

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
JULY 22, 2015

The Board of Public Works and Safety met in regular session at the Knox City Hall at 9:30 AM CST on Wednesday July 22, 2015 with the following members present: Mayor, Rick Chambers; Clerk-Treasurer, Jeff Houston; Boardmember, Ed Blue and City Attorney, Dave Matsey. Boardmember Jim Collins was absent.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

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 Rick Chambers to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: SUPERINTENDENTS REPORTS

The following department Superintendents were present and gave reports.

Jeff Borg, MVH Superintendent reported that his department has been weed killing and mowing. The new truck with the up fitting will be completed by the end of the week. 816 feet of curbs have been poured on Lake St. The street has been cleaned and prepped and ready for paving after the water department gets done in the area. Paving should begin in August. Lavacide has been sprayed twice to kill mosquitos.

Mayor Chambers noted that he has hired Larry Manns to mow a couple vacant lots at 800 E Lake and also one on John Street.

Kelly Clemons, Sewer Superintendent reported that she has spoken with employee Sterling Patrick and he plans to return to work about August 10. There was a break in the sewer main by the White House Motel. It is a 10 inch main that is about 80 years old. It needs to be relined. Eight feet was repaired. The department will jet vac it out later this year. Her department also worked on a manhole on Lake Street. They took out two layers of bricks and put in a new solid ring and lid. Kelly handed out pictures of manholes, pipes and equipment at the plant that needs repaired or replaced. Mayor Chambers told her to make a priority list of what needs to be done.

RE: CITIZENS CONCERNS

Local resident Steve Dodge asked Mayor Chambers for an update on the progress of the demolition of houses on the Blight Elimination Grant list.

Mayor Chambers said he called Indianapolis July 22. One house, a trailer at 406 Giles Court still needs to be inspected. That is the only property that the City has a contract to purchase that has not been inspected. He is working with the grant administrator to get the problem solved. When that property is purchased, demolition bids will be taken. The City is also having trouble getting titles for the properties we got from the County on the Commissioners sale.

Mr. Reedy has signed a consent to sell on his property in Parkview. As soon as the last inspection is done the City will start making offers on the properties. Some offers have already been made.

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

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Rick Chambers, Mayor

Attest:

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Jeffery J. Houston, Clerk-Treasurer