

BOARD OF WORKS
FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2009
8:00 A.M.

Mayor James Fleck – Present
Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle – Present
Attorney Lindsey Grossnickle – Present
Walter Crowder – Present
Roger Seymoure – Present

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT Tom LaRue reported 3 members of his department with one also being a member of the communications department completed their NIMS training.

STREET DEPARTMENT Kelly Cearbaugh reported on some of the projects they were wrapping up on Market Street, Peabody Avenue and Heritage Place.

PARK DEPARTMENT Mark Green reported they were continuing with football registration and had been doing some work at DeVol Field. He advised they took out a couple of the dug outs on the softball fields and would be splitting the cost with the high school to put in new ones.

WATER DEPARTMENT Mike Dear reported IDEM was in to do a sanitary survey of the water plant and everything passed just fine. He advised the tower company came in to do visual inspections of all the towers. He reported they fixed a leak at the wastewater plant.

Mayor Fleck now present.

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT Larry Whetstone reported they had the service in at the Coesse lift station. He advised they hooked a couple new services, were changing some poles, changing out transformers and meters.

OUTSIDE OPERATIONS Jeff Walker reported they ended up with 12 consultants to be considered for the design and oversight for the SR 205 project. He advised the selection committee met, scores were done, turned back in and then all the information was forwarded to INDOT for final review and recommendation of award.

MINUTES Upon the motion of Seymoure second by Mayor Fleck to approve an overview of the July 24, 2009 meeting minutes as presented, all voted aye.

Upon the motion of Crowder second by Seymoure to approve an overview of the July 31, 2009 meeting minutes as presented, all voted aye.

Upon the motion of Mayor Fleck second by Seymoure to approve an overview of the August 7, 2009 meeting minutes as presented, Fleck and Seymoure voted aye, Crowder abstained.

CHANGE ORDER #17: CORPORATE CONSTRUCTION, INC. Jeff Walker advised the change order had to do with the influent screen and the approved corrective action plan as identified by Corporate Construction, Cecil Whitaker and the City.

Upon the motion of Mayor Fleck second by Crowder to approve Change Order #17 for Corporate Construction in the amount of \$27,040.00, all voted aye.

FINAL WAIVER AND RELEASE: CORPORATE CONSTRUCTION, INC. Jeff Walker advised this was the final waiver and release for Corporate Construction. He explained this was not advantageous to Corporate Construction but basically says that the City has fulfilled their obligation of the project. He recommended the Board accept the final waiver and release.

Upon the motion of Seymoure second by Crowder to approve the Final Waiver and Release for Corporate Construction as requested by Jeff Walker and approved by legal, all voted aye.

PAY REQUEST – CORPORATE CONSTRUCTION FINAL REQUEST #30 - \$27,040.00

Jeff Walker advised the request was regarding the influent screen and recommended the Board act favorably in the sum of \$27,040.00.

Upon the motion of Mayor Fleck second by Seymoure to approve the payout of \$27,040.00 to Corporate Construction as requested, all voted aye.

PAY REQUEST – NIBLOCK EXCAVATING: #12 - \$103,757.25 Jeff Walker advised the request was on the interceptor sewer project. He stated everything was in order and requested the Board act favorably in the amount of \$103,757.25.

Upon the motion of Seymoure second by Mayor Fleck to approve payment to Niblock Excavating for application #12 in the amount of \$103,757.25 as requested by Jeff Walker, all voted aye.

PAY REQUEST – WHITAKER ENGINEERING: #09/07-14: \$1,634.63 Jeff Walker explained this was concerning the sludge storage process regarding the sludge hauling fees as a result of the crane and mixer problems. He advised everything was in order and recommended the Board act favorably in the sum of \$1,634.63.

Roger Seymoure questioned if the cranes were working. Jeff reported everything was working terrific. Roger confirmed there were no problems with the smell. Mayor Fleck thought they had pretty well

Fleck second by Seymoure to approve the Whitaker Engineering invoice in the amount of \$1,634.63, all voted aye.

PAY REQUEST – WHITAKER ENGINEERING: #09/07-13: \$60.00 Jeff Walker explained this was for the influent screen and a letter to all parties regarding the installation of that. He advised everything was in order and asked the Board to act favorably in the sum of \$60.00.

