

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session at Knox City Hall at 7:00 P.M. CST on July 14, 2015 with the following members present: Mayor Rick Chambers; Clerk-Treasurer Jeff Houston, Council Members Don Kring, Linda Berndt, Greg Matt, Ron Parker and Jeff Berg; and City Attorney Dave Matsey.

RE: AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

Jeff Berg made a motion, seconded by Ron Parker to delete Selected Furniture tax abatement from the agenda. An attorney has been hired to represent the company and he asked that the item be placed on the August 11 agenda. Motion passed with Five (5) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were mailed to council members prior to the meeting for their review. Jeff Berg made a motion, seconded by Greg Matt to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Five (5) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: PATRICIA AND MICHAEL OWENS PROPERTY

Mayor Chambers said Patricia and Michael Owens own a tract of land behind Goetz Corporation in the Parkview Heights area. They would like to donate it to the city. A general discussion took place regarding the pros and cons of accepting the property. The city would cover any costs of doing required paperwork. Clerk-Treasurer Houston said a title search has already been done and there are no liens on the property. Jeff Berg made a motion, seconded by Greg Matt to accept the property. Motion passed with Five (5) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: PETITION TO ESTABLISH STREET ON EXISTING DEDICATION - CURRENT ALLEYWAY NEXT TO 801 S. BOWER ST.

Local property owner Steve Dodge presented evidence to the council that he believes shows that some land being used as an alley running along the side of his property at 801 S. Bower St. is actually his property. The council said they would investigate the claim and asked that the item be placed on the next agenda. No official action was taken at this time.

RE: HOLIDAY SCHEDULE - DISCUSSION

Clerk-Treasurer Houston said that a couple of mistakes were made on the holiday schedule passed at the June 23, 2015 council meeting. The mistakes were made due to Christmas 2016 and New Years 2017 falling on Sundays. The corrected holiday schedule for 2016 is as follows:

CITY OF KNOX HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2016

JANUARY	1st	FRIDAY - NEW YEAR'S DAY
	18th	MONDAY - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
FEBRUARY	15th	MONDAY - PRESIDENT'S DAY
MARCH	25th	FRIDAY - GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL		NONE
MAY	3rd	TUESDAY - ELECTION DAY
	30th	MONDAY - MEMORIAL DAY
JUNE		NONE
JULY	4th	MONDAY - INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVED
AUGUST		NONE
SEPTEMBER	5th	MONDAY - LABOR DAY
OCTOBER	10th	MONDAY - COLUMBUS DAY
NOVEMBER	1st	TUESDAY - ELECTION DAY
	11th	FRIDAY - VETERAN'S DAY
	24th	THURSDAY - THANKSGIVING DAY
	25th	FRIDAY - THANKSGIVING FRIDAY
DECEMBER	23rd	CHRISTMAS Observed
	26th	MONDAY - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
JANUARY 2017	2nd	MONDAY - NEW YEARS DAY OBSERVED

Clerk-Treasurer Houston passed out the following trash and recycling reports from David Pleitner, Site Manager for Waste Management:

April 2015	123.7 tons refuse
	148 tons recycling
May 2015	114 tons refuse
	13.9 tons recycling
June 2015	132.4 tons refuse
	14.1 tons recycling

Clerk-Treasurer Houston reported that the mileage reimbursement rate for the city is tied to the state of Indiana rate. As of July 1st that rate dropped from .44¢ a mile to .40¢ a mile, so that is what the city is now reimbursing people for miles driven on city business.

The clerk-treasurer's office is presently working on the 2016 budget and will have a meeting with the Department of Local Government Finance on July 27th at which time the basics of the budget should be completed.

RE: CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Dave Matsey reported that the city received a tort claim notice for an accident that occurred between a citizen and a private snow plow contractor. It has been turned over to the insurance agency.

Mr. Matsey said if Selected Furniture wants a waiver of non-compliance for their tax abatement a public hearing will have to be held. A resolution will have to be passed. It also has to be published. If it is granted it could affect the budget and money could possibly have to be paid back.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chambers reported that any electronics that the city picks up costs \$10.00 a piece for the county to dispose of. The council asked if the city could institute a pick-up service that used a ticket system. The city attorney said an ordinance would need to be written and a user fee instituted. The mayor said he would check with other communities to see what they are doing.

Mayor Chambers reported that the city collected gate fees at the Knox Independence Day Fireworks of \$3,660.00. This was a substantial increase from last year of \$3,100.00 and the second highest total ever.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Greg Matt noted that Bela Vita has erected a sign at the corner of Lake and Heaton Streets that looks like a city street sign. The mayor said he would check on it and see what is going on.

There is a wrecked car that has been sitting at 45 W. Lake for several weeks. There is another car parked across the street for several weeks also. The Mayor said he would get with the police to see what is going on. Council Member Matt said the people that own the cars are living in upstairs apartments in the area. The mayor said he would get with the police and see what is going on in that area.

The property at 303 S. Shield St. has tall grass and the residence is surrounded by overgrown brush. Council Member Matt said the home is owned by a bank and they have cleaned up the residence before when he contacted them.

There is someone living in a camper at 208 Lafayette St.
Matt noted that there is an ordinance against living in a camper within the city.

Council Member Linda Berndt noted that the problem property in her area has been cleaned up.

Council Member Kring noted that there is still carpeting laying in the alley between B & H Supply and Lake Street.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCE

The following properly filed vouchers (See Docket Book, Voucher #20443 - 20545) were presented and approved.

There being no further business to come before the council at this time the meeting upon motion was duly adjourned.