

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
REGULAR MEETING
February 25, 2026

The Board of Public Works and Safety met for a regular session at the Knox City Hall on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 9:30 AM CST. With the following members present: Mayor Dennis Estok, Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder, Board Member Steve Dodge, Jim Collins and City Attorney Justin Schramm.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 1/28/26

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 the street department received their second to last load of salt for the season. It will be mixed with sand for the streets. There is one last load to be delivered on the contract, it may be used next year. During the warm weather week, they did leaves pick up and now back to plowing snow.

Sewer Superintendent Jason Clemons informed the Board that he sent samples of the liquid bio solids for testing to Element Labs. He is waiting for results to verify they can land apply once the weather breaks. During the weekly main check, a sewer main was backing up in the alley east of Main Street. It was jetted immediately. Jason submitted January's MRO and DMR to IDEM and the EPA. The sewer crew jetted a sewer main and cleaned 2 manholes between McGill and East. The sewer crew was called out to 301 E Danker Street, Super Value Inn. They had a broken clean out, Sewer lateral was backed up and sewage on the ground. The owner must have the sewer rotoed, fix the clean out and clean up the sewage on the ground. The sewer guys cleaned 4 lift stations and maintained the Jetter trailer. The new Vac Truck was out of commission; it got a new water pump and gasket. It was all under warranty.

Water Superintendent Tim Lindewald informed the Board that the water crew installed 120' of 8" Main. They fixed 3 freeze ups, updated the chlorine room with new scales. The water crew completed all locates, work orders, extra projects and changed 7 meters.

Chief of Police Cad Dulin informed the Board they had 712 total calls over the last month.

Building and Code Compliance Director Lonie Boley informed the Board he has sent out 2 letters for chickens. Director Boley has been contacting contractors about the demolition of the trailer in Parkview. He currently has 25 open cases and the Valladares property on Bender did not sell on tax sale.

RE: APPROVAL OF NEW HIRE – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Dulin presented his recommendation to hire Dillon Jordan to the Board. Steve Dodge made a motion approving the new officer hire for the Police Department. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: SOP 29 – DRONE

Chief Dulin informed the Board about the new Standard Operating Procedure 29 for the Police Drone. Two officers have received their certifications for Drone Pilot. The Drone and all its components are insured, it has spotlight, thermal night vision, video capabilities. Steve Dodge made a motion approving SOP 39. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 705 E NEW YORK UPDATE

The owner was not present, but his lawyer was here to speak on his behalf. Mr. Woodward spoke to the Board about them considering lowering his clients violation fees. His proposal is to lesson it to \$2,500.00. Also, according to Mr. Woodward the owner is planning to sell the property. Mayor Estok made a motion in the time frame of 55 days (before the April meeting) if he meets the completion of the “to do” list, the Board will consider lowering the fees then. The motion was seconded by Steve Dodge and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 203 N MAIN STREET REVIEW

Director Boley informed the Board that he is still trying to make contact by phone and has also sent a certified letter of inspection.

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