

A Special Board of Public Works and Safety met at the Knox City Hall on Monday, February 5, 2018 at 9:00 AM CST with the following members present: Mayor, Dennis Estok; Clerk-Treasurer, Jeff Houston; Boardmembers, Steve Dodge, Jim Collins and City Attorney, Leslie Baker was absent.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

RE: BID OPENING – BLIGHT ELIMINATION DEMOLITION 202 N PEARL

Clerk-Treasurer Jeff Houston proceeded to open two properly received bids for demolition of the house at 202 N Pearl.

They were as follows: Jackson Trucking and Excavating of Kewanua \$33,900.00.

Mark Milo Enterprises, Inc. of Knox \$14,900.00.

Rosie Leyva of Neighborhood Development, said that one of the bids did not include removal of asbestos even though the bid specs noted asbestos was present. After checking with the Blight Elimination Program Director for the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority, Rayanna Binder, Miss Leyva said the proper protocol would be to re-bid the job.

Steve Dodge made a motion to reject both bids and to re-bid the job to require the demolition of the house with new documents to also require removal of asbestos listed separately and as a total bid. Jim Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed with Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: HIRING OF PROBATIONARY PATROLMAN

Police Chief Harold Smith reported that about 30 applications for Patrolman were given out with 9 turned in. These were broke down to the top 4 and eventually one after background checks were completed. He recommended hiring Seth Johnson. He has been through the academy, graduating in March 2015. He will need 120 hours of service training.

Jim Collins made a motion, seconded by Steve Dodge to hire Seth Johnson as a probationary officer. Motion passed with 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.

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Dennis Estok, Mayor

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