

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 22, 2023

The Board of Public Works and Safety met for a regular session at the Knox City Hall on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 9:30 A.M. CST with the following members present: Mayor Dennis Estok; Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Shari Spaid; Board Members Steve Dodge and Jim Collins; and City Attorney Autumn Ferch.

RE: AMENDMENT TO AGENDA

Motion was made to amend the agenda to include the opening of the sewer lining bids. Motion was seconded by Board Member Collins and was passed by a vote of Three (3) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: OPENING OF SEWER LINING BIDS

Mayor Estok opened the following bids:

Miller Pipeline	\$172,283.55
Insituform	\$154,900.00

Mayor Estok stated some of the ARP funds will be used on this project.

After a short discussion Mayor Estok made a motion to accept the lower bid of Insituform for \$154,900.00. Motion was seconded by Board Member Collins and was passed by a vote of Three (3) Ayes and No (0) Nays

RE: HIRING OF NEW RESOURCE OFFICER

Mayor Estok asked for a motion to approve the hiring of Michael Elam as our new resource officer. Motion was made by Board Member Collins to approve hiring Michael Elam. Motion was seconded by Board Member Dodge and was passed by a vote of Three (3) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: UPDATE – 6 N. PEARL STREET

Last year the property owner was given an order to demolish. She has filed an appeal with the Supreme Court. We could order her to demolish but City Attorney Autumn Ferch has recommended that we wait for the outcome of the Bender Street property. She also informed the Board that the City has hired a law firm to handle the federal case. Motion was made by Mayor Estok to assess another maximum penalty of \$5,000.00. Motion was seconded by Board Member Collins and was passed by a vote of Three (3) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: UPDATE – 105 S. BOWER STREET

Planning Administrator Lonnie Boley informed the Board that they seem to be holding up their end of the deal and there have been some improvements. The windows and foundation should be done by March 31. By May 24 the outside should be finished.

RE: SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

STREET: Purchased sand/salt. Leaf pickup will be the first week of April and the first week of May. They have applied for the RR grant which will include 9 crossings. The full amount is \$11,600.00.

WWTP: Got new tires on the F250 truck. All lift stations have been cleaned. They had to install the new blower they just purchased. The blower they just had rebuilt locked up. We are being refunded \$2,000.00. They have been checking sewer mains. Some have been jetted. They have used the vac truck to clean return pit, UV Channel and hydro cell in the new headworks building. Installed new grit pump. Old pump will be inspected and rebuilt. Calling service tech to service the UV System for the 2023 Ecoli season. Ordered new pump and starter for Clabaugh lift station. Alarm at Washington Street lift-station went off last night with pump problems. They are working on it this morning.

WATER: Roof is complete. Tore old roof completely off. Put on new roof with a slope to the gutters. Disconnected service on Portland Street for house removal. Took meter out of 1001

Denney Street. Raised 3 meter pits to grade. Cleaned sand from 3 pits. Five to seven new meters were installed. Cleaned cement retention pond with the help of the wastewater department. Cleaned and refilled clear well.

POLICE: Nick Brown returned to work effected March 22. The second annual Easter Egg Hunt will be April 8 at 1:00 at Wythogan Park.

PARK: There are 250 BB/SB/TBALL and 14 sand volleyball camp sign ups. Scoreboards have been put up. Cleaned up the woods. Replaced the Gustafson bench. Pickle ball nets will be put up this weekend.

BUILDING ADMIN: Three new homes on SR 8 being built. Locust Drive is improving. There are 3 goats at 806 E. Lake Street. He will check to see if they are gone by Monday. Totes on Locust are in the street. He warned the owners.

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shari Spaid, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer