

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
REGULAR MEETING
December 28, 2022

The Board of Public Works and Safety met for a regular session at City Hall on Wednesday, December 28, 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 18 S. Main Update to the agenda. Motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays. Jim Collins made a motion to remove agenda #4 Water and Sewer Bad Debt Write-offs from the agenda. Motion was seconded by Steve Dodge and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 11/23/22

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:18 S MAIN STREET - UPDATE

A motion was made by Jim Collins to enforce the \$5,000.00 Civil Penalty against RWN Enterprise. The motion was seconded by Steve Dodge and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and NO (0) nays.

RE: WATER AND SEWER BUDGETS

A motion was made by Steve Dodge approving the Water and Sewer Budgets for 2023. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and NO (0) nays.

RE: 705 S EAST STREET – UPDATE

Building and Code Compliance Director Ken Pfof informed the Board that the owners are meeting the requirements of the timeline they were given.

The 2023 Knox Board of Works meeting date schedule was presented to the Board. Steve Dodge made a motion approving the meeting schedule. Jim Collins seconded the motion, and it passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Sewer Superintendent Jason Clemons informed the Board that he has completed the ELSA report for IDEM. The sewer crew used the Vac truck to clean the bottom of digester 2 and switched out the motor for return pump 3. They have also been jetting sewer mains and assisting the water department fixing water main breaks. Two residential sewers were capped off and retired this month. The department needs a new grit pump in the Headworks Building. Steve Dodge made a motion approving \$19,610 for the purchase. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

Street Superintendent Jeff Borg informed the Board that the city was awarded the CCM Grant for the street paving. Superintendent Borg will also be applying for the Railroad Crossing Thermal Grant.

Park and Recreation Director Karl Swihart informed the Board that youth basketball starts on January 7th, adult basketball starts on January 8th, cornhole starts on January 17th and pickleball starts January 5th. The ice rink has been busy. Wythogan Park will be getting 6 new metal picnic tables and 4 new fountains.

Chief of Police Harold Smith informed the Board that January 1, 2023, will be Kenny Pfof's first day as Detective for the Knox Police Department. Officer Nick Brown will be out for 2 weeks starting January 17 for surgery. Upon his return he will be on light duty for 10 additional weeks. Officer Dawson Patrick will not attend the Academy until August 2023.

Building and Code Compliance Director Ken Pfof informed the Board that 105 S Bower is coming down soon, they are waiting on a part for Campagna's excavator before demo can start. The garage at 253 E Washington needs to come down. The owners say it will be down by end of the year. Director Pfof gave the Board a copy of his 2022 Annual Report.

Mayor Estok handed out Water Superintendents Tim Lindewald's monthly report to the Board. Superintendent Lindewald stopped by the meeting to request permission to purchase an emergency stop valve from EJP for water main leaks. The cost is around \$15,000. Mayor Estok made a motion approving the purchase, but not to exceed \$15,000. Jim Collins seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

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