

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
SEPTEMBER 25, 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 members: Mayor, Rick Chambrs; Clerk-Treasurer, Jeff Houston; Boardmembers, Ed Blue, Jim Collins and City Attorney, Dave Matsey.

RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Ed Blue made a motion, seconded by Jim Collins to add "Donald Carlson Drainage Plan for 1406 S. Heaton" to the agenda. Motion passed with Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTS OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

RE: OPENING BIDS FOR JAIL PROJECT WATERLINE

Mayor Chambers proceeded to open the following sealed bids for the jail project water line:

JD Excavating Of Knox	Total-\$42,470. Alt #1-\$3,625. Alt #2-\$1,865.
Haskins Underground	Total-\$93,270. Alt #1-\$6,000. Alt #2-\$3,500.
H & G Underground	Total-\$42,713. Alt #1-\$3,350. Alt #2-\$1,062.
Hunter Transit LLC	Total-\$50,761.50 Alt #1-\$2,350. Alt #2-\$ 800.
Thomas Excavating	Total-\$43,560. Alt #1-\$3,851. Alt #2-\$2,058.
Mark Milo	Total-\$40,200. Alt #1-\$2,500. Alt #2-\$2,500.
Geyer Construction	Total-\$41,912. Alt #1-\$3,200. Alt #2-\$1,936.

Mayor Chambers made a motion to accept the lowest conforming bid pending review by Territorial Engineering, the Starke County Commissioners and City and County Attorneys. Motion was seconded by Jim Collins. Motion passed with Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: DONALD CARLSON - DRAINAGE PLAN FOR 1406 S HEATON

Donald Carlson came before the board with his drainage plan for 1406 S Heaton. He owns the building that is located there and is adding on to it.

He has applied for a building permit from the planning commission, but has not received it yet. No permit drainage permit is required, but he still needed to come before the board for a hearing. Bob Aloï from Territorial Engineering

that wrote the drainage Ordinance will write a letter addressing any concerns the City may have. A copy of the drainage plan will be kept on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's office.

Rick Chambers made a motion, seconded by Jim Collins to declare the plan in compliance with the intent of the stormwater ordinance. Motion passed with Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Kelly Clemons was absent due to training. Bob Aloï from Territorial reported that he had a pdf with the Parkview Heights lift station on it for the Mayor's office.

Several utility lines were not located where they were indicated to be at the Claybaugh lift station site, however construction is proceeding. The old lift station will sit for 30 days after completion of the project to make sure the new one is running well. The project should be complete in about a month.

Water Superintendent, Todd Gardner reported that there was a line break at Prettyman and St. Louis streets a couple of weeks ago. The repairs were done on overtime on a Friday and Saturday.

Bob Aloï from Territorial will give a recommendation by the end of the week on the jail project water line. He will also do the inspections and bill the County directly.

MVH Superintendent, Jeff Borg said his department is tree trimming and chip sealing on the perimeter of the City. They are also crack sealing. The price of salt this year has dropped \$4.00 a ton and should result in a savings of \$400.00 to \$500.00 in the course of the season.

Planning Commissioner, Building Inspector, Bruce Williams presented three rental inspection reports for homes that failed inspections. He sent a copy to each property owner and tenant. He wants the City to follow through and take what ever steps are necessary to enforce the rental regulations.

Police Chief, Clint Norem, reported that the call volume is down lately for thefts and vandalism. Investigations of drugs and child abuse have increased.

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