

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
REGULAR MEETING
April 26, 2023

The Board of Public Works and Safety met for a regular session at City Hall on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 9:30 A.M. CST with the following members present: Mayor Dennis Estok; Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder; Board Member Steve Dodge and Jim Collins, and City Attorney Autumn Ferch. No amendment to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 3/22/23

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: BID AWARD: SEWER EXTENSION – INDUSTRIAL PARK

Mayor Estok opened and presented the two bids received to the Board.

		Alternative
Haskins Underground	\$97,090.00	32,000.00
JD Excavating LLC	\$41,000.00	-0-

Steve Dodge made a motion to take the bids under advisement and upon review award bid to the lowest bidder/ most responsible. Jim Collins seconded the motion and the motion passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 18 S MAIN ST – UPDATE

Mayor Estok updated the Board on 18 S Main Street, still has clean up to be completed. A small basement must be filled in and the north wall to Birdie’s has to be checked out and removed without disturbing the restaurant’s wall.

RE: 105 S BOWER – UPDATE

Building and Code Compliance Director Lonnie Boley updated the Board about 105 S Bower Street. The owners have all new exterior doors and windows installed. The owners have about one month left to be compliance with the order.

RE: SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

WWTP: Insituform Technologies has been out prepping for sewer line relining. Jason and Justin installed a new pump at Clabaugh Lift Station. IDEM inspected the plant on March 30th. Kevin Faulk did a land application, hauled out 156,626 gallons. The sewer crew has been root cutting, applying biosolids to reed bed, emptying digestors 1 and 2 and installing 900 foot of sewer main on Roosevelt Road.

Street: The 1st week of April they applied mosquito pesticide to kill the larva. The street crew repainted the stripping and parking spots on Main Street. They helped in Wythogan Park hauling off wood/brush and hauled in sand for the infields. They filled in the basement at 18 S Main, measuring 50/50 sidewalks and tore out old concrete at the intersection of Shield and New York to get ready for the street to be repaved.

Water: The water crew did the spring turn on of water in the parks. A bored line and tap were installed on highway 8 for a new home being built. All 3 wells had to have surge protectors installed, we changed out 19 meters and raised 3-meter pits. Hydrant flushing begins next Tuesday. A new employee was hired for the Water Department, his name is Aaron Carlson. We also read meters, did shut off list, work orders and locates.

Police: Detective Ken Pfof informed the Board that the 2nd Annual City of Knox Police Easter Egg Hunt was a great success. There was a big turnout of kids, and they hid 6,000 eggs. The department’s new Resource Officer Mike Elam has passed all requirements and he started April 10, 2023. The police department is takin applications, only 4 have been received. The deadline is April 28, but might be extended.

Park: Park and Recreation Director Karl Swihart informed the Board that the park crew have stoned under all bleachers. The scoreboards are up, Corey Busse with Busse Electric is donating his time to run all the electric lines. The park youth ball starts May 1, there are 274 kids participating. Bobby Trusty gave his 2-week notice. Fratco is donating all new yellow capping for park fencing. All activities at the school are over and we are planning outdoor summer programs now. The Mommy/Son Dance is May 6.

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