Upon the motion of Mayor Fleck second by Seymoure to approve Whitaker Engineering Invoice #13 in the amount of \$60.00, all voted aye.

PAY REQUEST – THE SCHNEIDER CORPORATION - #139968 \$1,518.00 Jeff Walker explained this was for work Ed Queen had provided. He advised everything was in order and recommended the Board act favorably in the sum of \$1,518.00.

Upon the motion of Seymoure second by Crowder to approve Invoice #139968 to Schneider Corporation in the amount of \$1,518.00 as requested by Jeff Walker, all voted aye.

PAY REQUEST – THE SCHNEIDER CORPORATION - #139969 \$2,134.00 Jeff Walker explained the request was regarding the Blue River Interceptor Sewer Project. He advised the contents and billing of the invoice were attributed specifically to final development of punch list items as well as a couple problems that needed addressed. He advised everything was in order and recommended the Board approve the invoice in the sum of \$2,134.00.

Upon the motion of Crowder second by Seymoure to accept Invoice 139969 for the amount of \$2,134.00 to be approved, all voted aye.

PAY REQUEST – DONOHUE & ASSOCIATES #11298 \$7,170.00 Jeff Walker explained this was for the Blue River Interceptor Project. He advised they have been working on the record drawings for the project. He advised everything was in order and recommended the Board approve the request in the sum of \$7,170.00.

Upon the motion of Mayor Fleck second by Seymoure to approve Donohue & Associates Invoice 11298 in the sum of \$7,170.00, all voted aye.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – SEWER TAP REQUEST Carl Siler was present to discuss a couple issues they had with the 8 new Habitat homes being built. He reviewed a map with the Board and explained how the subdivision was approved along with where they would be tapping into the existing sewer and the location of the manholes that would be set. He advised they would be putting in a private line to pick up 2 of the lots, which they would have to have an agreement that if anything went wrong with the line it would be the property owner's responsibility to fix. He explained on lots 4 & 5 there were formally 3 buildings that shared a sewer tap that was recently replaced with a new 6" tap. He stated they would like to use that existing tap rather than cut into the street to set another one. He advised they would make an agreement releasing the City of the liability of having to maintain the sewer tap.

Walt Crowder questioned what initiated the private line. Mr. Siler explained the existing sewer line flows a different direction. Walt questioned why it would be a private line. Mr. Siler advised there was not an easement. Walt questioned if they could deed an easement. Mr. Siler advised they could. Roger Seymoure questioned if there would be enough space to put an easement and houses. Mr. Siler advised there was a 7 ft. setback on the two lots. He stated he did not have a problem with doing that but it was approved with shared driveways. Roger confirmed the sewer would be under the driveways. Mr. Siler advised that was correct. Walt felt

this would be an opportunity to correct all the things that were not done right from an infrastructure standpoint. He asked to take the issue under advisement and investigate further.

Mayor Fleck questioned Kelly Cearbaugh if he had a chance to look over the plans. Kelly advised he had and explained the ordinance states the connection requirements were that each building has a separate tap. Mr. Siler explained one of the concerns was that the sewer line was old and Wigent's did not want to try and tap it again and another concern was the patching costs would be 3x's as much because of the cost for asphalt in small quantities as what it would cost to do the tap itself.

Mayor Fleck felt they needed to look at it further. He questioned what their time frame was. Mr. Siler felt next week would be fine.

Mr. Siler advised his second request was regarding tap fees and getting a ruling on them. He explained historically it appeared that they were not charged tap fees. Rosie Coyle explained traditionally the City has waived the sewer for Habitat but the water they would have to pay for. Mayor Fleck asked to hold this over until next Friday as well. Rosie advised she would pull out some information for the Board to review.

CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR STORM WATER Jeff Walker explained as part of the Rule 13 Storm Water program the City was required to inventory all of the storm water outfalls in our system that dump into a receiving body of water. He advised he and Gene Haskins did the inventory earlier this summer and identified 6 outfall structures that had considerable deterioration and erosion and as a result he asked Bonar Group to put together a proposal for us to engineer the repair and reconstruction of those 6. He advised since they were regulated drains the proposed solution would have to be a part of a permit application to DNR, Army Corp. of Engineers and IDEM. He advised the agreement had been reviewed by legal counsel and recommended the Board approve the agreement in the amount of \$26,400.

Mayor Fleck made a motion to approve the agreement as requested and recommended.

Roger Seymoure questioned if these were located throughout the City. Jeff advised we had 53 outfalls with several being along the Blue River. He stated it was critical that we catch them now as opposed to having infrastructure damaged.

Walt Crowder questioned if they would consider doing a not to exceed price rather than a lump sum amount. Jeff felt they would be open to that.

Mayor Fleck amended his motion to approve the agreement with Bonar Group in an amount not to exceed \$26,400 for engineering services for the storm water utility billing time and materials, the motion was second by Crowder, all voted aye.

**CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR JEFFREY DRIVE & HOLDEN ROAD
STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS: BONAR GROUP** Jeff Walker advised the Jeffrey Drive & Holden Road area has been identified as a problem area in the Storm Water Master Plan and have requested a proposal from Bonar to do engineering services to alleviate the problems.

He stated it was a relatively flat area and did not have good drainage. He recommended the Board act favorably on the agreement as well and once again approve it subject to the not to exceed sum of \$65,800.

Walt Crowder advised he understood the intent and scope but expressed a concern under the lump sum method of payment with additional payments on a salary cost basis for resident project representative and operational phase services as being an unknown additional cost. Jeff explained that was if we chose to have inspection oversight by them. Walt questioned if that was something we would do. Jeff felt with this size of project we could do it but timing wise would depend on manpower. Walt advised he would like to see some definition if it was kept in there. He felt right now it was open-ended. Mayor Fleck suggested putting 'as specifically requested' so if it becomes apparent we have to have it they would get paid for it. Jeff suggested going back to Bonar to break it out in the contract as 2 separate services.

Roger Seymoure questioned if this issue came about because of the survey. Jeff advised it was an already known problem area but they continue to receive phone calls on it as well as the survey's indicating it was a problem area. Roger expressed a concern with engineering to death the Westgate area and not doing anything with it. Mayor Fleck explained in part the Westgate water was flowing outside of town into town and was a rather extensive cost compared to this one. He felt with the Jeffrey Drive & Holden Road area things would be done and explained it did not have the same issues of in-town and out-of-town and potential lawsuits.

Jeff Walker explained to make it less confusing he could have Bonar break out the fees but for the \$65,800 still have them do a not to exceed for the design services. Walt Crowder also asked for a map of what they would be engineering and the area they would be doing. Jeff advised he could have it for next Friday.

NEW WATER TRUCK QUOTES (REPLACE 1997 GMC #525) Mayor Fleck advised they had already approved for the truck to be replaced.

Mike Dear reported they wanted to replace the 1997 GMC that had 103,000 miles. He explained if they get the new truck the 1997 would be passed to the mechanic to use and dispose of the 1992 he has currently been using. Mike reviewed the different quotes submitted. He recommended purchasing a 2009 F250 from Trier's that already had the service body on it in the amount of \$23,348.96. He advised of all the bids it was the lowest.

Rosie Coyle questioned what would be done with the current mechanic's truck. Mike advised it would just be sold out right. Walt Crowder advised he would like to trade the truck in rather than keeping it or auctioning it off.

Upon the motion of Mayor Fleck second by Seymoure to approve the request with the modification of disposing of the 1992 mechanic's truck pursuant to Trier's bid in the amount of \$23,348.96 with the add-on's needed to equip the truck, all voted aye.

BILLS Upon the motion of Mayor Fleck second by Seymoure to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$637,164.82, all voted aye.

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION LUNCHEON Mayor Fleck announced the employee appreciation luncheon scheduled for September 4 at 12:00 at Morsches Park.

WASTEWATER PLANT OPEN HOUSE Mayor Fleck invited all of the employees to the treatment plant open house scheduled for September 10 from 4 – 6 p.m.

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

Mayor James Fleck

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle