

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
REGULAR MEETING
November 26, 2025

The Board of Public Works and Safety met for a regular session at the Knox City Hall on Wednesday, November 26, 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 were no amendments to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 10/22/25

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 NIPSCO changed the electric meters at the Hwy 8 E lift station and the one at John and McGill intersection. They checked sewer work done on Culver Road and Shield Street by Hill Excavating. Superintendent Clemons completed two EZLA reports for the land applications and submitted them to IDEM. The sewer crew helped with the clean up at 401 E Lake and helped set up Christmas decorations in the parks. The UV system was cleaned and pulled for the winter. The crew also cleaned the hydro cell unit and completed 6 work orders this last month.

Street Superintendent Jeff Borg informed the Board that leaf pick up was ending soon. They will be changing over the trucks for snow and salt.

Water Superintendent Tim Lindewald informed the Board his crew has winterized the parks and splash pad. They updated the bulk water sales fire hydrant with the list of rules and other protection. They also helped with Christmas decorations in the parks and the cleanup of 401 E Lake. They cleaned up the plant yard, washed and detailed their trucks and fixed the air compressor. They completed their monthly duties of locates, work orders, changed 3 meters, and completed all monthly required testing.

Chief of Police Chad Dulin informed the Board over the past month they have been called out for 7 assists, 158 business checks, 15 family issues, 13 accidents and more, for a total of 775 calls total.

RE: BID OPENING – SEWER AND WATER EXTENSION US35 JACK AND BORE

SLB Pipe	\$537,195.00	
PAF	\$305,222.50	
Haskins	\$296,125.00	Low Bid
Grimmer	\$615,385.00	

Mayor Estok made a motion accepting the low bid pending Bob Aloi's approval. The motion was seconded by Steve Dodge and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: ACCEPTANCE OF INSITUFORM PROPOSAL

Sewer Superintendent Jason Clemons came before the board asking for approval of the quote from Insituform to reline 2,898 feet of sewer main in the downtown area. The quote was for \$166,342.23. Steve Dodge made a motion approving the quote as presented. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 2026 BOARD OF WORKS MEETING SCHEDULE

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PLACE: KNOX CITY HALL
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Regular meetings held: 4th Wednesday of each month
WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 28
WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 25
WEDNESDAY – MARCH 25

WEDNESDAY – APRIL 22
WEDNESDAY – MAY 27
WEDNESDAY – JUNE 24
WEDNESDAY – JULY 22
WEDNESDAY – AUGUST 26
WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 23
WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 28
WEDNESDAY – NOVEMBER 25
WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 23

Mayor Estok presented to the Board the 2026 Board of Works meeting schedule. Jim Collins made a motion approving the meeting schedule. The motion was seconded by Steve Dodge and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 2026 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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JANUARY 1st THURSDAY - NEW YEAR'S DAY 2026
JANUARY 19th MONDAY - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
FEBRUARY 16th MONDAY - PRESIDENT'S DAY
MARCH NONE
APRIL 3rd FRIDAY – GOOD FRIDAY
MAY 25th MONDAY - MEMORIAL DAY
JUNE NONE
JULY 4th SATURDAY - INDEPENDENCE DAY – OBSERVED FRIDAY, JULY 3RD
AUGUST NONE
SEPTEMBER 7TH MONDAY - LABOR DAY
OCTOBER 12th MONDAY - COLUMBUS DAY
NOVEMBER 11th WEDNESDAY – VETERAN'S DAY
NOVEMBER 26TH THURSDAY - THANKSGIVING DAY
NOVEMBER 27th FRIDAY – DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING
DECEMBER 24th THURSDAY - CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 25th FRIDAY – CHRISTMAS DAY
JANUARY 1st FRIDAY – NEW YEARS DAY 2027

**OCT. 31st 2026 SATURDAY - TRICK OR TREAT HRS. 5:30-7:00 P.M.

Mayor Estok presented the Holiday Schedule to the Board. Steve Dodge made a motion approving the 2026 Holiday Schedule. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: N OF 18 S MAIN STREET – REVIEW

In June 2022 the building burnt down. It has been 3 ½ years of work with no title in hand per City Attorney Justin Schramm. Director Boley recommended assessing the \$16,000.00 of accumulated fines to the property owner. Mayor Estok made a motion to assess the \$16,000.00 in fines and for City Attorney Justin Schramm to continue with court dates. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 553 E LAKE STREET – REVIEW

The owner closed his tree business for the season, and he's been working on siding and new front windows. He is working towards being compliant. No action taken at this time with continued enforcement.

RE: 53 W LAKE STREET – REVIEW

The owner was present. Two of the units passed inspection. The owner is still working on other units and the contractor quit. No action taken at this time with continued enforcement.

RE: 302 E POTTER STREET – REVIEW

Director Boley is satisfied with the property and has no recommendations at this time, with no action taken. Director Boley asked the Board to suspend the \$2,500.00 fine. Steve Dodge made a motion to suspend the fine at this time. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 109 S MCGILL STREET – REVIEW

The owner was present. Director Boley has requested to do an inspection. Owner denied request because out back is still trashy. Owner requested more time. Steve Dodge made a motion giving the owner 1 more week to clean it up. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 208 LOCUST DRIVE – REVIEW

Owner was not present. Director Boley informed the Board that after his invite for the owner to attend this meeting over the trashy yard, it got cleaned up right away. No action was taken at this time. Property will remain under enforcement.

RE: 305 E JOHN STREET – REVIEW

Director Boley got a complaint on 11/3/25 that the bugs are not gone. Owner was present and had documentation from Orkin for their 1-year commitment. The owner has decided to sell the apartment buildings. New owner will work with Director Boley over the next 4 months to get all apartments inspected as he finishes them. The old owner will pay the \$1,500.00 fees, if the Board releases him from the \$5,000.00 X 3 building in fines. Per City Attorney Justin Schramm, we will have to drop the lawsuit, and the fines will be dismissed. Steve Dodge made a motion to dismiss the lawsuit and dismiss the \$15,000.00 in fines. 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/UPDATE

Director Boley informed the Board that the judge on this case issued a court order saying its ok for the City to clean up the exterior of the property. A City officer found an open door in the house and went to check if anyone was in there. The officer fell through the floor. The City had the entire house boarded up so no one would get hurt.

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

Mayor Dennis Estok

Attest: _____
Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder