

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 28, 2021

The Board of Public Works and Safety met in regular session at the Knox City Hall on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 9:30 AM CST, with the following members present: Mayor Dennis Estok, Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder; Board Members Steve Dodge and Jim Collins. City Attorney Autumn Ferch was absent

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES for 3/24/2021

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 Jim Collins to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: KNOX COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Knox School Superintendent Dr. William Reichart presented to the Board copies of the blueprint design for the proposed Raised Crosswalk on Culver Road. He explained to the Board where it will be placed and it will be 10 feet wide and 10 inches high. It will also help slow down traffic. Mayor Estok made a motion to allow the school to move forward with a presentation to the school board with a request for a memorandum of understanding and all specs of the project to follow. Jim Collins seconded the motion. The motion passed with three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: SPECIAL LEAK ADJUSTMANT – 905 E WASHINGTON

The landlord and tenant did not show up for the meeting. The City Utility Clerk explained to Board the situation with the leak. Steve Dodge made a motion to deny the leak adjustment, Jim Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed with a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 342-344 W SPRUCE DRIVE – UPDATE

Building and Code Compliance Director Ken Pfof updated the board on 342-344 W Spruce Drive. When the landlord learned of the possibility of a \$2,500.00 fine, he got the properties all cleaned up right away. Ken Pfof said he is pleased with the progress.

RE: 1498 E JOHN STREET – UPDATE

Building and Code Compliance Director Ken Pfof updated the Board on the property at 1498 E John Street. The property is all cleaned up, vehicles moved off the property and flatbed trailer moved next to the garage for storage. Ken Pfof is pleased with the progress.

RE: SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

MVH Superintendent Jeff Borg told the Board his department has been prepping the streets for paving and Parkway Drive is completed. They moved trees and stumps totaling nine truck loads out of the way in the park. Eleven sidewalks have been measured for the 50/50 sidewalk program.

Sewer Superintendent Jason Clemons informed the Board his department has completed the renovation of the sand drying beds and pumped 22,280 gallons of sludge onto them. We had Kevin Faulk haul off old sand and mesh material out of the reed beds. Jamie Dowd hauled in 25 loads of filter sand and we are working on leveling sand in the reed beds and prepping it for new native reeds. The sewer service for 302 Pearl Street has been retired. We worked on the honey wagon and repaired a borrowed tractor we used. We land applied 147,594 gallons of sludge to the field. We had to repair the lift station at John and Roosevelt, due to NIPSCO's power dropping a leg. We also completed our day-to-day jobs. Mayor Estok asked Jason how things were going after the Sewer project has been completed? Jason said the 2:00 AM alarms are an issue, but we are working out all the bugs and glitches. Mayor Estok added that Thieneman Construction wants the City to take their "word" for it on the 5-year inspection agreement. Board members had a short discussion and decided that the document must be in writing.

Chief of Police Harold Smith informed the board he is still taking applications. Eric Vanderheof has resigned. Chuck Leonhardt has taken the school resource officer training.

Building and Code Compliance Director Ken Pfof told the Board he sent out 13 code enforcement letters, 9 construction inspections. Ken has been doing rechecks and normal code enforcements also.

Water Superintendent Tim Lindewald informed the Board that they have changed out old pumps to help with rust control. Tim asked the board for approval to spend \$5,326.00 for a bypass to be installed underground for valve repairs on Danker Street. Jim Collins made a motion approving Superintendent Tim Lindewald's request. Steve Dodge seconded the motion and the motion 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.

Dennis Estok, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cyndi Kidder, Clerk-Treasurer