

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2014

The board of Public Works and Safety met on Wednesday, September 24, 2014 in regular session at 9:30 Am CST at the Knox City Hall with the following members present: Mayor, Rick Chambers; Clerk-treasurer, Jeff Houston; and Boardmembers, Jim Collins and Ed Blue. City Attorney, Dave Matsey was absent.

RE: AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

Jim Collins made a motion, seconded by Rick Chambers to add "Request for Adjustment to Mike Milo Sewer Bill" to agenda. Motion passed with Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

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: REQUEST FOR ADJUSTMENT TO MIKE MILO SEWER BILL

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Mayor Chambers explained that he has spoken to the City Attorney concerning Mike Milo's bill. The City Attorney ~~could~~ attend today's meeting. He is researching state statutes to make an official recommendation to the Board. He will put it back on the agenda for the next meeting. The problem involved is that he purchased the house in 1995 and was under the impression that he has sewer service. In reality he is still hooked to a septic. He does have a tap but wasn't hooked up to the City until now. He would like to be repaid for all his sewer bills since 1995. The City Attorney says the prior owner would be the person responsible to make sure it was hooked up. No action was taken.

RE: DISTRESSED PROPERTY AT 353 E MOUND

Building Inspector Bruce Williams submitted pictures of the work being done on the distressed property at 353 E Mound. He noted that upon inspection the foundation appears intact and there is presently no vermin problem.

The Owner of the property, Clean Wagner submitted the following time line for completing work on the property:

353 Mound St.

By September 24, 2014

Clean yard  
Clean inside of house out & haul to dump  
Seal up House

By October 22, 2014

Clean out fence row

November – February

Limited of what to do by weather conditions  
Gut inside of house – remove old plaster and lathe and prep for renovating

Spring – Summer

Strip old roof and reroof with new metal roof  
After done start residing – wall to East first then to South next then North then to West last.

Inside do last

Mr. Wagner thanked the MVH department for their help with removing bushes and brush and said the fence will also be removed. The Building Inspector was satisfied with the progress on the property so far.

RE: DISTRESSED PROPERTY AT 10 SOUTH HEATON

Mr. Cole, the property owner of 10 South Heaton presented the following letter to the City regarding the distressed property which the Mayor read to the Board.

City of Knox,

This is the response to the letter we received from the city inspector Bruce Williams, and the phone conversations I have had with Mayor Rick Chambers. This is just an outline of what we will be doing to the building on 10 S. Heaton St. Southside of the Building we will be getting some new siding as needed and repaint west. We will have the plywood removed from windows and doors and replace any needed siding and new paint north of building will be tuck pointed and repainted. And windows sided over. East side will be done the same as the North. The roof will be sheeted over and shingled. And one note I would like to add is that I do use the building on a daily basis by my insulation business. So the building is not vacant.

Thank You, Elvis Cole, Lori Cole, Jim Johnson, Mary Johnson

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Building Inspector Williams suggested the building needs a structural engineer to look at the building before the owner puts a lot of money into it. No official action was taken.

RE: SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

MVH Superintendent, Jeff Borg reported that he is short one worker due to illness and probably will be for at least a couple of months. A temporary person is in place as of this week. Tree cutting is taking place a week later due to the vendor working on storm damage in Hamlet. Eight trees need to come down. The department is getting quotes for the storm water line by the Knights of Columbus.

Wastewater Superintendent, Kelly Clemons has the department checking for areas that are letting storm water infiltrate into the sewer system. Twelve manhole lids have been changed.

Next month the department will begin cleaning out lift stations. One area particularly bad is the downtown area. The new lift station needs a couple of new posts installed and the area cleaned up to finish the project.

Police Chief, Clint Norem reported that the updated computers are at IT and about to be installed. The 09 charger is back from the shop. It still needs some additional work that can wait until next year. We still don't have the bill for the repairs yet. The new officer has gone to night shift now. He is with the FTO and will be evaluated weekly. There is no new patrol car budgeted for next year. There are no new issues with the building.

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeffery J. Houston, Clerk-Treasurer