

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

The Board of Public Works and Safety met for a regular session at City Hall on Wednesday, July 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 City Attorney Autumn Ferch. Jim Collins was absent.

There was no amendment to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 6/28/23

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. The motion was seconded by Mayor Estok and passed by a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF NEW TIRES – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief of Police Harold Smith informed the Board of the two candidates he would like to add to the City's Police Force. Steve Dodge made a motion approving the hiring of the two new officers. The motion was seconded by Mayor Estok and passed by a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 253 E WASHINGTON – UPDATE

Building and Compliance Director Lonnie Boley updated the board on the property at 253 E Washington. The owners have been sent another certified enforcement order to show progress in the next 30 days and have repairs completed in 60 days. Any further action has been tabled until the August meeting.

RE: 607 S PRETTYMAN – UPDATE

Building and Code Compliance Director Lonnie Boley updated the board on the property at 607 S Prettyman. The owners are making progress on fixing the porch and shed. They were given until September 1<sup>st</sup> to be completed.

RE: 6 N PEARL – UPDATE

Building and Code Compliance Director Lonnie Boley updated the Board on the property at 6 N Pearl. The owner was sent a certified letter informing her of the civil penalty that will be discussed if she continues to be non-compliant. Mayor Estok approved accessing the \$5,000.00 civil penalty after a 30-day notice process. Steve Dodge seconded the motion and the motion passed with a vote of two (2) ayes and No (0) nays. City Attorney Autumn Ferch added that the penalty will be due within 30 days.

RE: 108 S MCGILL – UPDATE

Building and Code Compliance Director Lonnie Boley informed the Board the owner is saying the property is currently for sale. There is no for sale sign posted. Lonnie is getting bids for the demolition of the property. A 10-day notice has been sent to the owner.

RE: SUPPERINTENDENTS REPORTS

Streete Superintendent Jeff Borg informed the Board that the applications for the 2023-2 CCMG program have been submitted for approval. The street crew has been tree trimming, roadside mowing and servicing seasonal equipment.

Sewer Superintendent Jason Clemons informed the Board that his crew have cleaned out 30 sanitary manholes with the vac truck. A new motor and drive belt have been installed in the exhaust fan over electrical room. Wiers had to do roadside service on the vac truck for a broken serpentine belt and had to make an appointment to have idler and tensioner pullies changed out. The crew ran the camera in sewer main in two locations, so they had to root cut and clean them out. Jason and Justin passed their IDEM wastewater exams. Jason is a Class III Licensed Operator and Justin is a Class I Licensed Operator.

Water Superintendent Tim Lindewald informed the Board that his crew has changed out 4 meters, repaired 5 pits, and completed building/plant maintenance.

Police Chief Smith informed the Board that they have one new Tahoe on the road and two new officers.

Code Compliance Director Lonnie Boley informed the Board that he has issued 4 domestic foul letters, 5 enforcement letters for trash, 5 enforcement letters for tall grass and 3 underenforcement letters.

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cyndi Kidder, Clerk-Treasurer