

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 25, 2022

The Board of Public Works and Safety met for a regular session at City Hall on Wednesday, May 25, 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.

There is no amendment to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING 4/27/22

Minutes of the previous regular 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: 105 S BOWER STREET - UPDATE

Building And Code Compliance Director Ken Pfof informed the Board that the owner has mowed the property and after further inspection of the house he has decided to tear it down.

RE: 253 E WASHINGTON STREET – UPDATE

Building and Code Compliance Director Ken Pfof informed the Board that the owner has \$9,000.00 worth of new windows on order, and they are cleaning up the property. Mayor Estok stated that the shed on the property should probably come down also.

RE: 7 N BOWER STREET – UPDATE

Building and Code Compliance Director Ken Pfof informed the Board that he has spoken with the owner but none of the cleanup is done yet and the grass has not been mowed. Mayor Estok suggested a Public Hearing for the property at the next Board of Public Works meeting to discuss demolition.

RE: SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS

Building and Code Compliance Director Ken Pfof informed the Board that 502 E Lake Street has been under enforcement for a while. They paid their \$2,500.00 special assessment and are working on the property to get it cleaned up.

Fire Chief Ken Pfof informed the Board that he and other firemen will be recruiting June 3 at the JDAI event in Wythogan Park and on June 4 at “Touch a Tree” event. Fireman Applications will be available starting June 1 on the cityofknox.net website. There will be a Recruiting Open House at the Southside Fire Station on June 11 from 11 AM – 2 PM.

Director of Parks and Recreation Karl Swihart informed the Board, the skate park will be done this week and then skate kids will help pain it. The volleyball and tether ball courts are getting put up soon. We will be having 3 on 3 basketball tournaments for adults and kids this summer.

Chief of Police Harold Smith informed the Board that they will be doing a K-9 demonstration and the JDAI in the Wythogan Park on June 3rd. Officer Ashley Vandemark has 12 weeks left to go in the Academy. 2014 Dodge Ram Pick up needs the front end rebuilt, it will cost about \$4,200.00. The fund raiser for our 2nd K-9 is underway and we have raised \$2,000.00 so far. The RDC using TIF Funds are purchasing 2 new police Tahoe’s for the City’s Police Department.

Street Superintendent Jeff Borg informed the Board that street sweeping has started and is the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Leaf pickup is done. They have been cleaning up the downtown area for the holiday weekend. The 50/50 sidewalk program doesn’t have many people signed up this year.

Water Superintendent Tim Lindewald informed the Board that they fixed a leak on Main Street and installed a new service and pit on Short Drive. In the last month they have changed 15 meters, replaced 3 antennas, and changed 2 pit lids. The new taps, pits, and pipe for 3 homes on St Louis Street installed. They opened both concession stands, water fountains, splash pad and sprinklers in both parks. The water department new employee starts May 31st. Tim asked the Boards approval for funds to have Well #2 cleaned/rehabbed due to buildup. The total cost for the project is \$18,750.00. Jim Collins made a motion, seconded by Steve Dodge approving the funds for Well #2 cleaning. The motion passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and NO (0) nays.

Sewer Superintendent Jason Clemons asked the Board for approval to purchase a new service truck for the WWTP from the Water Improvement Fund. Three quotes were reviewed by the Board. Mayor Estok made a motion approving the purchase of a new service truck limited up to \$62,000.00. Jim Collins seconded the motion, the motion passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays. Superintendent Clemons also asked the Board for approval to have their 2 clarifiers at the plant rehabbed and lined. Three quotes were reviewed by the Board. Jim Collins made a motion approving the lowest bid of \$32,000.00 by Advanced Rehabilitation Technology. Steve Dodge seconded the motion and the motion passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and NO (0) nays. Superintendent Clemons also asked the Board for approval to spend up to \$25,000.00 for the start of rehabbing the City's brick manholes. One bid was received and reviewed by the Board. Jim Collins made a motion approving Advanced Rehabilitation Technology's bid of \$25,000.00 plus one free lining. Steve Dodge seconded the motion and the motion passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and NO (0) nays. The sewer department has been vac truck jetting, cleaning, root cutting and running. The camera in the sewer gravity lines. Also, they have been greasing all bearings, checking belts, filters, cleaning tanks, rails and the sand in beds.

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