

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
REGULAR MEETING
May 22, 2024

The Board of Public Works and Safety met for a regular session at City Hall on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 9:30 A.M. CST with the following members present: Mayor Dennis Estok; Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder and Board Member Jim Collins. Board Member Steve Dodge and City Attorney Autumn Ferch were absent. There was no amendment to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 4/24/24

Minutes of the previous regular meeting were mailed to the Board Members prior to the meeting for their review. Jim Collins made a correction to the minutes. A motion was made by Jim Collins to approve the correction and 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: BID OPENING – HENRY DRIVE EXTENTION PROJECT

Two sets of bids were received by the date and time required. Bob Aloï with Territorial Engineering gave the Board and others in attendance a description of the extension project.

Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc:	Base Bid	\$176,217.25
	Alternate #1	\$ 26,460.00
	Alternate #2	\$ 40,000.00
JD Excavating LLC	Total Bid	\$149,180.00
	Base Bid	\$127,180.00
	Alternate #1	\$ 34,965.00
	Alternate #2	\$ 22,000.00

Jim Collins made a motion to take the bids under advisement. The motion was seconded by Mayor Estok and passed by a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 109 S MCGILL - MARY KWILIN – NON-COMPLIANCE

Kathy Kwilin was present, she is the person maintaining the property. The last order given was for 20 days to get the property cleaned up and to remove junk machines. Currently, she is non-compliant with the order. A discussion was held. Mayor Estok made a motion giving her 15 additional days to complete the clean up or a civil penalty of \$2,500.00 will be accessed. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 503 E CULVER – SLAGLE – PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Estok opened the Public Hearing. The owners, Mr. and Mrs. Slagle were present. They were sent an order to vacate and are currently non-compliant. Director Boley's recommendation to the Board is to give them 2 additional months to find housing for some of the family who live there. A discussion was held. Mayor Estok made a motion approving the additional 2 months, but owners must update Director Boley each month. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays. The Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

RE: 705 E NEW YORK – COCIORVAN – REVIEW

Director Boley gave an update on the property. The property owner has already been accessed a fine of \$2,500.00. No action was taken today.

RE: MELVIN ZEITERS PROPERTIES – REVIEW OF MAY 17TH DEADLINE

Director Boley informed the Board that 4 rental units were supposed to be re-inspected by May 17th and only 2 were allowed to be done. The owner was present and explained to the Board that the other 2 units remodel was not completed.

Jim Collins made a motion that the owner should attend the June meeting after inspections are done. The motion was seconded by Mayor Estok and passed by a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 18 S MAIN STREET – DOWNTOWN DEPOT – REVIEW, AND NORTH OF 18 S MAIN STREET BIDS

The owner of Downtown Depot 18 S Main Street was not present. The owner visited Director Boley’s Office about the accessed fine and was very upset. There has been no communication since his visit

There was one bid received for the concert block wall between Birdie’s and North of 18 S Main Street.

Straight Line Masonry:	1. Corner/Column	\$1,600.00
	2. Reinforce Wall (no cap)	\$2,500.00

Mayor Estok made a motion to accept both bids. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 401 E LAKE STREET – ZINK – REVIEW

Director Boley gave an update to the Board. On May 16, 2024, I had trailers towed away. They have returned already; the camper trailer is a 5th wheel and is still hooked up to a truck. There is a generator strapped to it and it has no license plate. Legal advice will have to be sought before it can be towed away again being attached to the truck.

RE: 53 E WASHINGTON STREET – MAY 22ND DEADLINE

Director Boley updated the Board about the property, no forward motion is being made to complete this house. The owner was present. A long discussion was held. Director Boley recommended that he may want to sell it to get from underneath it. Jim Collins made a motion to access the owner the \$5,000.00 civil penalty, it can be removed if new forward progress is made by the next Board meeting in June. The motion was seconded by Mayor Estok and passed by a vote of two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: BRIGHT SPEED AND MEADIACOM IN RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMISSION

Director Boley informed the Board that Bright Speed and Mediacom are requesting permission to do more boring on Short Drive. Mayor Estok made a motion to not allow any permits to either company for R1, R2 and R3 at this time. If any individual household wants either service those permits may be issued. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Water Superintendent Tim Lindewald informed the Board he had the backwash retention pond dug out to remove the anthracite buildup. Spec 23 sand was added to help with filtering. The water crew fixed a leak at 801 S Bower and completed a pit and tap installation at 902 Henry Drive. The splash pad leaks are fixed, and it is turned on and ready for the holiday weekend. The water crews replaced 7 meters, completed work orders, locates and lowered one curb stop. Superintendent Lindewald asked the Board to approve the bid for the High Service Pump #1 Rebuild and Cleaning. Two bids were received via phone and the bid from Peerless Midwest was via email. Peerless Midwest was the best fit for the scope of work to be completed \$11,920.00. Jim Collins made a motion approving the bid from Peerless Midwest to complete the rebuild and cleaning of Pump #1. The motion was seconded by Mayor Estok and passed by a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays. Superintendent Lindewald also informed the Board that his department needs a third truck, a good used truck. Jim Collins made a motion allowing up to \$30,000.00 to be spent on a good used truck for the Water Department with the proper quote process being followed. The motion was seconded by Mayor Estok and passed by a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

Sewer Superintendent Jason Clemons had Lewis Backhoe Service put in 2,000 feet of conduit and they bored 300 feet of pipe for a project. The sewer crew assisted the water department with the vac truck twice and they rebuilt both tee valves. The crew have also been busy with lawn care at the plant, lift stations and right of way. JD Excavating completed the extension at Culver Road and Williams Street. The non-hazardous special work manifest has been completed. The continuing power surges or glitches caused McGill lift station to quit working. The 3-phase monitor tripped out protecting the pump and a bunch of fuses blew. They are working with Flow Tech to install a cellular call out system for power failure at all lift stations. Also need to upgrade our wet-well with a new pump system.

Street Superintendent Jeff Borg extended the 50/50 sidewalk program until May 24th. Also, Jerry Redlin's last day is May 24th, he will be retiring. TCS are re-marking railroad crossings after the street pavers are done.

Police Chief Chad Dulin informed the Board that he emailed them his monthly police report earlier. The Knox PD will no longer be using Star Uniforms Company due to pricing.

Building and Code Compliance Director Lonie Boley informed the Board he has sent out 76 landlord notifications.

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