

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session at the Knox City Hall on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 7:00 PM CST with the following members present: Mayor, Rick Chambers; Clerk-Treasurer, Jeff Houston; Councilmembers, Ron Parker, Linda Berndt, Jeff Berg, Greg Matt, Don Kring and City Attorney, Dave Matsey.

RE: AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

Don Kring made a motion seconded by Ron Parker to add item 5B as the sale offer of 406 Giles Court to the agenda. 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 Linda Berndt to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and NO (0) nays.

RE: CITIZENS COMMENTS - WOODS STARKE EVENT

Mary Bendt representing the Wood Starke Committee thanked the City of Knox for their help with the event. Everything was free on a total budget of \$400.00. The City donated \$200.00 toward the event and Century Link donated \$200.00. They are planning on doing another event next year. They would like to expand the kid area, but keep much of the event the same, such as: local music and artists, something for the kids and good clean fun for the whole family.

Mrs. Bendt gave the Mayor a card that he read out loud thanking the City, Parks and Schools for their assistance.

RE: USE OF COMMUNITY CENTER FOR SERVING FREE MEALS BY AREA CHURCHES

Mayor Chambers read aloud a letter from Debby McIntire representing the Knox United Methodist Church requesting the use of the Community Center once a week, year around for area Churches to offer a meal for those in need.

Chuck Bachelder, Minister from the Knox First Christian Church and a representative of the Ministerial Association explained how the free meals work at the First Christian Church. He stated that he did not know how many other Churches would be involved. He said the advantage of using the Community Center that it is a neutral territory for people that don't like to go to church. The Ministerial Alliance hasn't really been approached yet about being the umbrella agency for the City to deal with.

City Attorney Matsey stated that since this would be an on going event each Church would need a certificate of insurance for general liability naming the City as beneficiary. Clerk-treasurer Houston noted that so far this year about 18 events have taken place on Tuesdays in spite of that being the slowest day for bookings.

Debby McIntire will approach the Ministerial Alliance and return to the council next month. Councilman Greg Matt suggested perhaps making the girl scout cabin available as an alternative.

RE: SALE OFFER - 406 GILES COURT - DEZTINY BREESE

Mayor Chambers said he had talked to Deztiny Breese about the City buying the lot and trailer at 406 Giles Court. She offered to sell it for \$6,500.00 which the council rejected. Mrs. Breese has lowered her offer to \$4,500.00 with the city paying closing costs and demo costs for the trailer. The tax assessment shows the property is worth \$6,500.00. Councilman Matt said the trailer is just a liability. He wants to only pay \$2,500.00. The Mayor said Mrs. Breese can come back with another offer to the city at another time.

RE: APPROVAL OF CARRY OVER OF ANGIE JESUIT'S - 2 VACATION DAYS

Mayor Chambers said that Angie Jesuit in the City Court would like to carry over two vacation days. The department is short handed due to the absence of Monie Redlin. She is off work due to the illness of her husband. The Mayor noted that the City has done this before for the street department and police department for example.

Don Kring made a motion, seconded by Ron Parker to allow Mrs. Jesuit to carry over the two vacation days to the next year. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 2014 CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

Mayor Chambers said the funds are available for the Christmas decorating contest. He would like the Council to approve that expenditure. Greg Matt made a motion seconded by Don Kring to approve a \$100.00 first place award; \$50.00 for second place and \$25.00 for third place. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Houston reported the following items: The City has received its second and last police pension relief check of \$30,189.00. Dale Gottfried and Jennifer Morrin from Risk Management representing our liability insurance carrier, Hylant met with the Mayor and myself on September 17th. The City spends about \$40,000.00 a year on liability insurance. They toured City facilities and properties like the parks and reviewed hiring and employment practices. They were generally very happy with the progress the City has made over the last few years and will issue a report within a month.

The Clerk-Treasurer's office has begun to work with Umbaugh on the water re-bonding and rate study. We've provided them with detailed receipts and disbursements and we have received a

