

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
REGULAR MEETING
January 28, 2026

The Board of Public Works and Safety met for a regular session at the Knox City Hall on Tuesday, January 28, 2026, at 9:30 AM CST. With the following members present: Mayor Dennis Estok, Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder, Board Member Steve Dodge and City Attorney Justin Schramm. Jim Collins was absent.

RE: AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Estok made a motion approving the removal of Agenda Item #6 and #8 from the agenda. The motion was passed by Steve Dodge and passed by a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 12/32/25

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 Dennis Estok and passed by a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: SUPERINTENDENTS REPORTS

Chief of Police Chad Dulin gave a 2025 Call Report. In 2025 the City of Knox Police Department responded to 77 – 911 calls, 52 assist others. 76 animal complaints, 114 commercial burglar alarms, 1764 business checks, 229 citizen contact public relations, 40 dispute neighbors, 1087 extra patrol, 189 follow-up investigations, 56 harassments, 1332 traffic stops and many others. The 2025 total calls were 8,035.

Sewer Superintendent Jason Clemons informed the Board they received a call from Starke County Dispatch for 901 W Ellis. The homeowners were having a sewer issue; we responded and jetted the sewer main. Due to negative temperatures they had to fix the furnace, thaw frozen bathroom lines, and had to drain the north clarifier and repair it. The sewer crew had also been busy with melting ice buildups, plowing snow, shoveling snow and salting at the plant. The Washington lift station is having issues, and all new parts have been ordered. Insituform Inc will start lining 10 sections of sewer main in the downtown area in February.

Water Superintendent Tim Lindewald informed the Board that they have dealt with 2 – after hour freeze ups and 5 frozen meter calls from the Clerk-Treasurer's office. A new pit was installed at 1308 S Heaton, and the meter was removed from the basement and installed in the new pit. The pressure transducer was replaced in tower 2. The water crew cleaned trucks, maintained the shop, completed locates, worked orders and changed 6 meters this month. Superintendent Lindewald asked the Board for approval of the new valve replacement job in Well #4 that needs completed. He received 3 estimates for the job.

Peerless Midwest	9,985.00 with labor
Utility Supply	4,710.96 without labor
EJP	4,587.71 without labor

Superintendent Lindewald explained that the water crew and himself will be installing the parts but may need some help/labor from EJP if they get stuck. Steve Dodge made a motion approving up to \$6,500.00 for the job. The motion was seconded by Mayor Estok and passed by a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

Street Superintendent Jeff Borg informed the Board that he has completed the Annual Registered Compost Facility Report and submitted it to IDEM. The totals were 185 tons of shredded leaves, 249 tons wood limbs and 56 tons of mixed yard waste. The street crew has been trucking in sand and mixing it with salt for icy streets. They are also spending time maintaining and repairing the snow removal equipment.

RE: BID OPENING FOR THE CCMG 2026-1

Three bids were received by the required date and time:

Town and Country	415,184.50
Milestone	521,198.50
E & B Paving	399,036.00

Steve Dodge made a motion approving the award to the lowest bidder E & B Paving, pending the Street Superintendents bid paperwork approval. The motion was seconded by mayor Estok and passed by a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: ORDINANCE 2026-OR2 – UTILITY ADJUSTMENT ORDINANCE

The Board was mailed a copy of Ordinance #2026-OR2 prior to meeting for their review. No questions or discussion was held. Steve Dodge made a motion approving Ordinance 2026-OR2. The motion was passed by Mayor Estok and passed by a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: STATION REPAIRS AND UPDATES – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief of Police Chad Dulin spoke to the Board about the much-needed repairs and updates that the station could use. New flooring is a definite need. The old tile is chipping up and most of it is missing. Chief Dulin received a bid/estimate from Binkley's Flooring for \$14,283.95 for the flooring plus labor for the entire station. Steve Dodge made a motion approving the bid. The motion was seconded by Mayor Estok and passed by a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 705 E NEW YORK – HEARING REQUEST

The property owner and his Attorney Riley Woodward were present. Attorney Woodward spoke on the owners behalf. A long discussion was held. Steve Dodge made a motion denying another public hearing. The motion was seconded by mayor Estok and passed by a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays. Steve Dodge made a motion for a time frame to be made for a meeting between Lonnie, the owner, and his attorney to walk the property and inspect what has been done or needs to be done. This must be done before the March deadline. The motion was seconded by Mayor Estok and passed by a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 553 E LAKE – UPDATE

The owners were present. Director Boley informed the Board that they are making good progress. The owner and himself are working well together. No action taken at this time.

RE: 301 E DELAWARE – FOWL

The owner was sent an order to remove Fowl from the property previously. There has been no contact from the owner, and the fowl is still there. Mayor Estok made a motion to issue a citation for the fowl. The motion was seconded by Steve Dodge and passed by a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: OSBORNE – HEARING

Director Boley informed the Board that Jeff Osborne and his girlfriend were residing in an old camper on City owned property with no utilities or water. Director Boley gave Osborne an order to vacate. Osborne is currently incarcerated. Mayor Estok made a motion for Director Boey to confirm the order to vacate has been followed. The motion was seconded by Steve Dodge and passed by a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 1025 EDGEWOOD – REVIEW

This issue is in active civil litigation. No action can be taken at this time.

RE: 204 W BENDER – UPDATE

Director Boley informed the Board that he is having a title search done on 204 W Bender to determine if it is still owned by Lucy Valladares.

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