

BOARD OF WORKS
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2009
8:00 A.M.

Mayor James Fleck – Present
Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle – Present
Attorney Matt Shipman – 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 Motion was made by Seymoure to approve an overview of the October 16, 2009 meeting minutes as presented, Crowder second the motion, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Crowder to approve an overview of the October 23, 2009 meeting minutes as presented, Seymoure second the motion, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Seymoure to approve an overview of the October 30, 2009 meeting minutes as presented, Crowder second the motion, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Mayor Fleck to approve an overview of the November 6, 2009 meeting minutes as presented, Seymoure second the motion, all voted aye.

Mayor Fleck questioned if there was any way to get the minutes, he felt it would be easier for the Board to approve the minutes each week. Rosie Coyle explained originally the Board did not want to approve them at a utility board meetings since not all of the department heads would be there. She stated it would depend too on how soon Sally could get them done. Walt Crowder advised he was comfortable with whatever works out but if the timing was right to get them, to do it. Roger Seymoure suggested as soon as possible. Rosie stated if Sally could get them done they would be on the agenda.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT – SLUDGE MIXER Cecil Whitaker explained at the plant there was a situation that occurred where a mixer bracket failed and caused some problems. He advised over the past 8 - 9 months they fixed the problem and then there was discussion on the contract about responsibility of the cost and how best to resolve the issue between the City, the contractor and supplier. He stated additional revisions were made consistent with the recommendations of legal counsel and advised the changes were readily accepted. He reported the contract was revised and got the necessary signatures so the settlement agreement reflected the changes that were requested the last time he was before the Board. He stated by signing the agreement it basically sets forth the conditions for the additional warranties, it resolves any outstanding claims and would release retainage to the contractor.

Mayor Fleck confirmed the agreement had been reviewed by our attorney. Cecil advised it had. Mayor Fleck questioned Jeff Walker and Mike Cook if they were ok with it. They advised they were.

Roger Seymoure confirmed all of the repairs were absorbed by the contractor and the only increased cost and absorbed cost to the City was the disposal of the sludge. Cecil advised that was correct and in exchange for that the City was essentially buying extending warranties for all equipment and reduced labor rates for any work at the plant over the next three years.

Motion was made by Crowder to accept the recommendation by legal counsel, Cecil Whitaker and staff to enter into the settlement agreement as presented, Seymoure second the motion, all voted aye.

PAY REQUEST – CORPORATE CONSTRUCTION #32 \$75,000.00 Cecil Whitaker advised now that the agreement was signed he recommended moving forward to accept final payment and release of retainage.

Motion was made by Mayor Fleck to take the recommendations of our engineer and superintendents and pay Corporate Construction for item #32 which is the final payment in the sum of \$75,000.00, Seymoure second the motion, all voted aye.

PAY REQUEST – WHITAKER ENGINEERING \$960.00 Jeff Walker advised everything was in order and recommended the Board act favorably in the sum of \$960.00.

Motion was made by Mayor Fleck to approve payment to Whitaker Engineering in the sum of \$960.00, Crowder second the motion, all voted aye.

PAY REQUEST – WHITLEY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION \$680.00 Jeff Walker advised everything was in order and recommended the Board act favorably.

Motion was made by Seymoure to approve payment to the Soil & Water Conservation for the month of October in the amount of \$680.00, Crowder second the motion.

Walt Crowder confirmed this would be paid out of storm water. Jeff Walker advised it would.

Upon the motion, all voted aye.

PERMIT FOR AERIAL AND BURIED TELEPHONE FACILITIES: UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF INDIANA, INC. Jeff Walker explained this would be going down the alley to feed the Habitat homes. He advised water would not be affected and Larry Whetstone advised he did not have any problems with it.

Motion was made by Seymoure to approve the request for aerial buried telephone facilities as presented and recommended by Jeff Walker, Crowder second the motion, all voted aye.

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT Mike Cook reported they had a few issues with equipment that had stopped operating. He advised 2 of his guys were able to track down the problem and get it back online. He explained they would be cleaning the primary scum pit and replacing the electrical contact inside the panel.

WATER DEPARTMENT Mike Dear reported they fixed a service line leak on East Van Buren Street and have hooked up more radio boxes.

Walt Crowder reported he heard one of our competitors announced they were purifying their water to water softener level and questioned if that was something being heard about. Mike Dear reported it was just certain towns but we did not have the area to put in a system like that.

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT Larry Whetstone reported they put in a couple new services and keep adding more.

OUTSIDE OPERATIONS Jeff Walker reported he would be meeting with representatives from Structure Point along with the utility department heads so they could further define the scope and interaction with the consultant of what their needs are. He stated they would also be going over the matrix sheets.

Mayor Fleck explained INDOT was viewing this project differently than when we applied for the grant. He stated their view was that it was one project which was fine but it matters that the City not pay more. He explained in the design when we had the study and approval it was of a schematic that had to do with possibilities. He stated when we get into the design phase things become obvious that have to be excluded and new things included and some of those had to be determined based upon costs and based on things out of our control. He explained for instance, there was an island that was to run down the median but they found that it would add significant dollars to the project so would no longer be in the design. He advised to take the place of that it has been proposed by Lori Shipman that a pedestrian tunnel be placed under SR 205 for safety reasons. He stated it has high consideration right now but there was question as to whether it was in the scope or outside of the scope. He advised he has approached several donors to possibly assist if it was outside of the scope so they could get the agreement finalized.

FIRE DEPARTMENT Tom LaRue reported he met with the safety coordinator for Hagerman Construction for the new Parkview site to go over the safety plan and contact information in case of any kind of situation there. He advised the department was also invited to the location to observe the construction and the ways of doing construction to keep up on their construction knowledge. He reported they had a structure fire and advised the guys were able to contain it to the room of origin and was very impressed with his guys. He reported they received a recall on one of their defibrulators so took it out of service and chose to go with the downgraded with a full warranty. He advised it works and functions just the same but it did not have the monitor to see the rhythm of the heart.

POLICE DEPARTMENT Mike Petersen reported they were preparing for the marathon and helping Mark Green with whatever they need.

PARK DEPARTMENT Mark Green reported they have spent most of the week getting ready for the marathon. He advised they had a Park Board retreat that seemed to go well and thought it was beneficial for the Board. He reported they were also working on the Christmas lights and were almost finished.

NIPSCO – GAS SUPPLIER Rosie Coyle reported Tom LaRue talked with a company about savings on the NIPSCO bill by locking in a rate. She advised she had received 2 more calls and the county had met with someone about it. Mayor Fleck felt it would be wise. Rosie advised she would get a hold of all 3 suppliers to get more information.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS - CHANGE OUT TO LED Mayor Fleck reported they were informed that part of the stimulus package includes changing out of bulbs and there was a grant available. He felt they should look into it.

BILLS Motion was made by Seymoure to approve the bills dated 11/10/09 in the amount of \$781,184.70, Crowder second the motion, all voted aye.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor James Fleck

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle