

**BOARD OF WORKS
ELECTRIC UTILITY
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 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 the electric utility. All members were present, Mayor Fleck presiding.

SIGN REQUEST – 212 W. VAN BUREN STREET Rosie Coyle explained Ball Furniture was requesting permission to put another sign out in the same location they always use.

Motion was made by Seymoure to approve the sign request by Ball Furniture to place a sign in the requested area for Wednesday, November 25 – Sunday, November 29.

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT Larry Whetstone reported dirt was starting to be moved at Trail Ridge and thought there was 34 more apartments to be put in so were getting things around for the electrical service out there. He advised they were getting ready to put in street lighting at Chesapeake and needed to add two more lights for the intersections. He reported they met with the hospital again and advised they would like to have their permanent service in by March 1, 2010. He stated they would not have a problem with that except there were a lot of obstacles they would have to face so needed to know what they were doing and where they could do it. He explained Ron Gallmeyer pointed out that the minimum charge for that transformer would be \$6,180 each month and suggested it be wiser to just put the temporary in there instead. He stated that was something they would need to think about. He reported he and the construction foreman went over another plan to run some other temporary because they were thinking they needed another 1000 amp for the main building.

Larry Whetstone reported they have changed out 2300 meters which was more than half and were starting their winter trimming. He reported Warner Electric was now hooked up and they were getting ready to bring in their machinery and equipment. He advised he met with REMC again about possibly getting the Granite Ridge Apartments going in behind The Dock but the answer was no. He explained it was unfortunate that something right there at our back door that we could not supply electricity to. Walt Crowder questioned as those apartments become occupied and traffic increase was that something monitored by the State or the City. Jeff Walker explained it would not come out onto SR 9 but would be at the west end of East of Chicago Pizza.

Larry Whetstone explained the State has put in LED lighting SR 9 and US 30 and reported their usage went down from 600 to 100 kws. He advised he looked into the cost of changing the stop lights that we are responsible for and came to a price of \$5,735. He stated the savings would be

quite a bit and within a two year period we would have our dollars back that was invested. He asked what the Board's pleasure might be in changing over to LED. Walt Crowder questioned what the dollar value would be. Larry stated they would be saving about \$65.00 per month for just one intersection. Jeff Walker explained we had 3 intersections and each had 8 lights. Walt Crowder felt it would be a good investment. Larry advised it would cut down on their maintenance so there would be other savings besides the power usage. Walt questioned if there was special knowledge needed to work on these types of lights. Larry was not sure but would look into it. Jeff Walker questioned if the quote included the crosswalk lights. Larry advised it did not but they were getting a price on it. Mayor Fleck asked to look at the street lighting again to see if needed adjusted.

REVIEW FINANCIAL REPORT Roger Seymoure pointed out that the cash had improved and questioned if it fluctuated from month to month. Rosie Coyle explained it did.

Mayor Fleck questioned where Buzz was with respect to the rates. Rosie advised she had not heard anything after the last email. Walt Crowder questioned if Buzz was going to come in and talk to them. Rosie advised he wanted to and could set something up for him to come in.

Larry Whetstone reported the Coesse lift station was ready to be switched over and questioned if they should go ahead and switch it or wait until they have the rest of the sewer system tapped in before it becomes our responsibility. Walt Crowder thought we already declared ownership for it. Rosie Coyle thought we were already getting a bill for it. Jeff Walker confirmed it was our responsibility. Larry advised he would get it switched over.

Rosie questioned if they wanted to try and schedule Buzz for the next Board of Works meeting. Mayor Fleck thought that would be fine and then could schedule him for the Council meeting on November 24.

PAY REQUEST – BONAR GROUP INVOICE 45420 – LIFT STATION

REPLACEMENTS - \$6,515.00 Jeff Walker explained this was for the Main Street and Jefferson Street lift station replacements and advised they were currently in the design phase. He advised everything was in order and recommended the Board approves the request in the sum of \$6,515.00.

Roger Seymoure questioned when they would have the design and everything complete. Jeff Walker explained once they get all of the component information put together they could wrap up the design very rapidly and then issue the direction for the manufacturer. He stated they would be made a brought onsite in the spring and should only be a couple days installation.

Rosie Coyle questioned if this was one we would use the balance of the SRF funds for. Jeff advised it was. Rosie questioned with Bonar if we would be able to get that money back. Jeff advised we should be able to.

Motion was made by Crowder to accept Jeff Walker's recommendation to pay Bonar the amount of \$6,515 for services rendered, Seymoure second the motion, all voted aye.

PAY REQUEST – BONAR GROUP INVOICE 45416 – STORM WATER – JEFFREY & HOLDEN RD. AREA - \$17,869.11 Jeff Walker reported they have had several on site meetings. He and Kelly Cearbaugh have been working with them on what they feel is the best design approach for curb replacement in the area. He advised they were pretty well wrapped up as far as preliminary engineering and would finish up with the design drawings very shortly. He advised everything was in order and recommended the Board approve the request in the sum of \$17,869.11.

Roger Seymoure questioned if this would be another spring project. Jeff Walker advised it could be a winter project.

Motion was made by Seymoure to approve payment of Invoice #45416 to Bonar Group in the amount of \$17,869.11 as recommended by Jeff Walker, Mayor Fleck second the motion, all voted aye.

PAY REQUEST – BONAR GROUP INVOICE 45417 – STORM WATER OUTFALLS REPAIRS - \$2,308.75 Jeff Walker explained the request was for the storm water outfall design for repairs which was part of the storm water master plan identification program. He advised everything was in order on this.

Walt Crowder questioned if the expense of this falls under the umbrella of the City. Jeff Walker advised it was.

Jeff Walker recommended the Board pay the Invoice in the sum of \$2,308.75.

Motion was made by Mayor Fleck to pay Invoice 45417 in the sum of \$2,308.75, Seymoure second the motion, all voted aye.

EQUINE HOSPITAL – SEWER Mayor Fleck reported Jeff Walker had been working with the County on the request to hook up the equine hospital to the sewer. He explained we have agreed with the County that we would have a study as to what the feasibility would be not only to the equine hospital but to put in sewer lines to the unincorporated town of Coesse. He stated it was his belief that if or as we proceed, jointly with the County, that it would be through some kind of Federal funding.

Roger Seymoure confirmed they had to pick up the equine hospital. Mayor Fleck advised that was correct. Roger questioned if they were going to try and pick up those houses that had been interfered with due to the building. Mayor Fleck explained until they would get the study back they could not approach that. Walt Crowder questioned if the immediate needs had been taken care of. Mayor Fleck advised it had.

HANDICAPPED PARKING SIGNAGE - FINES Walt Crowder reminded the Board of the open issue regarding people parking in handicapped spots with improper signage. He stated a study was going to be done to see if there were other areas besides the school that had improper signage so that if an officer does enforce a ticket that the ticket matches his authority and of the ordinances. He asked to look into it so that they could bring closure to the issue.

Attorney Grossnickle advised she did the research and sent it out to everyone. She stated she found there were zones in which we have an ordinance that they can fine up to a certain amount but if the area was outside of the zone it would fall under the state statute. She advised the school was not within the zone.

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

Mayor James Fleck

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle