

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 26, 2022

The Board of Public Works and Safety met for a regular session at City Hall on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 9:30 A.M. CST with the following members present: Mayor Dennis Estok; Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder; Board Members Jim Collins and Steve Dodge and City Attorney Autumn Ferch.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING 12/22/21

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

RE: APPROVAL OF NEW HIRE – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Harold Smith asked for the Board's approval to hire Lonnie Boley as a new city officer. Steve Dodge made a motion approving Lonnie Boley as the new hire. Motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: BID OPENING – BACKHOE

Mayor Dennis Estok and City Attorney Autumn Ferch opened the bids for the new Street Department backhoe.

1. MacAllister Machinery \$127,900.00 with \$35,000 trade-in value – This unit is a Caterpillar product.
2. West Side Tractor Sales \$126,800.00 with \$31,000.00 trade-in value. This unit is a John Deere product.
3. McCann \$114,600.00 with \$37,500.00 trade-in value. (Standard)  
\$117,200.00 with \$37,500.00 trade-in value. (Power Shift). These units are Case products.

Mayor Estok made a motion allowing Superintendent Jeff Borg time to compare the backhoe bids and decide what unit is needed for his department. Jim Collins seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: BID OPENING – BLIGHT PROJECT – MOOSE LODGE DEMOLITION

Mayor Dennis Estok and City Attorney Autumn Ferch opened the Bid packets for the Moose Blight Clearance Project.

1. Mark Milo - \$73,995.00
2. Hill Excavating - \$134,500.00
3. Richard Brothers \$152,161.00

Mayor Estok made a motion that the bids will be taken under advisement and the winning bidder will be notified later. Steve Dodge seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 204 W BENDER STREET – UPDATE

Building and Code Compliance Director Ken Pfof gave an update on this property. Steve Dodge made a motion to modify the order for 204 W Bender Street to demolish this property. Jim Collins seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 6 N PEARL STREET – UPDATE

Building and Code Compliance Director Ken Pfof gave an update on this property. Jim Collins made a motion to modify this order for 6 N Pearl Street to demolish this property. Steve Dodge seconded this motion and it passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 401 E LAKE STREET – PENALTIES

Building and Code Compliance Director Ken Pfof gave an update on this property. Ken gave pictures to the Board for their review of the property as of yesterday. Nothing has been done like promised. Several penalties have not helped or been paid. Steve Dodge made a motion for Ken Pfof to issue a public nuisance order under the unsafe rule. Jim Collins seconded this motion

and it passed by vote of Three (3) yes and No (0) nays.

RE: 301 E DANKER STREET – UPDATE

Building and Code Compliance Director Ken Pfof gave an update for the property. This property has been under enforcement since 2018. The property owner was present. A long discussion was held. Ken will continue with the \$2,500.00 penalties until everything is cleaned up.

RE: SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Water Superintendent Tim Lindewald handed a packet out to the Board that gives an update on the progress of the filter media project. Tim also spoke about updating meters with new electronics to eliminate driving around reading meters for billing.

Sewer Superintendent Jason Clemons informed the Board that he had an Enyart Electric motor repair done. He also had Rapid View out to re-locate a sewer lateral. Jason had his crew rebuild Digester #3 pump. The crew has also been doing maintenance work at the plant, greasing, and changing oil in the pumps, motors, and mowers. They have also been busy keeping up with the snow and ice at the plant and lift stations. The Vac Truck is still in the shop.

Street Superintendent Jeff Borg informed the Board his department got a second load of salt and new sweeper heads. They are working daily on snow removal. Jeff said he completed his IDEM report.

Park Director Karl Swihart informed the board the new flooring is halfway done at the Community Center. Karl also met with the School Board about gym usage. Ice rink is good.

Building and Code Compliance Director Ken Pfof informed the Board that 301 S Shield Street has been under enforcement for a long time and now the owner has had it torn down. Property at 502 E Lake Street is now under enforcement. 7 N Bower is under enforcement, it must be rehabbed or demolished.

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cyndi Kidder, Clerk-Treasurer