

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
JUNE 24, 2015

The Board of Public Works and Safety met in regular session at the Knox City Hall at 9:30 AM CST on Wednesday June 24, 2015 with the following members present: Mayor, Rick Chambers; Clerk-Treasurer, Jeff Houston; Boardmembers, Ed Blue and Jim Collins. City Attorney Dave Matsey was absent.

RE: AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

Ed Blue made a motion, seconded by Jim Collins to add "Pat Busse Clemons – Water Service" to the agenda. Motion passed with Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous regular meeting on May 27, 2014 as well as special meetings on June 8th and June 15th 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 of May 27th as presented. Motion passed with Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

Jim Collins made a motion seconded by Ed Blue to approve the minutes of June 8th as presented. Motion passed with Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

Ed Blue made a motion seconded by Jim Collins to approve the minutes for June 15th as presented. Motion passed with Three (3) ayes and NO (0) nays.

RE: PAT BUSSEE CLEMONS – WATER SERVICE

Water Utility customer Pat Busse Clemons came before the board concerning water service that was in her name at 344-1 Spruce Drive. The City shut off water service for non-payment on May 19. On June 16th the water department noticed someone had turned the water on and removed the head so it would not register any water usage. The water department removed the entire meter and made a police report. The ordinance violation for entering a water pit is \$500.00.

Ms. Clemons presented a letter slating she does not live at that property anymore and doesn't know who turned the water on. She hasn't lived there for three months. After a lengthy discussion the following amount due was determined:

138.36 amount owed at shut off
68.64 final bill
77.65 unmetered water for one month
<u>25.00</u> turn on fee
309.65 amount due

Rick Chambers made a motion, seconded by Ed Blue to charge Ms. Clemons \$309.65 to restore water service to the property. Motion passed with Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: SUPERINTENDENTS REPORTS

Water Department Superintendent, Todd Gardner reported that his department recently replaced two fire hydrants that were part of the City's original water system. The new hydrants are located on West Delaware Street on the corners of Pearl and Main Streets. One hydrant was leaking and the other was out of service for several years. The new hydrants have shut off valves and a larger capacity.

The department has been vacuuming pits and updating the GIS system. They are in the process of moving some pits on East Street into yards before paving takes place this summer.

Superintendent Gardner is in the process of getting permission from INDOT to work within a foot of highway 35 on a hydrant located there. A lane would need to be closed down temporarily also.

Police Chief Clint Norem reported that officer Vanderhoeof will graduate from the academy on July 10th. Norem said he had to use him two days this last weekend.

MVH Superintendent Jeff Borg said the department has been mowing, crack sealing and putting down shoulder stone. He is waiting for quotes for the 816 foot of curbing needed on Lake Street before paving can be done. The new truck is being up fitted at Lindco at this time.

Wastewater Superintendent, Kelly Clemons said due to the rain the average daily gallons of waste treated has gone from 350,000 gallons to 750,000 gallons a day.

Clemons said there are places that have sump pumps pumping into system.

Some municipalities charge a flat fee per month for the use of a sump pump. Her department has one employee off on sick leave.

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