

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 24, 2021

The Board of Public Works and Safety met in regular session at the Knox City Hall on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 9:30 AM CST, with the following members present: Mayor Dennis Estok, Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder; Board Members Steve Dodge and City Attorney Autumn Ferch. Jim Collins arrived late. There were no amendments to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES for 2/24/2021

Minutes of the previous meeting were mailed to the Board Members prior to the meeting for their review. Steve Dodge made a motion, seconded by Dennis Estok to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 504 E CULVER ROAD – UPDATE

Ken Pfof, Building and Code Compliance Director informed the Board the property at 504 E Culver Road is an Estate, and can not be penalized. Ken Pfof spoke with Doug McCurdy and he is selling his share of the Estate to his brother who lives on the property now.

RE: 342-344 W SPRUCE DRIVE – UPDATE

Ken Pfof, Building and Code Compliance Director, updated the Board on the properties at 342 and 344 W Spruce Drive. Ken Pfof said he already inspected the property and met with the owner earlier this year and the cleanup was not done. Ken had to speak with the owner again and he said he would get it cleaned up. Ken imposed the \$2,500.00 ordinance violation charge.

RE: 1498 E JOHN STREET – UPDATE

Ken Pfof, Building and Code Compliance Director, informed the Board that this property has been cleaned up. Last thing the owner must do to be completely cleaned up is move a trailer.

RE: SUPERINTENDENTS REPORTS

Chief of Police Harold Smith informed the Board that Officer Travis Schieber is also an Army Reservist and will be deployed for up to a year, starting in August. Harold asked the Board for their approval to start the hiring process by accepting applications. Board Members Dennis Estok and Steve Dodge said yes “go ahead”.

Street Superintendent Jeff Borg told the Board his department has been doing street sweeping, stocked the salt barn and ordered next years supply of salt. Jeff also said he has a meeting with Rieth-Riley later today to go over the streets that are to be paved this spring.

Sewer Superintendent Jason Clemons informed the board they have done 57 locates, 1 emergency locate, 7 work orders, jetting of sewer lines and assisted water department with vac truck. Maintenance work around the plant and cleaning of the Lift Stations. They have collected samples to be tested and pulled pumps for service. Pump #3 is 14 years old, and needs replaced. Jason asked the board for their approval to purchase a new pump. The pump #3 replacement is \$15,680.00. Steve Dodge made a motion to approve the replacement pump and the motion was seconded by Dennis Estok. The motion passed with Two (2) ayes and (0) nays. They are reaching out for spring land application and working on old reed beds. They installed the UV System for the 2021 E coli season.

Water Superintendent Tim Lindewald informed the Board that they had fixed valves, cleaning up outside of the plant and disposing of un-needed items. They have been doing core samples and changing out old meters.

Ken Pfof, Building and Code Compliance Director informed the Board that he has been doing code enforcement and handed out the March 2021 report. He has also done 55 Starke County Inspections. Last week was the end of him filling in for the County.

Mr. Dodge congratulated Jacque Ryan with the Leader on her new position and thanked her for her time at the Leader.

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