

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 27, 2022

The Board of Public Works and Safety met for a regular session at City Hall on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 9:30 A.M. CST with the following members present: Mayor Dennis Estok; Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder; Board Members Steve Dodge, Jim Collins, and City Attorney Autumn Ferch.

RE: AMENDMENT TO AGENDA

Steve Dodge made a motion to add to the agenda a Public Hearing for 105 S Bower St., Knox. Jim Collins seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING 03/21/22

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 MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING 3/23/22

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RE: PUBLIC HEARING – 105 S BOWER STREET

Mayor Estok opened the Public Hearing for 105 S Bower Street. The property has been under code enforcement since March 2019. The property owner was present and informed the Board that he is working on securing a loan. The Mayor told the owner it needs to have the front window and entry door fixed, missing siding replaced, front porch deck replaced, and yard cleaned as soon as possible. Steve Dodge made a motion that progress on the repairs must be visible in 30 days. Jim Collins seconded the motion. The motion 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 informed the Board that the property owner has filed an appeal through the Court to stop the demolition order.

RE: 204 W BENDER STREET – UPDATE

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RE: SUPER VALUE INN - UPDATE

Building and Code Compliance Director Ken Pfof informed the Board that the owner of the Super Value Inn got a permit for remodel of the seven north side rooms

RE: SUPERINTENDENTS REPORTS

Sewer Superintendent Jason Clemons informed the Board that his crew has cleaned all the lift stations and ordered a new pump for one station. The sewer extension on W St. Louis is complete. They installed a new gas alarm sensor, and the ELZA has been submitted to IDEM. Two dumpsters of scrap have been hauled off and BL Anderson installed a new SCADA computer. Jason is getting bids for 2 clarifiers to be lined and looking into purchasing a new service truck.

Water Superintendent Tim Lindewald informed the Board that all three filter systems are back online and working well. They will be flushing hydrants this coming week to help push fresh water through the lines. A new pit was installed on Short Drive and new pipe and taps on St Louis Street.

Street Superintendent Jeff Borg informed the Board that his department will be doing leaf pick up all next week. They have been applying stone to shoulders and alleys. They have been removing trees in the downtown and removed plows from the trucks for the summer.

Police Chief Harold Smith informed the board that the Police sponsored Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success. Ashley Vandemark starts the Police Academy next week till August 19. The K-9 vehicle's transmission went out and it's in the shop being repaired. Chief Smith spoke to the Board about obtaining a second K-9 for nightshift. Fund raisers will help purchase the new K-9. Mayor Estok made a motion giving permission to start fund raising to get a second K-9 position underway. Jim Collins seconded the motion, and motion passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays

Director of Park and Recreation Karl Swihart informed the Board he needs umpires so he is having an umpire training Saturday May 7th. The small gator is in the shop, and they have started working on the skatepark. Basketball court gets lined in two weeks and a new roof will be going on the maintenance building soon. 310 kids have signed up for park ball and both concession stands are contractually rented out this year. Batting tunnels are up, and disc gold baskets go in next week.

Building and Code Compliance Director Ken Pfof informed the Board that 7 N Bower Street has given him a layout plan on what they plan to do with the property. Ken Will have owners on a timeline schedule to keep them motivated.

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