

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

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were mailed to the Councilors prior to the meeting for their review. Linda Berndt made a motion, seconded by Jeff Berg to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: ELECTION OF 2015 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mayor Chambers opened the floor for nominations for 2015 Council President. Greg Matt made a motion to nominate Don Kring. Ron Parker seconded the motion. Jeff Berg nominated Linda Berndt. Motion died for lack of a second.

Don Kring being the only candidate with a nomination and second, a vote was taken naming him President of the Council for 2015. The vote was Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: COUNCILPERSON LINDA BERNDT ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION OF NOT STANDING FOR RE-ELECTION

Councilperson Linda Berndt announced that upon completion of this year of in office she will have completed 20 years of service. She thought this may be a good time to retire and let someone else come in. She announced she will not run for re-election. She said she looks forward to working this up coming year and expected to still get things done to make Knox a better place to live in and work in. She counted among her biggest accomplishments the construction of the Community Center and the construction of the lead Track at the Industrial Park.

RE: FIREWORKS DATE

A general discussion took place concerning what date to have the fireworks this year. July 4th falls on a Saturday this year. Don Kring made a motion seconded by Jeff Berg to table setting a date until the next meeting. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: DUMPSTER, SHREDDING, YARD SALE, ELECTRONICS, MAY 14, 15, 16 AND 17 DATES FOR 2015

Mayor Chambers said the dates for the free yard sale are Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday May 14, 15, 16 and 17 Dumpsters for clean up will be Friday Saturday and Sunday. The shredding event will be on Saturday. The electronics pick up day would also be Saturday.

Linda Berndt suggested that if the City is going to have a port-a-pit chicken fundraiser again it could be held during the yard sale event. Mayor Chambers said the Downtown Depot would also like to do another fundraiser for the fireworks, probably some time in June.

Greg Matt made the motion to accept the dates outlined for the events and to have the four day yard sale for free. Motion was seconded by Don Kring. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: DUMPSTER ORDINANCE #1150 - 2ND READING

Mayor Chambers passed out the new copies of Ordinance #1150 with comments included from the Planning Commission.

Don Kring noted that the Planning Commission thought the Ordinance should be more focused on roll-off boxes on public thoroughfares. City Attorney Matsey said the Ordinance was written to be very comprehensive with the thought that the Ordinance would be whittled down. A general discussion took place. Ron Parker made a motion, seconded by Don Kring to table the Ordinance until the next meeting. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: MAYOR AND COUNCIL 2015 APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Chambers presented the following list of appointments to the Council.

Mayors Appointments 2015

City Attorney	David Matsey
Street Superintendent	Jeff Borg
Water Superintendent	Todd Gardner
Waste Water Superintendent	Kelly Clemons
Park Superintendent	Mayor will check with the Park Department for their recommendation
Planning Commission Administrator	Bruce Williams
Police Chief	Clint Norem
Fire Chief	Ken Pfof
Animal Control	Cliff Shelhart
Ordinance Officer	Bruce Williams
Starke County Alcohol Beverage Board	William Gustafson
KIRP-C	Mayor Chambers
Starke County Economic Development Foundation	Mayor Chambers, Greg Matt
Starke County Visitors Association	Mayor Chambers
Starke County Environmental Management Commission	Mayor Chambers, Donald Kring
Knox Planning Commission	Chris Kisela (City Employee) (4 yr term 15 - 18)
Knox BZA	Chris Kisela (4 yr term 15-18)
Knox Park Board	Chris Marshall (Democrat) (4 yr term 15 - 18)

