

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
AUGUST 28, 2013

The Board of Public Works and Safety met in regular session at 9:30 AM CST at the Knox City Hall with the following: Mayor, Rick Chambers; Clerk-Treasurer, Jeff Houston; Boardmembers, Ed Blue, Jim Collins and City Attorney, Dave Matsey.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were mailed to the Boardmembers prior to the meeting for their review. Ed Blue made a motion, seconded by Jim Collins to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: HOOSIER PLASTICS WATER BILL ADJUSTMENT REQUEST

Mayor Chambers and Clerk-Treasurer Houston explained to the Board that local business owner Gordon Schenk received an unusually high bill for the month of July for Hoosier Custom Plastics.

Over the Fourth of July Holiday a valve was left on and as a result a bill that usually runs about \$116.00 a month was charged \$935.00. Usually in these types of cases a customer is given a break on the sewer portion of the bill, however this line is not charged for sewer service because it is not connected to a sewer line.

Clerk-Treasurer Houston explained that adjustments can be made to the water portion only under strict conditions set out by Indiana statute and local ordinances. This case does not meet those codes.

City Attorney Matsey recommended that no adjustment be made. Ed Blue made a motion seconded by Jim Collins to make no adjustment to the bill. Motion passed with Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays. The Board expressed sympathy for the customer but noted that state statutes must be followed.

RE: UNSAFE STRUCTURES - 409 AND 411 W LEWIS

Steve Dodge came before the Board to report a duplex on two lots in the Parkview Heights area that is unsafe. One side of the building is up to date on property taxes and the other side was sold on tax sale.

Dodge explained that an outside wall of the dwelling had fallen from the structure last year and the other side is caving in. There are no doors on the property and it is full of junk.

Mayor Chambers suggested that condemnation papers be drawn up and presented at the next Board of Public Works meeting for action. The Mayor noted that there are several properties the City needs to look at including Marsh Manor on Main Street.

RE: SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Water Superintendent, Todd Gardner reported that the water towers were cleaned inside. A video was made of the process and will be available soon. This process should be done every 3 to 5 years. The cost to the City was approximately \$4,700.00. Inside the number two tower the guard rail is damaged and bent. Also there are a few rust spots where the tank was welded and a shot gun damaged spot. The tank will eventually have to be drained and new epoxy applied.

The department has replaced the electric motor on well

number two. It was also noted that the City should bury the electrical line going to well house number three. The line hangs low and has been repaired twice recently. To bury the line would cost \$15,000.00 to \$18,000.00.

MVH Superintendent Jeff Borg reported 54 truckloads of brush have been hauled away. Roadside mowing is continuing. Mayor Chambers said it has been reported that the City will get a little more money for street sweeping next year, but nothing official has been received from the state. The department replaced the clutch assembly in the leaf vac truck. Borg stated that he is trying to keep the recycle area clean, but it sometimes is an eyesore. The City may consider obtaining a new camera to monitor the area.

Police Chief, Clint Norem, reported that Miner Electronics updated the radios for the department.

Officer Chad Dulin is still off work with injuries suffered during an arrest. Mayor Chambers questioned why an officer has to use comp time before collecting workers comp. Clerk-Treasurer Houston said he would check with our workers comp carrier, Downey to see if that is required or not.

City Attorney Matsey said that the most common ordinance violations and fines need to be entered into the JTAC system for City Court to be able to process them. He needs a list of the ones most used from the Chief.

There being no further business to come before the board at this time the meeting upon motion was duly adjourned.

Rick Chambers, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jeffery J. Houston, Clerk-Treasurer