

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MARCH 27, 2019

The Board of Public Works and Safety met in regular session at the Knox City Hall on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 9:30 A.M. CST with the following members present: Clerk-Treasurer Jeff Houston; Boardmember Steve Dodge, Jim Collins and City Attorney, Autumn Ferch.

Mayor, Dennis Estok was absent. In the absence of the Mayor, Boardmember Steve Dodge conducted the meeting.

RE: PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR NORMAN AND CECELIA MORONI, MATT ZINK AND RHONDA PALUKAITIS, JACK GIVENS, AND ZONYA CORNELIUS

Public hearings were held for Norman and Cecelia Moroni, Matt Zink and Rhonda Palukaitis, Zonya Cornelius, and Jack Givens.

All notices were mailed to the alleged violators more than 30 days before the hearing and published as a legal notice in the Leader 20 days prior to the hearing.

Cecelia Moroni and Jack Givens, appeared in person. The others did not appear in person or by representative. For each public hearing, the hearing was opened, the notice read aloud, evidence in support of the violation was presented by the Code Enforcement Officer, and the alleged violator, if present, was given an opportunity to respond. At the close of each hearing, the Board of Works found the alleged violator was in fact in violation of the ordinances of the City of Knox.

RE: CECELIA AND NORMAN MORONI PROPERTY

Steve Dodge noted that a fine had been issued and already paid. Steve Dodge made a motion to impose a \$500.00 additional fine and to stay that fine if the property is brought into compliance with the City Ordinances to the satisfaction of the Code Enforcement Officer in such case the fine would be waived. Jim Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed with Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: MATT ZINK AND RHONDA PALUKAITIS PROPERTY

Steve Dodge noted that Matt Zink already has a prior unpaid fine. Jim Collins made a motion to impose an additional fine of \$500.00 in accordance with the Ordinances of the City of Knox. Steve Dodge seconded the motion. Motion passed with Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: JACK GIVENS PROPERTY

Steve Dodge made a motion that a \$500.00 fine be imposed in addition to the \$400.00 already owed in fines. If the property is brought into compliance with the City Code of Ordinances to the satisfaction of the Code Enforcement Officer, the Board of Works will waive the additional fine. Jim Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed with Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: ZONYA CORNELIUS PROPERTY

Steve Dodge made a motion to require that the owner supply a phone number to Mr. Pfost that the old fine be paid and an additional fine of \$250.00 be imposed with the understanding that if the property is brought into compliance with the City of Ordinances to the satisfaction of the Code Enforcement Officer then the second fine would be waived. Jim Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed with Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: FIRE TRUCK – AMENDED CHANGE ORDER #1

Clerk-Treasurer, Jeff Houston presented an amended Fire Truck Change Order #1. He noted that the original Change Order #1 has already been passed by the Board but there was a mistake on the Order that said the amount due was \$0.00. It should have stated that the amount due was \$5,592.00. He also noted that the money is available in the Bond proceeds account to pay for the Change Order #1 as well as Change Order #2. Steve Dodge made a motion, seconded by Jim Collins to approve Fire Truck Change Order #1 as amended. Motion passed with Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

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RE: FIRE TRUCK – CHANGE ORDER #2

Clerk-Treasurer, Jeff Houston presented Fire Truck Change Order #2. It includes removal of hose bed numbers and two additional pump panel switches for telescoping lights. The total is \$460.00. Steve Dodge made a motion, seconded by Jim Collins to approve Fire Truck Change Order #2. Motion passed with Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: PROPERTY AT 1 AND 3 NORTH MAIN – UPDATE

Building and Code Compliance Director, Kenny Pfof gave an update on the distressed property at 1 – 3 North Main. He noted that part of the glass has been installed on the Main Street side. Other siding work has not been done. There is also still furniture in the Alley to the West of the building. Sewer Superintendent, Kelly Clemons noted that there is a problem with the sewer also.

Steve Dodge talked to the City Attorney about renewing our small claim that the City filed last year, it appears that it is not on the record that we made a motion to have our Attorney file it and have a hearing set in small claims court.

Mr. Dodge said it is obvious that the owner is in violation of the agreement that the previous City Attorney and the City agreed to with him last year.

Steve Dodge made a motion to have our Attorney file to set a date for a hearing on the prior claim and to file a new claim for the same amount as the old claim and set a date for a hearing for the second claim also. Jim Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed with Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: SUPERINTENDENTS REPORTS

Jeff Borg, MVH Superintendent reported that the City has signed and sent in the signed contracts to INDOT for the 2018 Community Crossings Matching Grant Project.

His department has been prepping the snow equipment for storage.

Streets are being prepared for the mill and fill and asphalt overlay project. This process consists of measuring and ordering manhole riser rings, edging the street and street sweeping.

Spring leaf pick up will be next week from April 1st to the 5th.

Williams Street will be blocked off at the Norfolk and Southern Railroad Tracks, from April 8th through April 12th.

Wastewater Superintendent, Kelly Clemons reported that the Wastewater Department is land applying sludge for the spring, she noted that they currently have about 250,000 gallons. She is not sure she will be able to apply all of it. There could be as much as 80,000 to 90,000 gallons that would need to be transported elsewhere.

Acting Water Superintendent, Tim Vogelzang said that Peerless Midwest performed maintenance on all three wells and two surface pumps. Well three had to have a barring replaced. He is planning for the start up of the splash pad. He completed about 20 leak checks on homes recently.

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

Dennis Estok, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jeffery J. Houston, Clerk-Treasurer