

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 25, 2021

The Board of Public Works and Safety met in regular session at the Knox City Hall on Wednesday, August 25, 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: AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Dennis Estok made a motion to the agenda for a position promotion on the police force. Steve Dodge seconded the amendment. Motion passed by a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR 7/28/2021

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 Dennis Estok to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: POSITION PROMOTION ON POLICE FORCE

Police Chief Harold Smith requested approval to promote Patrolman Chuck Leonhardt to the position of detective. Steve Dodge made a motion approving the promotion, seconded by Dennis Estok. The motion carried with a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING – 1 N MAIN STREET

Mayor Dennis Estok opened the public hearing, the owner was not present. The Mayor held a discussion with the board about the glass door not being replaced yet. Steve Dodge made a motion for the glass door to be replaced within 30 days or the \$2,500.00 penalty will be enforced. Jim Collins seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays. Mayor Estok closed the public hearing.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING – MELVIN ZEITERS

Mayor Estok opened the public hearing. The owner was not present. Mayor Estok gave an update on the owner's properties. All properties have been cleaned up except Lewis Drive. Jim Collins made a motion giving the owner an additional 30 days to complete the clean up on Lewis Drive or penalties will be enforced. The motion was seconded by Steve Dodge and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 401 W BENDER ST – UPDATE

Mayor Estok informed the Board that the owner is really trying hard to complete everything that needs done but is on a limited budget. She needs more time. Steve Dodge made a motion to give an extension of 30 days, Jim Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed with a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 204 W BENDER STREET – UPDATE

Mayor Estok gave the Board an update on the 204 W Bender Street property. The \$1,469.30 bill she was sent has not been paid by the due date. She also has a past \$2,500.00 penalty still not paid. Steve Dodge made a motion for the Building and Code Compliance Director Ken Pfof to follow through with the special assessment totaling \$3,969.30. Jim Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 401 E LAKE STREET – UPDATE

Mayor Estok updated the Board that nothing has been done in the yard or any repairs to the house. Mayor Estok made a motion to enforce the special assessment of \$5,000.00 if the owner does not comply by September 3, 2021, with the code enforcement order from August 2, 2021. Jim Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed with a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Chief of Police Harold Smith informed the Board they had \$835.00 worth of work completed on the 2011 Dodge squad car. All the new officers are working out well, very smooth transitions. We have been doing our patrolling and normal routine items this past month.

Sewer Superintendent Jason Clemons informed the Board that Kevin Faulk hauled out 156,506 gallons of liquid sludge. The John Deere Backhoe is back from repair. We completed work on digester #3 and are continuing to video, clean and jet sewer lines. CWG started installation of the new reeds. A trailer system with a mounted self-priming pump would be a major asset for the Sewer Department. He got 3 quotes from different suppliers. Jim Collins made a motion approving the purchase of the lowest bid for \$25,350.00 for the pump and trailer plus not to exceed \$7,000.00 for the necessary accessories. Steve Dodge seconded the motion. Motion passed with a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays. A discussion was held about sewer lining the prices, getting quotes and the process.

Water Superintendent Tim Lindewald informed the Board his crew has been doing work orders, located, replaced a fire hydrant, and fixed another. Building maintenance has also been done. A discussion was held about the water filtration system at the water tower. He received one bid from Peerless \$125,000.00.

Mayor Estok talked to the Board about having a joint meeting with the City Council and the Board of Works at the Community Center so Harold can introduce all the new City officers soon.

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