

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
REGULAR MEETING
August 23, 2023

The Board of Public Works and Safety met for a regular session at City Hall on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at 9:30 A.M. CST with the following members present: Mayor Dennis Estok; Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder; Board Member Steve Dodge, Jim Collins, and City Attorney Autumn Ferch.

There was no amendment to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 7/26/23

Minutes of the previous regular meeting were mailed to the Board Members prior to the meeting for their review. A motion was made by Steve Dodge 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: 253 E WASHINGTON – UPDATE

Director Boley updated the Board about the property at 253 E Washington Street. The owner is working on improving the property and Director Boley requested an extra 30 days for the owner. Jim Collins made a motion to give the owner 60 days to show improvement and repeat update at the September Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Steve Dodge and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 607 PRETTYMAN – UPDATE

Director Boley gave an update to the Board. The owner of 607 S Prettyman is making progress. The owner's deadline is September 10th.

RE: 6 N PEARL – UPDATE

Director Boley updated the Board on 6 N Pearl that on August 7th the owner was assessed the special assessment of \$5,000.00. Director Boley believes that the electricity has been turned on illegally.

RE: 108 S MCGILL – UPDATE

Director Boley updated the Board about the owner of 108 S McGill, the owner contacted Director Boley and he will sign the deed over to the City. A city paid contractor will remove concrete in the next couple weeks.

RE: JOHN AND PRETTYMAN STREET APARTMENTS

Director Boley updated the Board about the apartments having only one dumpster and being under enforcement. The owner has not complied with enforcement for trash, which makes it an unsafe/public nuisance. Mayor Estok made a motion to assess the \$2,500.00 penalty on the property for noncompliance. The motion was seconded by Steve Dodge and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: SUPERINTENDENTS REPORTS

Sewer Superintendent Jason Clemons informed the Board that his crew has been out cleaning manholes and lift stations. Clabaugh Drive lift station was replaced, and all 13 lift stations have been inspected. Some trees will be removed at the Yellow River basin by the sewer plant, they are causing a large sand bar. The sewer crew cut down 7 dead trees at Sandy Acre Park and cut back trees along the driveway to the plant. Superintendent Clemons has been overseeing new hookups and 2 main extensions. Superintendent Clemons asked the Board for their approval to spend up to \$25,000.00 on more manhole lining. Jim Collins made a motion approving the manhole lining up to \$25,000.00. Steve Dodge seconded the motion and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and no (0) nays.

Water Superintendent Tim Lindewald informed the Board that he met with Abonmarche about lead and copper inventory. The Water crew has been repairing a water leak, installing a new pit, changed 5 meters, cleaned clear well and Surf internet has installed their meter cabinet in the water plant fenced in area. Superintendent Lindewald asked the Board for tier approval to spend \$39,500.00 to have the clear well resealed. Jim Collins made a motion approving the resealing cost of \$39,500.00. The motion was seconded by Steve Dodge and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

Street Superintendent Jeff Borg informed the Board the 50/50 sidewalk projects are all completed. The street crew have been roadside mowing, trimming branches that are blocking stop signs at intersections and doing normal shop and City maintenance.

Police Chief Smith informed the Board that they are driving the new Tahoe's for patrol. The 2019 Tahoe is down currently with a leaking radiator and is at the shop. 2014 Charger will be fixed today. The new hires will go to Indianapolis this week for testing. Officer Miles did very well on his PERF testing. Officer Pittman's test results are not in yet.

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