

\BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
REGULAR MEETING
March 26, 2025

The Board of Public Works and Safety met for a regular session at the Knox City Hall on Tuesday, March 26, 2025, at 9:30 AM CST. With the following members present: Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder, and Board Members Steve Dodge and Jim Collins, and City Attorney Justin Schramm. Mayor Dennis Estok was absent.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 2/26/25

Minutes of the previous regular meeting were mailed to the Board Members prior to the meeting for their review. Steve Dodge made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: SUPERINTENDENTS REPORTS

Sewer Superintendent Jason Clemons informed the Board that they were able to land apply 179,298 gallons of liquid biosolids. The sewer crew upgraded the West Culver Road Lift Station, installed a new control panel with an alarm, 2 new pumps, new floats and a float bracket. Two new conduits were run from wet well to the control panel and 8 lift stations were cleaned. The UV banks were serviced, washed down hydro cells, cleared 7 storm basins and jetted 3 sections of sewer mains. BL Anderson worked on the PC and battery backup for the SCADA System.

Street Superintendent Jeff Borg informed the Board that the mill and fill paving project will start the week of April 8th, weather permitting. High Star Traffic Control new employees trained by painting Main Street stop bars and the crosswalk on Culver Road. Spring leaf pick-up is the 1st week of April and the 1st week of May. The street crew is working at the composting facility by transferring vacuumed leaves into rows, turning compost, and piling brush.

Water Superintendent Tim Lindewald informed the Board that the water crew worked at the new subdivision installing pipe, branches, 11 - 6" taps and completed curb stops. A boring company hit two service lines that had to be repaired. The guys located and painted valves for the JW Hicks project. The water crew cleaned and organized the trucks and repaired the furnace. They are prepared for the Wythogan Park meter pit project, completed locates, work orders and cleaned pits.

Police Chief Dulin informed the Board that for February they had 626 call outs, Officer Derek Russell is officially PERF approved as a 1st Class Patrolman as of March 5th. Jim Collins made a motion verifying Derek Russell as a 1st Class Patrolman for the City for Knox Police Department. The motion was seconded by Steve Dodge and passed by a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays. Chief Dulin informed the Board that Harold Smith III did not make it through the Police Academy. Chief Dulin recommended that we do not offer a full-time position to him. Steve Dodge made a motion to accept Chief Dulin's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

Building and Code Compliance Director Lonnie Boley informed the Board that 305 E John Street has been added to the Unsafe list. The home at 500 E and Corey Drive has chickens which are not allowed. Director Boley is working with the owners. The property at 109 McGill has not complied with the order, Director Boley recommends the \$2,500.00 fine with \$1,500.00 on hold. Steve Dodge made a motion approving the recommendation of Director Boley. The motion was seconded by him Collins and passed by a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 307 N BENDER – PUBLIC HEARING

Jim Collins opened the Public Hearing. The owner is currently incarcerated. An order to vacate was issued. Per the owners' Power of Attorney, it is going to be put up for sale. The water was shut off for non-payment. With no one present to speak on the owner's behalf the Public Hearing was closed. Steve Dodge made a motion to table this issue until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: NIPSCO POLE REPLACEMENT (6)

Director Boley gave the Board a heads up that NIPSCO will be replacing 6 poles in the City.

RE: 8 N MAIN STREET – PARKING

Director Boley informed the Board that the owners of 8 N Main Street needs permission to block off 3 parking spaces to do work on the front of their building for one day. Jim Collins made a motion granting permission for them to do so. The motion was seconded by Steve Dodge and passed by a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 60 E WASHINGTON STREET – PARKING

Director Boley informed the Board that the owners of 60 E Washington Street needs permission to block off a couple parking spaces for a dumpster while a new roof is completed. The project will be done when the weather permits. Jim Collins made a motion granting permission to block off a couple parking places for a new roof. The motion was seconded by Steve Dodge and passed by a vote of two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time the meeting upon motion was duly adjourned.

Dennis Estok, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cyndi Kidder, Clerk-Treasurer