

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 23, 2025

The Board of Public Works and Safety met for a regular session at the Knox City Hall on Tuesday, April 23, 2025, at 9:30 AM CST. With the following members present: Mayor Dennis Estok, Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder, Board Members Steve Dodge, Jim Collins, and City Attorney Justin Schramm.

RE: AMENDANT TO THE AGENDA

Steve Dodge made a motion to add 406 W Delaware to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 3/26/25

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 Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: SUPERINTENDENTS REPORTS

Street Superintendent Jeff Borg informed the Board that over the past month his crew has been adding storm drain riser rings to the streets that have been repaired. They have placed gravel where needed, loading out lots of brush, spreading larvicide and mosquito repellant.

Sewer superintendent Jason Clemons informed the Board that over the past month he submitted MRO and NET/DNR reports to IDEM and EPA. They replaced the power cord too the UV System and had to camera a 322-foot section of sewer main on Carlson to do root cutting. They flushed the gear oil, greased bearings and lubed the chain drives on the clarifiers. Keith and Justin hard wired the garage doors into the generator so that it can be accessed during a power outage. They pumped 47,724 gallons of liquid biosolids into reed beds and assisted the Water Department with Vac Truck for a water leak at Lafayette and Portland Streets. They also helped the City Police Department vac out their catch basin in their shop.

Water Superintendent Tim Lindewald was absent, he left his report with Mayor Estok. The spring hydrant flushing is done. They repaired a curb stop at 404 S Portland and turned on all the parks, bathrooms and water fountains. They completed their monthly duties, water tests, fixed a sinkhole and repaired the jetter.

Building and Code Compliance Director Lonnie Boley updated the Board about 109 S McGill. It is not compliant yet. Mayor Estok told Director Boley to meet with the owner and her daughter and make a list of all things that still need completed. It will be reviewed again at the May meeting. Director Boley informed the Board that 8 properties were added to the unsafe list. Ten chickens were removed and 25 removal orders issued for basketball hoops in the City Right of Way.

RE: BID AWARDED: CCMG 2025 CALL 1

Three bids were received by the date and time required. Mayor Estok opened the sealed bids.

E & B Paving	\$125,488.64
Rieth Riley	\$150,883.64

Steve Dodge made a motion to accept the low bid upon the City Attorney and Street Superintendent's approval. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 109 S MCGILL – PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Estok opened the Public Hearing. The Order to Vacate was for the shed on the property. Director Boley's recommendation is to close this case, the shed has been vacated. Mayor Estok closed the Public Hearing. Jim Collins made a motion to close this case/order. The motion was seconded by Steve Dodge and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and o No (0) nays.

RE: 254 W LOCUST – PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Estok opened the Public Hearing. The owner, Vicky Shall, was present. On April 8<sup>th</sup> an order to vacate the property was issued. Director Boley was unable to contact the owner prior to the Public Hearing. The property has no utilities, and the owner informed the Board she has 2 buyers interested. A long discussion was held. Mayor Estok made a motion to keep the order standing, the owner must sign an inspection form, we will hold the \$2,500.00 fee and she must pay the \$500.00 fee for stealing water by the May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 307 W BENDER – UPDATE

The property was sold to Wampler's Realty. They have started cleaning up the yard and house. This was just an update, no action needed.

RE: 406 W ELM

Director Boley discovered that some people were squatting/camping out in a vacant single wide trailer. The Trailer has not had utilities in years. Director Boley notified the owner. Director Boley is recommending an order to vacate and demolish. Jim Collins made a motion approving the vacate and demolish order. The motion was seconded by Steve Dodge and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and (0) nays.

RE: ROAD USE AGREEMENT FOR NIPSCO (PACIFIC)

Two representatives of NIPSCO were in attendance asking for a special road usage agreement for Pacific Avenue. The project will start late June. A short discussion was held, more information is needed from NIPSCO. This topic will be revisited at the May meeting.

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

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Dennis Estok, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cyndi Kidder, Clerk-Treasurer