

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
REGULAR MEETING
March 27, 2024

The Board of Public Works and Safety met for a regular session at City Hall on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 9:00 A.M. CST with the following members present: Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder; Board Member Steve Dodge, Jim Collins, and City Attorney Autumn Ferch. Mayor Dennis Estok was absent. There is no amendment to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 2/28/24

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 Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 705 E NEW YORK (EUNICA COCIOVAN)

Building and Code Compliance Director Lonnie Boley informed the Board that the property at 705 E New York has no noticeable improvements since last enforcement letter expired. City Attorney Autumn Ferch informed the Board that the \$2,500.00 fine can be accessed at this time. Steve Dodge made a motion to access the \$2,500.00 fine at this time. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 304 E POTTER

Building and Code Compliance Director Lonnie Boley informed the Board that 304 E Potter is under enforcement for two different orders. The property owner was unable to attend. The standing orders are for garbage removal and a vacate order. This property is a storage facility, and someone was living in unit 28. Per Director Boley the orders have been taken care of at this time. Steve Dodge made a motion to table the discussion until next month's meeting when the owner will be in attendance. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: MELVIN ZEITERS PROPERTIES

Director Boley informed the Board that Mr. Zeiters 10 properties are an ongoing enforcement issue. The owner was in attendance. Per Director Boley, Mr. Zeiters has not registered any of the rentals with the City since 2019 and only 5 units have ever been inspected. The 5 units inspected all failed. Director Boley has not been allowed access to the other 5 units. Mr. Zeiters informed the Board his property manager Angie Courtney takes care of all of that, he does not. Steve Dodge made a motion that the 5 uninspected units must be inspected before the next Board of Public Works meeting on April 24th or Mr. Zeiters will be fined heavily for each of the 5 units. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 18 S MAIN STREET – DOWNTOWN DEPOT

Director Boley informed the Board that the owner asked for a continuance because he was not able to be there. Director Boley still has not received any lawyer or insurance information that was promised to us by the owner. Jim Collins made a motion to table the discussion until next month's meeting, the motion was seconded by Steve Dodge and passed by a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 401 E LAKE

Director Boley informed the Board that this property has been under enforcement for a long time. A few improvements have been made over the years, however there are still several issues. Currently the house has no electricity or water due to non-payment. Steve Dodge made a motion to table the discussion until next month's meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: SUPERINTENDENTS REPORTS

Water Superintendent Tim Lindewald was absent, Board Member Jim Collins read Superintendent Lindewald's report.

Street Superintendent Jeff Borg informed the Board that his crew has been working at the compost area. Fire Chief Pfoost did a controlled burn out there and we hauled off several loads of compost to a local farm. We have moved 2 loads of leaves to lessen the issue of lack of space. The final 2 loads of contracted salt have been received to complete our commitment. City wide leaf pickup is the first week of April and the first week of May.

Sewer Superintendent Jason Clemons informed the board that the sewer crew and I installed the UV system back into the Effluent Channel. HP Thompson will be out to do a service check soon. The crew has also cleared the main wet well and made repairs on the alarm floats. Two new sludge pumps were installed with the help of Flow Tech, and we are renewing the wastewater landfill manifest. The Pacific Lift Station had to have a check valve changed on pump #1 and we need to change out the base on pump #2. Kevin Faulk will be trucking liquid sludge over to the Gut Farm and the sewer crew will be running the tractor to inject sludge in the ground.

Police Chief Chad Dulin informed the board that he emailed the monthly stops and arrests report to the Board. He has been working on completing the regular vehicle maintenance and has had a gutter replaced on the station. Officer Chambers has been approved for PERF and Officer Smith is currently doing PERF testing.

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