CHESAPEAKE LANDING SEC. II Upon the motion of Crowder second by Seymoure to accept the request by NIPSCO to install gas main along Cambridge Drive, Long Ridge Road and Newport Run, all voted aye.

APPLICATION FOR GAS MAIN – NIPSCO – BUSINESS 30 WEST Upon the motion of Seymoure second by Crowder to approve the request from NIPSCO to place a gas line along the north side of US 30 West of Lincolnway as requested and approved by departments, all voted aye.

PARK DEPARTMENT Mark Green reported the landscapers had been working hard on the flower beds around the parks. He reported the fireworks were scheduled for July 3rd. He advised the pool was running really well but the weather had slowed things down. He reported the day

camps would be starting on Monday and advised they received a grant from the Community Foundation for scholarships.

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT Larry Whetstone reported they were still replacing meters and working on moving the poles on Van Buren Street. He advised they were making preparations for their weekend work at STAFCO.

STREET DEPARTMENT Kelly Cearbaugh reported VanAm would be sealing the back part of the parking lot at the MSF. He advised they were finishing up with brush pickup for June.

POLICE DEPARTMENT Mike Petersen reported they have been working on an ordinance regarding golf carts.

Rosie Coyle questioned if the speed sign was out. Mike advised it was but could not recall where it was placed.

WATER DEPARTMENT Mike Dear reported they hooked up a house at Chesapeake and the paperwork and permits had been sent into the state for the replacements they want to do on Main Street

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT Mike Cook reported they had been testing the older secondaries and their actuators. He advised the mixer for the storage tank was brought back on Wednesday but had a problem with the motor when turning it on. He reported on the damage from the storm.

OUTSIDE OPERATIONS Jeff Walker advised he had a plat he needed the Board to sign for the Snippers Subdivision that was formerly Schumaker Homes. He reported INDOT had been in contact with him really pushing the process of consultant selection for the 205 project.

Jeff reported Brett with B & J Rental and owner of the southern part of the Testworth Lab property contacted him regarding his plans to remove the 2nd story of the Testworth Lab building because the roof was leaking so badly it was beyond repair. He advised a contractor was lined up to take down the second story of the building on the south side and put a new roof on. He presented a request from Brett to put up fencing out to the curb so there would not be any injuries sustained by pedestrians walking by for the time it would take to do the work which would be about a 3 – 4 week period. He advised they would not close off any part of the street but would the sidewalk. He agreed, after reviewing it with Brett, that it was prudent as far as a safety issue. He advised the only issue outstanding was there was no sidewalk on the Star Tire side. Walt Crowder questioned when the work was scheduled for. Jeff advised Brett was waiting on direction from the Board and would then be almost immediately. Walt was not comfortable with closing the sidewalk for 3 – 4 weeks and could not give an answer right then. Jeff encouraged the Board to stop and talk with Brett. Roger questioned if they were taking the 2nd story off. Jeff advised they were taking it down to one story and putting a roof on. Walt questioned if the City would have a liability issue if people were forced to walk in the street because of the closure, without giving an alternative way to get to other end. Attorney Grossnickle felt there would be a greater liability if someone were to get hurt by not closing it

off. She understood the issue but explained it would still be the choice of the pedestrian to walk in the street or across the street. Chief Petersen suggested putting up cones or a barrier to make a walkway. He advised the road was almost two lanes there. Kelly Cearbaugh thought they would have to get permission from the State if they would do something like that. Walt felt they needed to look at it from a City safety perspective. Roger questioned if Jeff could contact the State to see if a barrier would be possible. Jeff advised the City would be setting ourselves up for liability if we would apply to the state for an encroachment and advised it would need to come from the property owner. Walt advised they would look at it and asked to put in on the agenda for the next meeting.

Attorney Grossnickle felt Jeff made a good point in having the property owner contact the state to get the barriers up. She stated it would be more likely that the property owner would have the liability.

DIVERSITY TRAINING Rosie Coyle advised she had the next set of diversity training sessions scheduled for August 4 and August 11.

BILLS Upon the motion of Seymoure second by Crowder to approve the bills dated for June 12, 2009 in the amount of \$248,865.41 as presented, all voted aye.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Walter Crowder

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle