

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
REGULAR MEETING
May 28, 2025

The Board of Public Works and Safety met for a regular session at the Knox City Hall on Tuesday, May 28, 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.

There was no amendment to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 4/23/25

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 they have been working on all the seasonal work. They have been picking up tons of brush and leaves. The guys changed parts on the Leaf Vac.

Water Superintendent Tim Lindewald informed the Board that over the last month his crew has fixed 2 broken and leaking curb stops and replaced them with new meter pits. The water tests for Short Drive passed. The splash pad has been programmed and turned on for the season. The splash pad's on button had to be replaced and the nearby water fountain has been repaired. The water crew also replaced two fire hydrants, completed locates, work orders and mowed the water plant lot. Superintendent Lindewald asked the board's approval for the bid of \$7,560.00 for the exterior pressure washing of the water tower. Superintendent Lindewald received 3 bids prior to the meeting and presented the lowest bid from Maguires to the Board for approval. Mayor Estok made a motion to approve the bid. The motion was seconded by Steve Dodge and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

Sewer Superintendent Jason Clemons informed the Board that over the past month his crew has fixed the Clabaugh lift station, replaced a float and pump at the John/McGill Lift Station, and unplugged the Washington lift station. They jetted 3 lines, cleaned 8 storm basins, assisted the Water Department and rebuilt the polymer machine. They applied 60,540 gallons of liquid biosolids this month. Craig at BEC called and the new Vac Truck will be delivered this Thursday or Friday.

Building and Code Compliance Director Lonnie Boley gave the Board an updated list of properties under enforcement.

Chief of Police Chad Dulin informed the Board his department had 704 calls total last month. The department is taking applications until June 30th. Chief is working on a power point presentation of the City Ordinances to use for training officers. So far this year each officer has completed 15 hours of training.

RE: SPECIAL LEAK ADJUSTMENT – CHARLOTTE THOMAS

James and Charlotte Thomas came before the Board to ask for a special leak adjustment of \$478.93 due to a water leak underground. It was discovered on Friday and Jeremiah Patrick with Hills Excavating got it fixed asap. Jim Collins

made a motion approving the special leak adjustment of \$478.93. The motion was seconded by Steve Dodge and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: SPECIAL LEAK ADJUSTMENT – NOEL SINGLETON

Noel Singleton came before the Board to ask for a special leak adjustment of \$1,022.77 due to a water leak under the floor of the laundry room. The leak took a while to find, once located it was fixed right away. The Water Department verified that it was fixed. Jim Collins made a motion approving the special leak adjustment of \$1,022.7. The motion was seconded by Steve Dodge and passed by a Vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: PROMOTION TO 1ST CLASS PATROLMAN – MATTHEW BORKHOLDER

Chief Dulin presented to the Board a request to promote Officer Matthew Borkholder to a 1st Class Patrolman. Officer Borkholder has completed all requirements. Mayor Estok made a motion approving the promotion. The motion was seconded by Steve Dodge and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Dulin requested authorization to declare as surplus and dispose of several unclaimed and outdated bicycles that are currently in the Police Department building. A motion was made by Steve Dodge approving the declaration of surplus/disposal. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 307 W BENDER STREET – REVIEW

Building and Code Compliance Director Lonnie Boley updated the Board for the property at 307 W Bender Street. The property is currently being cleaned up by Wampler's to be sold.

Rel 254 W LOCUST STREET – REVIEW

Director Boley informed the Board that the owner Vicky Shall asked for an additional week to get things completed. Director Boley gave her an extra week.

RE: 109 S MCGILL STREET – REVIEW

Director Boley informed the Board the property is looking better, the daughter is working at it slow and steady. Showing some improvements.

RE: NIPSCO ROAD USE AGREEMENT

The road use agreement is being handled between their Attorney and our City Attorney currently. The NIPSCO job will start in mid-July.

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