

**BOARD OF WORKS**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2015**  
**5:15 P.M.**

Mayor Ryan Daniel - Absent  
Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle – Present  
Attorney Marcia McNagny – Present  
Daniel Weigold – Present  
Walter Crowder – Present

The Columbia City Board of Works met in regular session with all members except Mayor Daniel present, Dan Weigold presiding.

**MINUTES**

On the motion of Weigold, second of Crowder the over view of the minutes were approved as presented.

**UNSAFE BUILDING HEARING-310 W. ELLSWORTH ST**

Dan Weigold closed the Board of Works meeting and opened the Public Hearing on the property located at 310 W. Ellsworth Street owned by David Keiser. Craig Wagner, Whitley County Building Inspector explained that an order was issued to David Keiser for an unsafe building at 310 W. Ellsworth St. He stated that an initial inspection was done in June and there were some issues with the house that was against the City's ordinance. The order was for 60 days to come into compliance. They could fix up or demolish. There were issues with the mortar and the roof was in poor condition. Weather proofing on the doors and windows. Main problem was the load transfer pass was interrupted and the foundation is off by 4' and that side of the house is starting to fall down and needs raised with proper beam put in. The electrical needs inspected by a contractor and working smoke detector. June 19<sup>th</sup> was date of notice and 60 days was Aug 19<sup>th</sup> unless Board authorizes extension.

Matt Shipman from Bloom, Gates and Whiteleather spoke as Mr. Keiser's representative. He presented papers showing estimates for repairing the house. He stated Mr. Keiser would like to fix and save his house however they are still trying to figure out if that is feasible. Tim Smith is the one giving quotes and can't start until late August which is past the deadline. Mr. Shipman explains Mr. Keiser needs to sell some of his assets to fix this building and they are still working on whether this should be done. Mr. Shipman would like an extension of 90 days in order to get things figured out and time to get fixed if that is what they decided to do. Tim Smith has talked to the Bldg. Commissioner. Walt questioned if there is any public hazard and Mr. Wagner said no at this time. Mr. Wagner said the 90 days is what he would have given but this is up to the Board to extend. After further discussion, the public hearing was closed and the Bow meeting was opened back up. This complaint was brought forward from a family member of Mr. Keiser. On the motion of Weigold and second of Crowder to extend another 90 days to November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and request an update in 45 days.

**209 N CHAUNCEY ST:** The Clerk Treasurer asked Mr. Wagner to give an update on the property at 209 N. Chauncey Street. He explained that he has made many attempts to contact the

owners of the property regarding the vandalism. Owner doesn't want to address this. He was has also contacted by the Historical Landmark Association that the owner has not followed through with the requirements of the Historical regulations. Craig said the next step is to publish a notification with the time frame to get fixed and if not fixed we can fix and bill the owner and put lien on the property. Windows are broke and door is broke. Walt feels the Planning and Building Dept should move forward.

**ZACH HITTLER; OAK ST MOBILE HOME PARK:** Request for sewage adjustment. Zach Hittler, owner of the Oak Street Mobile Home Park was present regarding Lot 9 that had a water leak of which they are responsible for since they are the land owner. He felt it should be adjusted again since it didn't go down the sewer. Rosie explained that we have made one adjustment for the person that lived there at the time. The City called and left message that they had a leak but in December and they finally shut. The previous owner that lived there had left a large bill and the leak never got fixed. They had used 108,000 gallons so I had agreed to give one month sewage adjustment but that is all I could do. He thought it was illegal to shut off someone's water when they were living there. I had told him it was different because it was a leak. He said Katie refused to give him information of the bill since he wasn't the owner. We told the new owner that we wouldn't turn the water on for the new owner until the sewage was paid. We gave him an adjustment of \$800. The balance owned is \$1800 but Mr. Hittler owes \$692.00. Storm water of \$19.00. Weigold asked if he pays his portion of \$711.89 we would turn his water back on. Rosie said yes we would. Mike Shoda said we don't turn the water off and it is the owner's responsibility. We call the landowner to have it disconnected if necessary. Walt requested it be taken under advisement however the Clerk Treasurer explained the water is needing turned on for the new owner and it can't be until this sewage is paid. After further discussion Mr. Hittler agreed he would pay the 711.89 and have the meter put back in for the new owner and no additional adjustment would be made. Dan feels he pays the \$711.89. Walt seconded. Zach said to call him direct if there are problems.

**STREET CLOSING 4-H PARADE;** Dan made a motion to approve the request as submitted. Walt seconded.

**SR 205 WATER LINE PROJECT:** Mike Shoda presented quotes for the water main replacement on SR205. Niblock \$93,335.00 and Wigent \$94,350.00. This does not include under US 30. Mike explained they have been too busy to help get this done. We do have the money to do this. Mike said the main difference is the time frame that each one can start. This takes care of everything north of US30. Anything under 30 to the South will be dealt with by the water department if something happens. If necessary we do have the money for the south section. Niblock can't start until September and Wigents can start by the end of the month. Crowder moved to accept the bid of Wigent Excavation for \$94,350. Seconded by Weigold.

**411 S Towerview:** They are requesting that we waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> fine. They have the mowing under control. Walt moved to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> fine which was seconded by Weigold and we would bill them for mowing it one time.

**BILLS:** On the motion of Walt second of Weigold to approve the bills as presented.

### **DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Shawn reported on tree projects, Fiber projects

Mike Cook reported on mowing, lift station float repair

Terry reported on Fiber project

Longenbaugh reported that Officer Carpenter has graduated and that Metzger started Monday.

Also the two other officers will start next week. The new explorers are here and will eventually sell one of the old cars.

Shoda reported they are working on Storm water project on Stickler Rd

Tom L. reported Fire Marshall has been off but is back to work now

Kelly- Limb pick up, trail expansion work and bench, grading alleys

There being no further business, the Board adjourned

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Mayor Ryan Daniel

ATTEST:

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City Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle