

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
JULY 24, 2013

The Board of Public Works and Safety met in regular session on Wednesday July 24 at the Knox City Hall at 9:30 AM CST with the following members present: Mayor, Rick Chambers; Clerk-Treasurer, Jeff Houston; Boardmembers, Ed blue and Jim Collins and City Attorney, Dave Matsey.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous months 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.

RE: AWARDING OF BIDS FOR 2 - 4 N MAIN STREET

Clerk-Treasurer Houston proceeded to open the following sealed bid for demolition of 2 - 4 N Main Street: Ritschard Brothers., Inc. South Bend, Indiana. \$76,306.00. No other bids were received. Rick Chambers made a motion to accept the bid pending review by and approval by Territorial Engineering, the City Attorney and Starke County Economic Development Foundation. Jim Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed with Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF STORMWATER DRAINAGE/STORAGE AT NEW JAIL SITE

Jamie Poczekay, Professional Engineer, presented the stormwater plan for the new jail and sheriff's office.

Todd Gardner stated that there should be no problem with retaining the water on the property as the water drains into the ground quickly.

Bob Aloï from Territorial Engineering said he doesn't have any issues because control of the water takes place at the site. They have worked with DLZ and won't require a bond with them; however the successful bidder will need to post 100% bond with the county.

Jim Collins made a motion, seconded by Ed Blue to approve the stormwater plan as well as waiving the bond by Territorial Engineering. Motion passed with Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: AWARDING OF BIDS FOR PEST CONTROL SERVICE

Mayor Chambers reported receiving the following bids for pest control:

Orkin Pest Control	\$235.00 per month
Husband Exterminators	\$190.00 per month
Hatfields Pest Control	\$450.00 per month
Mattes Exterminator Service	\$130.00 per month
Combs Pest Control	\$230.00 per month
Arrow Pest Control	\$238.00 per month
Terminex	\$240.00 per month

Ed Blue made a motion, seconded by Jim Collins to accept the lowest conforming bid of Mattes Exterminator Service. Motion passed with Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: REFUND FOR BUILDING PERMIT

Phillip and Sandra Shepherd of Mae Delano Drive were issued a building permit in August of 2012. There was a disagreement about whether this was an addition to a

commercial building which is charged at .20¢ a square foot for a charge of \$192.00, or was a garage which is charged at \$75.00. Mayor Chambers made a motion to refund the difference between \$192.00 and \$75.00 to the shepherds in the amount of \$117.00. Ed Blue seconded the motion. Motion passed with Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Kelly Clemons, Wastewater Treatment Supervisor reported that the department has re-built the sludge pumps on the digester. The contractors are working on the pre-treatment walls.

Kelly said the department needs a gate on the fence so the vac truck can back up to pre-treatment and pump out. It will cost about \$2,000.00 from a company known as Dennis Mark. Rick Chambers made a motion seconded by Ed Blue to approve the purchase out of sewer operating. Motion passed with Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

Todd Gardner, Water Superintendent said the water supply to the new jail is limited by the size of the lines leaving the water plant. He needs 700 gallons per minute at 20 pounds per square inch by May of 2014 when the new jail is scheduled to open. He said the lines need to be looped. He will meet with IDEM on August 5th to discuss a plan with them. He estimated the cost of the project to be \$35,000.00 to \$40,000.00.

Superintendent Gardner handed out an informational spread sheet outlining the costs of the Prettyman Project 2013. The total cost of the project was \$3,318.12. Eleven homes all with less than 3 GPM flow rate were repaired and updated.

Now all the homes have at least a 12 GPM flow rate. The Water Department was able to retire 1780 feet of 1 inch galvanized water mains. 3/4 inch galvanized service line were also removed from service. The average cost to the Water Department was less than \$325.00 per home. 404 Prettyman was done last fall for a cost of \$493.81.

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