

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
REGULAR MEETING
October 23, 2024

The Board of Public Works and Safety met for a regular session at City Hall on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 9:30 A.M. CST with the following members present: Mayor Dennis Estok; Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder, and Board Member Steve Dodge, Jim Collins and City Attorney Justin Schramm.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 9/25/24

Minutes of the previous regular meeting were mailed to the Board Members prior to the meeting for their review. Steve Dodge made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING 10/11/24

Minutes of the special meeting were mailed to the Board Members prior to the meeting for their review. Steve Dodge made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: SUPERINTENDENTS REPORTS

Sewer Superintendent Jason Clemons informed the board that Mullet Fencing and Overhead Door installed the new slide gate at the plant. Keith and Justin cleaned all 13 lift stations and ordered all the materials for Phase 2 of the Henry Drive Project. They have been overseeing the new sewer hookups at 801 S Roosevelt and 902 Henry Drive. Also overseeing JD Excavating installing 300 feet of 8-inch sewer main, one manhole and 3 sewer laterals at the end of Short Drive. Flow Technician worked on Kruz Lift Station, it is going to need 2 new pumps and a control panel. Shaffner Tires installed 4 new tires on the honey wagon.

Water Tech Mike Hoekman informed the Board that the hydrant flushing has been completed. As of October 16th, there are no lead lines in our system so far. The water techs have done 10 home lead test documentations. The water crew has installed a new pit at 1106 Short Drive and winterized the splash pad. They completed all locates, work orders and changed 6 meters.

Chief of Police Chad Dulin informed the Board they had 589 call outs in September. New Officer Joe West is fitting in well. Officer Nathan Chambers graduates from the Police Academy on November 15th. The officers attended a shooting training, and all received certificates. The 2009, 2011 and the 2014 Charges are all having repair issues. The better of the three vehicles needs a new motor. Jim Collins made a motion giving permission for Chief Dulin to spend up to \$7,000.00 to get it repaired. The motion was seconded by Steve Dodge and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and N (0) nays.

Street Superintendent Jeff Borg informed the Board that the Street Crew and himself started leaf pick-up on October 15th. They have also been prepping for snow removal.

Building and Code Compliance Director Lonie Boley updated the Board about 18 S Main Street. February 9, 2024, order to repair or demolish has not been completed. This makes him willfully non-compliant. A long discussion was held. Jim Collins made a motion to table this item at this time. The motion was seconded by Steve Dodge and passed by a vote of three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 305 E JOHN STREET – REVIEW

Director Boley updated the Board on the three properties containing 19 units. All rental inspections completed have failed miserably. Director Boley's recommendation is willful non-compliance and to charge the \$5,000.00 penalty per property. Steve Dodge made a motion to charge the \$5,000.00 penalty per property totaling \$15,000.00. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 401 E LAKE STREET – PERMISSION TO ENTER

Director Boley informed the Board that partial owner Rhonda Sapata asked permission to enter the house to retrieve some of her property. Director Boley's recommendation is that it would be ok for her and a couple helpers to go into the house for a couple hours to get her belongings. The Board agreed with Boley.

RE: 351 E WASHINGTON – REVIEW

The property owner was present. A long discussion was held. Emails were exchanged and cell phone numbers also. Beter communication is needed for the property owner to be compliant. The owner is blind. Steve Dodge made a motion to table this issue. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: BRIGHTSPEED/CONTRACTORS – STOP WORK ORDER

Director Boley informed the Board about an issue with Brightspeed's contractor who bored through the same residential water lines on Short Drive. They refused to pay the \$1,800.00 repair bill. Michalle Brzycki with Brightspeed was present and apologized for the whole situation and paid the repair bill. No further action was taken.

RE: 408 BOWER STREET – BLACKTOP RIGHT- OF- WAY

The new owner Larry Fisher requested to black top the driveway over in the right-of-way. Jim Collins made a motion approving the black topping. The motion was seconded by Steve Dodge and passed by a vote of three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 303 S MAIN STREET – BLACK TOP RIGHT-OF-WAY

A discussion was held about tree removal and cutting curbs. Mayor Estok made a motion denying black topping until a final plan/drawing of how it would look is received. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

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

Dennis Estok, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cvndi Kidder, Clerk-Treasurer