

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session at the Knox City Hall at 7:00 PM CST on Tuesday, June 24, 2014 with the following members present: Mayor, Rick Chambers; Clerk-Treasurer, Jeff Houston; Councilmembers, Don Kring, Ron Parker, Jeff Berg, Linda Berndt and City Attorney, Dave Matsey. Councilmember, Greg Matt was absent.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were mailed to the Councilmembers prior to the meeting for their review. Mayor Chambers asked that the amount of an offer to sell 406 Giles Court to the City under the heading "Acquisition of Property" be changed from \$3,500.00 to \$6,500.00.

Linda Berndt made a motion, seconded by Don Kring to approve the minutes with that correction. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CITIZENS COMMENTS

Citizen Elizabeth Bratt came before the board to raise concerns about a property across the street from her that she would like cleaned up. Mayor Chambers said he has been notifying property owners of tall grass that needs to be cut and will continue to do so. The City is also seeking a grant to buy vacant property to clean it up. Mrs. Bratt said the property across from her has a partially torn down greenhouse. The Mayor said he will talk to the homeowner and see what their time line is.

RE: ORDINANCE #1148 - REMOVAL OF WEEDS AND RANK VEGETATION - 1ST READING

Mayor Chambers said the state has passed new laws that make it easier to get property owners to remove tall grass and rank vegetation. As a result, the local ordinance needs to be updated. The Mayor presented Ordinance #1148 for the council's consideration. After a short discussion of possible changes, Ron Parker made a motion, seconded by Don Kring to approve Ordinance #1148 on first reading by title only. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 2015 SALARY ORDINANCE #1147-1ST READING

Clerk-Treasurer Jeff Houston presented the 2015 Salary Ordinance #1147 to the council. He stated that it calls for a 3% raise and the reasons for requesting it.

Councilman Don Kring stated that a 3% across the board raise would cost the city quite a bit, especially for employees making over \$40,000.00 a year. Mayor Chambers asked that the Clerk-Treasurer see what the total cost of the raise would be to the City and suggested that perhaps a flat raise of, for instance \$500.00 a year would be appropriate. The council indicated that further discussion will take place during a later reading of the ordinance. Don Kring made a motion seconded by Ron Parker to approve Ordinance #1147 on first reading by title only. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: TRANSFER OF FUNDS - RESOLUTION #905

Clerk-Treasurer presented the following Transfer of Funds.

RESOLUTION #905
TRANSFER OF FUNDS

WHEREAS; The Clerk-Treasurer has advised the Common Council transfer of funds is now required in the General Fund for the payment of vouchers.

BE IT RESOLVED; by the Common Council of the City of Knox that the Clerk-Treasurer is hereby allowed and directed to make the following transfer of funds.

GENERAL FUND:

Mayor's Office	\$ 150.00 from 101002332-Postage, Travel
	\$ 150.00 to 101002336-Dues, Roundtable
Police Department	\$10,000.00 from 101005118-Patrolman
	\$ 5,000.00 to 101005119-P/T Patrolman
	\$ 5,000.00 to 101005120-Overtime
Plan Commission	\$ 610.00 from 101008332-Postage, Travel
	\$ 500.00 to 101008333-Pub Legal Notice
	\$ 110.00 to 101008444-Computer Software

Rick Chambers, Mayor

Attest:

Jeffery J. Houston, Clerk-Treasurer

Linda Berndt made a motion, seconded by Jeff Berg to approve Resolution #905. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

