

BOARD OF WORKS
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2009
8:00 A.M.

Mayor James Fleck – Present
Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle – Present
Attorney Lindsey Grossnickle – Absent
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 Friday, November 20, 2009 meeting minutes as presented, Crowder second the motion, all voted aye.

BILLS Motion was made by Crowder to approve the bills as presented for the amount of \$58,623.09, Seymoure second the motion, all voted aye.

PARK DEPARTMENT Mark Green reported their first weekend for Christmas lights went really well. He advised the Dashing Through the Snow run at the Park was scheduled for December 18.

Walt Crowder questioned if there was any consideration of making a skating rink at the Park. Mark advised they have talked about it for years but the cost of getting a temporary removable ice skating rink was anywhere from \$6,000 - \$9,000.

COMMUNICATIONS/IS DEPARTMENT Terry Wherry reported they should have a crane in next week to get the tornado siren back in place. He advised he met with a couple engineers from CenturyLink to get the new routers set up.

WATER DEPARTMENT Mike Dear reported they fixed a service line leak on Catherine Avenue, hooked up more radio boxes and were getting meters ready for winter.

FIRE DEPARTMENT Tom LaRue reported on their annual Christmas Eve candy giveaway at the Court House.

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT Larry Whetstone reported they put in a couple more services at Chesapeake. He advised they had 70 shuts offs for disconnect day, they were still trimming trees and finishing up Christmas decorations.

Mayor Fleck advised they had been working on the easement issues for 205 and felt significant progress had been made.

STREET DEPARTMENT Kelly Cearbaugh discussed the downtown brick crosswalks and advised he had a couple guys working on those. He reported they were on their last week of leaf pickup but noticed there was a lot of brush put out so made another round of brush pickup. He advised he would be working with Attorney Grossnickle to clean up some of the verbiage in the sign ordinance as well as working on the sign compliance issue.

Mayor Fleck discussed the parking issue by the bowling alley in that people were pulling up against the building. He stated they needed to mark where the sidewalk was and asked Kelly to look at it and make some kind of delineation as to where it was so we could define it. He advised it would probably require a modification in the way they park.

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT Mike Cook reported they tested their electrical switch gear and advised it worked exactly the way it was supposed to. He advised he, Jeff Walker, Donohue and Cecil Whitaker met with a representative from WSG who did an inspection on the fine screen and was then asked to come up with some type of resolution on the problems they were having with it.

OUTSIDE OPERATIONS Jeff Walker advised they received confirmation from IDEM that the Coesse sewer permit application had been approved. He reported letters went out to the Coesse people concerning the income survey which was a requirement of the OCRA grant and that representatives would be meeting individually with each property owner to explain the planning process and address any questions. He reported he would be meeting with Jeff Drake from Burgess & Niple to finalize the proposal for the mandatory update on the Long Term Control Plan document. He stated he talked with Ann Marie at Region IIIA on the OCRA grant application and advised it was received at the state level but they could not determine how long it would be before hearing back from them.

Roger Seymoure questioned if the IDEM approval would allow us to start hooking up the 4 - 6 homes. Jeff advised it was not and was for an extension along the equine hospital property. He stated the other stretch the County and City talked about was going to take longer to get approval and was cost prohibitive at this point. He advised it was imperative that they get something for the equine hospital.

Mayor Fleck confirmed with Jeff that he was still working with the Soil & Water Conservation and the County on the river in the Park. Jeff advised he met with a regional director and tried to identify priority areas. He reported they were trying to set up a time to meet on site again with several different individuals.

POLICE DEPARTMENT Brian Anspach reported he had been talking at the schools on different issues. He reported on an armed robbery at the Dairy Barn gas station and a shoplifting case at CVS. He advised with both incidents the individuals were not citizens of Columbia City.

2010 BUDGET Rosie Coyle reported she received the tax approval back and advised the tax rate was going down and the departments would not have to make any cuts.

BOARD OF WORKS Rosie Coyle advised she may need to schedule a Board of Works meeting for Thursday, December 31. Mayor Fleck asked to move next week's meeting to Thursday, December 10 instead of Friday. He also requested to have the SR 205 issue scheduled on the agenda.

RECYCLE PROGRAM Walt Crowder stated there was something in the newspaper regarding the recycling transfer and asked the Mayor to touch on the subject. Mayor Fleck explained they were transferring to what was called single source and everything will be put into one container. He stated the present containers will be picked up by National Serv-All on the last week of the year and the new ones were on schedule for delivery. He reported Whitley Environmental will be the new provider.

Walt Crowder questioned for those people who need assistance who they should contact. Rosie advised they would need to call Jarrel Tucker at Solid Waste.

LIST OF MEMBERSHIPS & DUES Walt Crowder questioned Rosie Coyle if she had a list of all the memberships the City departments belonged to. Rosie advised we did not really subscribe to magazines but there were certifications or memberships we pay for. Walt asked if a summary could be compiled as to how many different things we belong to. Rosie advised she would try and come up with something.

BROWNFIELD – C.F. GOMMA Mayor Fleck reported Alan Tio was working directly with the consultant who was working on the Brownfield issue. He advised there was interest in occupying the CF Gomma facility and the process had begun on one of the interested parties in getting financing.

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

Mayor James Fleck

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle