

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
REGULAR MEETING
July 24, 2024

The Board of Public Works and Safety met for a regular session at City Hall on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, at 9:30 A.M. CST with the following members present: Mayor Dennis Estok; Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder, and Board Member Steve Dodge, Jim Collins and City Attorney Justin Schramm.

Re: AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

Steve Dodge made a motion to add to the agenda 4A. 254 W Locust and 4B. Declaring Old Fire Hydrants as scrap. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 6/26/24

Minutes of the previous regular meeting were mailed to the Board Members prior to the meeting for their review. Steve Dodge made a motion 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: SUPERINTENDENTS REPORTS

Sewer Superintendent Jason Clemons informed the Board he had Rick at Flow Tech install a cellular call alarm system at the Clabaugh Lift Station. The McGill Lift Station alarm system is working out great. The sewer crew has been out with the crawler camera and vac truck root cutting some sewer mains. Superintendent Clemons has been working on pricing a new combo vac/jet truck. He is working with several dealers and financing options.

Water Superintendent Tim Lindewald informed the Board that they installed 2 new taps at 104 & 105 Allen Drive to resolve their pressure issues. The high service pump #1 has been pulled to be cleaned and reinstalled. Around the City 41 fire hydrants have been power washed, primed and painted. The water crew has mowed at the plant, changed out 12 meters, completed work orders and locates.

Street Superintendent Jeff borg informed the Board that the street crew has picked up and dumped 92 loads of brush from the recent storm. They have been doing roadside mowing, the mower is getting old, and they need a new one. Superintendent Borg also informed the board that the Road Salt contract is in for the year.

RE: 254 W LOCUST

The resident at 254 W Locust was found to be stealing city water. A straight pipe bypass was installed by the resident. The water department removed the illegal pipe and locked out the pit. Mayor Estok made a motion to charge the \$500.00 fine for tampering and theft of city water. The motion was seconded by Steve Dodge and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: DECLARING OLD FIRE HYDRANTS AS SCRAP

Water Superintendent Tim Lindewald asked the board to declare a collection of old fire hydrants as scrap so his department can sell them. Mayor Estok made a motion declaring the surplus hydrants as scrap. The motion was seconded by Steve Dodge and passed by a vote of three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 301 E DANKER STREET (SUPER VALUE INN)

Building and Code Compliance Director Lonnie Boley informed the Board that the Super Value Inn has hired an Architect. The prints should be completed in 4-6 weeks. No action was needed at this time.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING 202 N FISHER

Mayor Estok opened the Public Hearing for the property at 202 N Fisher Street. Building and Code Compliance Director Lonnie Boley informed the Board the property was issued a letter to mow on May 28, 2024. After further investigation director Boley determined the property to be an unsafe structure and it also had several code violations. An Order to Demolish was issued on June 24, 2024, it included this Public Hearing. The owner of this property is deceased. The owner's son Travis Bottorff was present for the Public Hearing. There has been no legal estate for the property established at this time. The owner's son read a prepared statement to the Board. A long discussion was held. Mayor Estok closed the Public Hearing. Steve Dodge made a motion to table this until the August board of Public Works meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed with a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 553 E LAKE STREET – REVIEW

Director Boley informed the Board that the owner John Brooke has not completed the foundation wall completely. This makes him noncompliant with his standing order. Director Boley's recommendation since he is noncompliant is to access the 1st tier fine of \$2,500.00. Mayor Estok made a motion to extend the property owner's completion date by one month with no accessed fine. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: BRIGHTSPEED FOR PERMIT

Director Boley informed the Board about the permit request. Director Boley recommended allowing the permit to be issued. Steve Dodge made a motion approving the permit to Brightspeed. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CITIZENS COMMENTS

Pastor Dave with Trinity Assembly of God Church asked the Board for permission to place temporary A-frame signs on the corners in the downtown area leaving 3 feet to walk. The Board all agreed that was fine. Carl and Tiffany Balaszek, owners of the Pit Stop requested to be added to the agenda for the August Meeting. Mayor Estok referred them to his assistant Peggy to be added to the agenda.

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