

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
REGULAR MEETING  
August 27, 2025

The Board of Public Works and Safety met for a regular session at the Knox City Hall on Wednesday, August 27, 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 7/23/25

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

Water Superintendent Tim Lindewald informed the Board they had to replace a broken fire hydrant on the corner of Water Street and East Street. The water crew installed an insert a-valve for new well 4. They also worked at Oak Valley to find all undocumented curb stops and returned water service that doesn't bypass the meter. The water plant, tower 2 and industrial park fire hydrant areas were all mowed and weed eaten. They also completed their monthly duties of locates, work orders and 7-meter changes.

Sewer Superintendent Jason Clemons informed the Board that Advanced Rehabilitation Technology lined 10 manholes and 1 valve vault at John and Roosevelt Lift Station. The sewer guys cleaned the hydro cell unit, cleaned some south manholes with Vac Truck, jetted mains, and cleaned lift station at the south end of town for excessive grease from restaurants. Superintendent Clemons handed out an oil and grease survey and a best management practice for fats, oils and grease letters. He also included a form for restaurants to schedule an inspection for their grease traps. The sewer guys have also step cleaned 2,144 feet of sewer main on Portland Street, retired the sewer lateral at 254 W Locust Dr., and cleaned wet well with the Vac Truck. Blower #2 has seals blow out; they were taken to Indy for repair. Superintendent Clemons asked the Board for their approval to purchase a new blower for a backup, it cost about \$12,000.00. Steve Dodge made a motion approving the purchase. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

Chief of Police Chad Dulin informed the Board in the past month they have done 96 business checks, 92 extra patrols, 82 traffic stops, and others for a total 741 calls.

RE: BID OPENING – KAYAK LAUNCH AT WYTHOGAN PARK

Mayor Estok opened the one bid received for the Kayak Launch. The bid was from Hill Excavating for \$44,938.53. After the Board reviewed the bid, Mayor Estok made a motion approving the bid but pending that all the correct needs are in the bid. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and Passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: BID OPENING – US 35 WATER AND SEWER EXTENSION

Mayor Estok opened the one bid received; it was from Hills Excavating.

- 1) Jack and Bore Bid \$507,662.60
- 2) Directional Boore Bid \$189,412.50

Mayor Estok made a motion to take bids under advisement and pending engineers approval. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: POLICE DEPARTMENT – DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Chief Dulin asked the Boards permission to declare the 2009 dodge Charger surplus to it can be sold. Steve Dodge made a motion declaring the 2009 Dodge Charger as surplus and for it to be sold. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: SEWER AND WASTEWATER – SURPLUS PROPERTY – VACTOR TRUCK

Superintendent Clemons asked the Boards permission to declare the old Vactor Truck as surplus so it can be sold on Municibid with a minimal bid set. Steve Dodge made a motion declaring Vactor Truck as surplus and sellable. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: FIRE DEPARTMENT – VEHICLE PURCHASE

Fire Chief Ken Pfof presented to the Board the two bids he received to replace the 97 Tahoe Command Vehicle that sold in 2023.

- 1) GMC ¾ ton Sierra \$62,000.
- 2) Ford ¾ ton Crew Cab \$56,000.

Steve Dodge made a motion approving the purchase of the Ford ¾ ton Crew Cab. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 406 E JOHN STREET – REVIEW

This property has been under enforcement since 2019. In April 2025 Director Boley sent the new owner a Take Action Order. The owners were present, Ms. Peggy has been trying to do the work herself, her husband has bad sugar issues and is legally blind. They purchased the property with the mess and have been working as cleaning it all up since. The board would like to see progress by the September 24, 2025, meeting.

RE: 53 W LAKE STREET – REVIEW

The owner was present. This property has 6 rental units. Three units passed inspection by Director Boley. There are numerous items that need fixed interior from leaking ceilings to GFI's installed and exterior all bricks need sealed. The Board would like the owner to work on a timeline with Director Boley and get the brick sealing scheduled and report back to them at the September meeting.

RE: 302 E POTER STREET – REVIEW

The owner was sent a Take Action Order in March 2024. The spring 2025 the property was in good shape but come summer it was back into disarray. Director Boley sent a letter about tall grass/bushes, and it was returned. Director Boley recommended a \$2,500.00 civil penalty. Steve Dodge made a motion to access the \$2,500.00 civil penalty. The Motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 419 W LEWIS DRIVE – REVIEW

This property has been under enforcement for a long time. Director Boley informed the Board that the owners have been productive since he sent the Tak Action Order. They are in compliance for the vegetation and trash.

RE: 705 E NEW YORK STREET – REIVEW

This property has been under enforcement since 2018. The owner was present. Owner paid a Civil Fee of \$2,500.00 in 2024. A long discussion was held about trailers being moved out, possible auction, neighbors complaining and zoning. The Board would like to see a lot of progress. Mayor Estok made a motion for the owner and Director Boley to work out a timeline for progress on trailers being removed and garage to be torn down. If the owner doesn't follow through with the timeline being set up, a \$5,000.00 Civil Penalty will be accessed. The motion was seconded by Jim Colling and passed with a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: SOUTH BROOK II – DISMISSED

South Brook II is the second piece of land of Short Drive/Sunnyside Estate, the older piece of property. It is privately owned property that goes to Highway 8. Director Boley sent a letter regarding it to be moved, and the dirt non-road be blocked off to Highway 8. The owners are compliant, so Director Boley requested to dismiss this case. Steve Dodge made a motion to dismiss the complaint. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 101 S MCGILL – HOUSEHOLD PETS

The owner and her daughter were present. The owner is requesting the \$2,000.00 citation to be removed or modified. The \$2,000.00 citation comes from charges for dog running at large, aggressive/vicious dog, 30 rabbits and no dog tags. Director Boley recommended the board to uphold the \$2,000.00 Citation. The owner and her daughter pleaded their cases, the rabbits are a hobby. The dog jumped the fence and bite due to neighbors aggravating the dog through their fence. Steve Dodge made a motion to table this issue and take all the information under advisement until the next meeting on September 24. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 406 W ELM – REVIEWS

The owner was present. Director Boley said no timeline was arranged and have had no reports of squatters. Owner removed cars and car trailer. Trailer is not scheduled for demo and motor home is not gone yet. Mayor Estok made a motion that the owner must get the motor home removed, trailer scheduled for demo and tell Director Boley who and when that will be done or a \$5,000.00 Civil Penalty will be accessed. The motion was seconded by Steve Dodge and passed by a vote of Three (3) 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.

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Dennis Estok, Mayor

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