

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 26, 2021

The Board of Public Works and Safety met in regular session at the Knox City Hall on Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at 9:30 AM CST, with the following members present: Mayor Dennis Estok, Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder; Board Members Steve Dodge and Jim Collins and City Attorney Autumn Ferch.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES for 4/28/2021

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

RE: BID AWARD: 50/50 SIDEWALK PROGRAM

The 50/50 Sidewalk Program Bid Award was given to Pete Kuchel Concrete. Kuchel's bid totaled \$47,718.00 for all citizens who applied. This program is a 50/50 so the City's responsible for \$23,859.00.

RE: 342-344 W SPRUCE DR – UPDATE

Building and Code Compliance Director Ken Pfof updated the Board on 342 – 344 W Spruce Drive. The exterior of the property is still compliance with their code enforcement order. However, the interior of the house is now under code enforcement for bugs and rodents.

RE: 204 W BENDER STREET – UPDATE

The owner of 204 W Bender Street, Lucie Valadares case was dismissed by the Court of Appeals of Indiana. Ken Pfof, Building and Code Compliance Director and the City of Knox received a letter from the owner requesting a permit for the razing of the dilapidated garage. In the letter she also requested an additional 6 – 8 months of time before starting the demolition. After a short discussion, Dennis Estok made a motion for the City to tear down the dilapidated garage themselves. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins. The motion passed with a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Sewer Superintendent Jason Clemons informed the board his department had JD Excavating haul in 32 loads of #23 filter sand and had their generator at the plant serviced. The ELZA report is completed, and Alliance of Indiana Rural Water is going to be collecting samples out of our digester. We had to replace our incubator because it was outdated and obsolete, got a new one and all switched out May 11, 2021. We installed two new conduit pipes at East Hwy 8 lift station. Videoed two sewer lines with the new camera and we had to root out a sewer line. We have done maintenance work at the plant. Cleaned four storm basins and two root cuts on two different street intersections. A short discussion was had between Jason and the Board about Thieneman's letter about the bond and JPR. JPR is getting an additional issue resolved and Jason's opinion is that it needs fixed as soon as possible.

Street Superintendent Jeff Borg informed the Board that his department has been killing seasonal weeds, striping lines, street sweeping, applying stone after all paving is complete. We opened Parkway Drive as of today.

Chief of Police Harold Smith informed the Board they are continuing with hiring program. Only five applicants of eight that applied, showed up for the first testing. We are having a Golf Cart Permit Day on Saturday May 28, 2021, from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM at the station.

Building and Code Compliance Director Ken Pfof informed the Board, He has been doing normal code enforcement and working on several long grass enforcements. Jack and Diane's should have their sewer fixed today and port-a-johns will be gone tomorrow.

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

Dennis Estok, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cyndi Kidder, Clerk-Treasurer