

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

April 22, 2015

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

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 Jim Collins, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: FLOYD HOWARD – 904 E WASHINGTON – WATER ADJUSTMENT

Water customer Floyd Howard was not present to explain his objections to his water bill. Clerk-Treasurer Houston explained that he had received an \$82.70 adjustment once this year and that it is department policy not to give more than one adjustment a year. Jim Collins made a motion, seconded by Ed Blue to deny a second adjustment on Mr. Howard's bill based on the recommendation of the Clerk-Treasurer and the fact that Mr. Howard did not attend the meeting. Motion was seconded by Ed Blue. Motion passed with Three (3) yeas and No (0) nays.

RE: FOUR WAY CONTRACT FOR TOWER LEASE

Mayor Chambers presented the Water Tower Lease Agreement to the Board for their approval. Included in the agreement was a list of antennas and equipment presently on each tower as well as what will be, or potentially could be, placed on the towers. The agreement is between the City of Knox and Fourway Computer Products, Inc. The owner of Fourway has already agreed to it and signed it. The contract has also been submitted to the City Attorney and the Department Superintendent for their review and be discussed with the Council.

RE: TOWING AGREEMENT

Mayor Chambers said he sent a towing agreement to each of the four contractors. Three have signed it and returned it. Only Wagner's has refused to sign or supply any information to the City. We only use Wagner as a backup anyway. City Attorney Matsey noted that unless the vehicle is impounded it is up to the owner of who they want to tow the vehicle.

RE: K-9 CAR KENNEL BOX – LOAN TO THE COUNTY

Mayor Chambers said the City Police Department has a car kennel, but no longer has a K-9 officer. The county has asked to purchase it because they are obtaining a second dog. The Mayor suggested just loaning the kennel to the county for as long as they needed it, but that the City maintains ownership. Jim Collins made a motion, seconded by Ed Blue to loan the kennel to the county. Motion passed with Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: SUPERINTENDENTS REPORTS

MVH Superintendent, Jeff Borg received seven applications for the sidewalk program. Letters have gone out to the contractors to bid on the project. A special meeting will be held May 8th to award those bids.

He has come up with a list of streets to be paved this year upon the agreement of the Council. Bid openings for that project will be the end of May. Some curbs and ADA corners may be fixed along Lake Street with any leftover sidewalk money.

Superintendent Borg noted that the US 35 railroad crossing went well.

Water Superintendent Todd Gardner said his department has been cleaning up and working of GIS mapping for lines and pits. He would like to change two hydrants. Two are located by John and Prettyman Street and the other one is at East and Mound. One hydrant has been bought to replace the one behind B & K restaurant. One hydrant will be removed that is located behind where Windy City Golf carts was located.

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Wastewater Superintendent Kelly Clemons said her department has been cleaning the lift stations. Two or three valve boxes need work on them this year. Exhaust fans at the plant have been checked and belts replaced. The alternator on the service truck has been replaced.

Building Inspector, Planning Commissioner Bruce Williams reported that there is a house at 204 W Bender that has been vacated. The windows and doors are broken down and there is garbage in the yard. There is also one on Pearl Street. The Mayor asked Mr. Williams to come up with a list of properties that need to be cleaned or boarded up and present them at the May 8th special meeting for action.

On Thursday a contractor from the State will be here for inspection of homes for the Blight Elimination Program. Bruce will meet with them to do pre-demolition surveys.

The Mayor has two conditional offers of purchase signed and eight more in the mail as well as four verbal agreements to purchase properties for the program.

Citizen Steve Dodge told the board that the house at 409-411 Lewis needs to come down. The Mayor said he will have the police rope it off. He asked Bruce to get a bid on taking it down.

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