

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
FEBRUARY 26, 2014

The Board of Public Works and Safety was scheduled to meet in a regular session at the Knox City Hall at 9:30 AM CST with the following members present: Mayor, Rick Chambers; Clerk-Treasurer, Jeff Houston. Boardmembers Jim Collins and Ed Blue were absent, as well as City Attorney, Dave Matsey.

Lacking a quorum, no official meeting took place; however, department supervisors gave the following reports.

Todd Gardner, Water Superintendent reported that about half of the properties that were frozen have been thawed out. Only one property is still frozen on Spruce Drive which was one of the hardest hit areas. Some lines are too long to thaw out with the device that the department is using to thaw the lines.

Superintendent Gardner said that they have been called to some residences up to five times, in spite of people being told to run their water and that they wouldn't be charged for the extra usage.

He noted that the present ordinance calls for only a \$5.00 return visit fee and that this isn't enough to discourage return visits.

Long time water department employee Bill Wakal will retire this fall.

Supervisor Gardner would like to purchase a small vac machine to clean out the water pits before next winter. This could also help prevent future freeze ups.

Wastewater Superintendent Kelly Clemons reported some freeze ups at the plant. Selge Construction will be back in Friday. They did not find a problem with the pump. They will now check the forced main. Warner Electric has ordered parts for their work on the lift station.

MVH Superintendent Jeff Borg reported that his department has been repairing and cleaning equipment. He noted that some plows and components will need to be replaced. Superintendent Borg said the salt contract allowed for up to 180 tons this year. We have 137 tons delivered so far. Another load was ordered on February 4th and should have been delivered within 9 calendar days. The salt shed is still full right now.

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