

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

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

RE: AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

Steve Dodge made a motion to add Surplus Equipment to the agenda. Jim Collins seconded the motion and the motion passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 10/25/23

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 Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF NEW HIRE – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Smith spoke to the Board about his recommendation of Nathan Chambers for the new full-time officer. Jim Collins made a motion approving the hiring of the new officer. The motion was seconded by Steve Dodge and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Steve Dodge made a motion declaring the Fire Department's 1997 Chevy Tahoe as surplus. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three(3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 304 E POTTER STREET – ORDER TO VACATE

Building and Code Compliance Director Lonnie Boley informed the Board an Order to Vacate was mailed to the owner of the Commercial Storage Unit at 304 E Potter Street. The owner appeared before the Board and stated that he spoke with the renter of Unit #24, and he said he is not living there. The owner said that he is not allowed to live there or use it as a workshop either.

RE: TIN DOEK – 305 AND 307 JOHN STREET – CITATION REDUCTION REQUEST – (UNSAFE BUILDING)

Tin Doek owner of John Street Apartments appeared before the Board asking for a reduction in price for the penalty he received. Mayor Estok made a motion placing the penalty on hold for 1 year. Jim Collins seconded the motion and the motion passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 253 E WASHINGTON – UPDATE

The owner of 253 E Washington was present and spoke to the Board. Mr. Negoj is doing all the remodeling and work himself. The owner was told he needs to get the exterior done and made presentable. Mayor Estok made a motion for the owner to get an estimate from a contractor and get the siding finished by the next meeting on December 27. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: DISCUSSION OF 18 S MAIN STREET

A short discussion regarding the status of 18 S Main Street was held by the Board.

RE: SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Sewer Superintendent Jason Clemons informed the Board that they were able to land apply sludge on Shilling's property behind the plant. Two new pumps had to be emergency ordered for digester 2 and 3. The cost was \$27,500.00.

Superintendent Clemons ran all the numbers by Mayor Estok before placing the order. The UV System has been pulled, winterized, and placed in storage. The sewer crew completed a tap at 311 E Ellis, 425 Carlson and 308 W Bender.

Street Superintendent Jeff Borg informed the Board that his crew will pick up leaves for one more month. The large leave vac truck broke down, it is currently in the shop. The Christmas decorations will be hung starting Monday.

Water Superintendent Tim Lindewald informed the Board that his crew has repaired 2 water mains and repaired 3 broken pits. Water lines at Wythogan, Sandy Acres and Heritage Parks have been winterized. Corpro installed cathodic protection in the water towers. Water crews have completed a lot of locates, work orders, replaced 4 meters and assisted putting up Christmas lights.

Chief of Police Harold Smith informed the Board new officers Pittman and Myles training hours are done. Officer Brown was off November 6<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, he had surgery.

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