

**BOARD OF WORKS  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2009  
8:00 A.M.**

Mayor James Fleck – Present at 8:30 a.m.  
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 except Mayor Fleck present, Walt Crowder presiding.

**STREET DEPARTMENT** Kelly Cearbaugh reported they had been called in quite a bit to salt and sand the streets and intersections. He stated he was trying to monitor overtime and utilize their time the best they could. He advised they were still working on the 20 mph signs. Roger Seymoure questioned if they were putting up new signs some places. Kelly explained they were putting up the new reflectivity signs. Walt Crowder questioned their inventory for sand and salt. Kelly advised they had 500 ton spoken for but, if needed, he could get more than that.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT** Tom LaRue advised it had been a busy year for them and have had 675 runs for 2009. He reported everything was up and running well. He advised they had about 450 come through for the candy give away on Christmas Eve.

**ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT** Larry Whetstone reported they put in some new services and have been working on taking down Christmas decorations. He advised they had about 3,000 of the new meters in. Walt Crowder questioned with the meters that were in if there had been any maintenance issues. Larry advised there were just a couple.

Rosie Coyle mentioned that some of the Christmas decorations were in such bad shape they went ahead and threw them away. She stated we would have to seriously look at that for next year. She suggested checking into it at the first of the year because they might be able to get them cheaper.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT** Mike Petersen reported they were working on getting bids for replacement vehicles. Walt Crowder questioned if they were looking into what the County was doing with the Dodge Chargers. Chief Petersen advised they pulled stats last year on the Charger but they still feel the Crown Vic was their best option.

**WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT** Mike Cook advised they had not received a quote from Flow Tech yet on their heating system. He stated they did add some insulation that has helped a little bit.

**314 W. VAN BUREN STREET – REQUEST FOR AWNING** Jo Crace was present to request permission to place an awning on their store front at 314 W. Van Buren Street. She advised they were going to apply for grant money through the downtown façade program.

Rosie Coyle advised it was in compliance as far as the City specifications and would need to go to the Redevelopment Commission.

Motion was made by Seymoure to approve the request for an awning at 314 W. Van Buren, Crowder second the motion, all voted aye.

Rosie Coyle advised she would send a letter to Jo acknowledging the Board's approval so they would have something to take the Redevelopment Commission.

**STREET CLOSING REQUEST – ICE CARVING FESTIVAL/CHILI COOK OFF**  
Rosie Coyle advised this was for the annual ice carving festival the Chamber of

Commerce puts on. She stated it had been approved by the department heads. She explained it was for Chauncey Street between Van Buren and Market Streets for Saturday and Sunday.

Walt Crowder questioned the barricades. Kelly Cearbaugh reported we now had 14 of the Class 3 barricades that had road closed signs and lights on them. Walt questioned how we handled the last even with the barricades. Rosie advised they had to rent their own. She stated the only thing that had not been decided is whether we would charge for the barricades. She thought the consensus was since there were several already approved for 2010 we would not charge but would need to make a decision for 2011 and on.

Motion was made by Seymoure to approve the request to close Chauncey Street between Van Buren and Market as requested for January 23 & 24 for the Ice Carving Festival, Crowder second the motion, all voted aye.

**ENGINEERING AGREEMENT: AMERICAN STRUCTURE POINT, INC. SR 205**

Motion was made by Crowder to honor the recommendation from Council as well as at the Board of Works previous meeting that we go into the agreement with American Structure Point and support the project for SR 205 with a project description to reconstruct SR 205 from Blue River to US 30 for a contract amount of not to exceed \$451,855.00, Seymoure second the motion.

Rosie Coyle questioned if there was to be an agreement with the hospital for their share. Roger Seymoure recalled they had talked about it and the Mayor said we would need to have one for funding for their piece. Attorney Grossnickle advised Marcia was working on this issue. Walt Crowder felt it would be separate from this agreement.

Upon the motion, all voted aye.

**BILLS** Motion was made by Seymoure to approve the bills for 12-31-09 as presented, Crowder second the motion, all voted aye.

**RECYCLING PROGRAM TRANSITION** Walt Crowder questioned what people were to do if they have not received their new recycle container yet. Rosie Coyle advised she was not sure and referred all inquiries to the recycle center. It was noted that January 6 was the target date to have all of the containers out. Mayor Fleck now present.

**MINUTES** Motion was made by Mayor Fleck to approve an overview of the December 10, 2009 as presented, Crowder second the motion, Mayor Fleck and Crowder voted aye, Seymoure abstained.

Walt Crowder turned the meeting over to Mayor Fleck.

**YEAR END REPORTS** Mayor Fleck advised he was working on year end reports and requested 5 – 6 accomplishments for 2009 from each department. He reviewed some things that happened in the City in 2009 and thanked the employees and administration for their hard work and dedication.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

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Walt Crowder

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Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle