

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

RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Linda Berndt made a motion, seconded by Jeff Berg to add "Parkview Lots" as item 10-B. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOX, INDIANA

Mayor Chambers passed out excerpts from minutes of the January 28th meeting of the Council concerning the Knox Economic Development Commission. Greg Matt made a motion, seconded by Ron Parker to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were mailed to the Councilmembers prior to the meeting for their review. Greg Matt made a motion, seconded by Jeff Berg to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and NO (0) nays.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING - PLANNING GRANT

Mayor Chambers opened the public hearing concerning a planning grant for the City.

Emily Gross, Planning Grant Administrator from KIRPC explained that the City is applying for a planning grant of \$44,000.00. \$4,400.00 will come from a match from the City out of Edit Funds. The rest will come from the state from OCRA Funds. No one spoke against the grant application. Mayor Chambers closed the public hearing.

RE: RESOLUTION #901 - AUTHORIZING APPLICATION SUBMISSION AND LOCAL MATCH COMMITMENT

Don Kring made a motion, seconded by Greg Matt to approve Resolution #901 by title only. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RESOLUTION #901  
AUTHORIZING APPLICATION SUBMISSION AND LOCAL MATCH COMMITMENT

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOX, INDIANA AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE CDBG PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION TO THE INDIANA OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND RURAL AFFAIRS AND ADDRESSING RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Knox, Indiana recognizes the need to stimulate growth and to maintain a sound economy within its corporate limits: and

WHEREAS, the Housing a Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, authorizes the Indiana office of Community and Rural Affairs to provide grants to local units of government to meet the housing and community development needs of low-and moderate-income persons and/or the elimination of blight; and

WHEREAS, the City of Knox, Indiana has conducted or will conduct public hearings prior to the submission of an application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, said public hearings to assess the housing, public facilities and economic needs of its low-and moderate-income residents:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Knox, Indiana that:

1. The Mayor is authorized to prepare and submit an application for grant funding to address research, vision, and implementation of a comprehensive plan and to execute and administer a resultant grant including requisite general administration and project management, contracts and agreements pursuant to regulation of the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

2. The City of Knox, Indiana hereby commits the requisite local funds in the amount of four thousand four hundred dollars (\$4,400.00) in the form of (EDIT Funds), as matching funds for said program, such commitment to contingent upon receipt of CDBG funding from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Knox, Indiana this 11 day of February, 2014, at 7:00 PM CST.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rick Chambers, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeff Houston, Clerk-Treasurer

RE: FLOOD PLAIN ORDINANCE #1139 - 1ST READING

Mayor Chambers presented an update of the flood plain ordinance. City Attorney Matsey explained it is required by the DNR to make flood plain insurance available to people within the flood plain area. The current ordinance was #1072 and was adopted December 27, 2007.

Three main items were updated or changed in the new ordinance: (1) The Planning Commissioner is

designated as the Floodplain Administrator. (2) Penalties for violations have been increased from a maximum of \$500.00 to \$2,500.00. (3) The added requirement of submitting a form 81-31 form 81-65 upon completion of any construction within the floodplain area.

Greg Matt made a motion, seconded by Linda Berndt to approve Ordinance #1139, Flood Plain Revised by title only for first reading. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: INTERLOCAL FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT WITH JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Clerk-Treasurer Houston presented the new interlocal agreement for fire protection between Center Township and Jackson Township. A map with designated areas was attached. Ron Parker made a motion, seconded by Don Kring to approve the agreement. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: PLANNING COMMISSION - REVISED FEES - DISCUSSION

Mayor Chambers presented a list of revised fees approved by Planning Commission on December 3, 2013. They would amend Building Department fees listed in Ordinance #1102. A general discussion took place among the Councilmen on the proposed changes. City Attorney Matsey said he would incorporate them into the ordinance for the councilmen to consider.

RE: PLANNING COMMISSION - ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 1X, C-2 SECTION 8 - DISCUSSION

Mayor Chambers presented changes recommended by the planning commission to the regulations for outdoor sales and displays. A general discussion took place and councilmembers were asked to consider the changes recommended. No official vote was taken.

RE: PARKVIEW LOTS

City Attorney, Dave Matsey is working with the county to purchase five lots in the Parkview subdivision that are on the second tax sale. He is negotiating a price now of \$35.00 each. He would then have to proceed to obtain a deed. Greg Matt made a motion to proceed on the offer to the county, Ron Parker seconded it. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and NO (0) nays.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Houston said he has talked to Cintas about the possibility of having a shredding event this year, possibly in May during our annual clean up. The price would be \$600.00 instead of the \$800.00 that it cost the last two years. Greg Matt made a motion to schedule a day for a shredding event and hire Cintas for \$600.00. Motion was seconded by Linda Berndt. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

Clerk-Treasurer Houston explained the policy for write offs for running water to prevent freeze ups. All homes should run water until the City tells them not too.

IU Health facilities is sponsoring another "Day of Service" on May 30th. They will have volunteers come to the park and help in any way they can. IU Corporate officers will once again provide \$5,000.00 for equipment, repairs, etc.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chambers reported that the City received it's fifth load of salt for the year and we ordered the sixth. There is no more at the Burns Harbor terminal.

Mayor Chambers has been in contact with a company from South Bend about utilizing a grant to demolish a abandoned homes. The company would be involved with the initial phases such as obtaining descriptions of property and determining which ones were abandoned. He will have more information about it in the future.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Councilman Greg Matt said he would like to see the City offer insurance to home owners for their water and sewer lines.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (see Voucher Docket Book, Voucher #17983 - #18047 inclusive) were presented and approved.

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

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Rick Chambers, Mayor

Attest:

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Jeffery J. Houston, Clerk-Treasurer