

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
REGULAR MEETING
June 25, 2025

The Board of Public Works and Safety met for a regular session at the Knox City Hall on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at 9:30 AM CST. With the following members present: Mayor Dennis Estok, Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder, Board Members Steve Dodge, and Jim Collins. There was no amendment to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 5/28/25

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

Sewer Superintendent Jason Clemons informed the Board that they received their new Vac Truck. They will be adding decals soon. The sewer guys cleaned the southside lift station. They also excavated the sewer lateral on Cannon Drive and replaced burnt bulbs on the UV system. Arco calibrated the gas meters, and Cummins Tech did maintenance on the generator. A new relay was ordered for the grit pump control panel, and we are upgrading the emergency dialer unit. The sewer guys went around town and handed out Oil and Grease Management Surveys to all the restaurants and an inspection will be scheduled to check that their grease traps are being maintained properly. Superintendent Clemons asked the Board to approve spending up to \$25,000.00 for more sewer manhole lining to be done by OBIC. Mayor Estok made a motion approving the \$25,000.00 for relining. The motion was seconded by Steve Dodge and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

Water Superintendent Tim Lindewald informed the board that over the last month his crew remapped 811 service area so that the locates that don't pertain to the City will not be delivered to them. The water guys also removed the old water lines and replaced it all at 1107 E Lake, completed a park electrical project and changed shop lights to LED. We completed 82 locates, 28 work orders, changed 11 meters and did the shop mowing.

Street Superintendent Jeff Borg informed the Board that the compost facility was inspected. The street crew has been doing roadside moving, street sweeping, crack sealing and picking up tons of brush.

Chief of Police Chad Dulin informed the board his department had a total of 640 calls in May. They have been doing training also.

Building and Code Compliance Director Lonnie Boley updated the Board about the free-range domestic rabbits plus the cage condos of rabbits on South Roosevelt. The property was ticketed for the rabbits and after further investigating the mess of cage condos, the property was declared unsafe. Also 203 N Main has some sewer issues, both the sewer department and owners are involved.

RE: APPROVAL OF SOP#27 – (POLICE DEPARTMENT)

Chief Dulin presented the Policy #SOP-27 to the Board. Steve Dodge made a motion approving the #SOP-27. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 105 S MAIN – REVIEW

Director Boley updated the Board that this property has been under enforcement for about 1 ½ years. The property was sold while under enforcement, and the owner cleaned the property up and remodeled the house. The home was just sold to another new owner, and a final occupancy inspection was done. Director Boley asked the Board to dismiss this enforcement completely. Mayor Estok made a motion approving the dismissal of enforcement. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 401 E LAKE – REVIEW

Director Boley updated the Board about the Court hearing on June 5th. The Court ordered that there will be no entry into the house on the property until September 12, 2025, when the tax deed is issued to the new owners. A status hearing was set for October 6, 2025, and all parties are ordered to appear.

RE: 802 E WASHINGTON – CASE REVIEW

According to Director Boley, this property is rental. The numerous complaints received from neighbors of 802 E Washington caused for a follow-up to be done. The rental is not registered and never had a rental inspection before renters moved in. The owner, Rob Neuberg requested a City Court Hearing to be set. Mayor Estok made a motion to proceed with the City Court Hearing. The motion was seconded by Steve Dodge and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 254 W LOCUST – CONDEMN

Director Boley informed the Board that the meeting in April was a Public Hearing for this property. The property has had no utilities for quite some time and an order to Vacate was issued April 8, 2025. At this Public Hearing the owner, Vicky Shall, was present and had two buyers interested in the property. The Civil Penalty was put on hold and the owner was required to pay the \$500.00 ticket for water theft and sign an inspection form. As of this June meeting the owner was found unwilfully non-compliant. Mayor Estok made a motion ordering to condemn and demolish plus the reissue of the Civil Penalty of \$2,500.00 will be issued. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and NO (0) nays.

RE: 6 N PEARL STREET – REVIEW

Director Boley sent a request for an inspection to the owner Lucy Valadares by certified mail for the property. A long discussion was held. City Attorney Justin Schramm will review her large file to determine the best way to handle this issue.

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