

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session at The Knox City Hall on Tuesday September 24, 2013 at 7:00 PM CST with the following members present: Mayor, Rick Chambers; Clerk-Treasurer, Jeff Houston; Councilmembers, Greg Matt, Don Kring, Ron Parker, Jeff Berg and City Attorney, Dave Matsey; Councilmember, Linda Berndt was absent.

RE: UNSUNG HERO PRESENTATION CEREMONY

Mayor Chambers read the following nominating letter to the council and attending citizens:

August 20, 2013

Dear Mayor Chambers,

I would like to nominate Linda Lewandowski for the Unsung Hero/Random Act of Kindness award. Linda has given to the community in so many ways. She is currently the director of Kid's Closet Ministry, an organization that is run out of the North Judson Methodist Church, which gives needy families gently used clothing in need. She also organized back to school backpacks to families in need, and gave over 100 backpacks to families.

Besides her Kid's Closet Ministry, she has taught different age groups the gift of liturgical dance to all ages at NJUMC. In His Steps, Steps of Life, First Steps have performed at Belle Vita fund raisers, LOVE INC. fundraisers, the North Judson Mint Festival and the annual Christmas Eve service at NJUMC. (North Judson United Methodist Church)

Another ministry that she runs at NJUMC is Cool Christian Kids, where she teaches songs to children and has them perform during services at church. She is also the office manager at Norwayne Lumber, and helps her family out by helping them run Route 10 Bar and Grill in North Judson. Her inspiration to help others is why that I feel she needs to be nominated for the Unsung Hero award.

Sincerely,

Patty Lawson
Linda Lewandowski

Mayor Chambers read a proclamation proclaiming Unsung Hero's Week the week of September 22nd and presented Ms. Lewandowski with a proclamation plaque, t-shirt, and dance tickets.

Mayor Chambers opened the regular meeting. 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. Jeff Berg made a motion seconded by Greg Matt to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: ORDINANCE #1138 ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE RENTAL PROPERTY REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION FUND - 3RD AND FINAL READING

Greg Matt made a motion, seconded by Jeff Berg to approve Ordinance #1138 for third and final reading by title only. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays. Ordinance typed on page 437.

RE: ADOPTION OF 2014 BUDGET - RESOLUTION #896

Clerk-Treasurer Houston presented Resolution #896, the 2014 budget to the council. Greg Matt made a motion, seconded by Jeff Berg to approve Resolution #896 by title only. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Houston reported that the close out for the patrol car grant will take place Thursday morning.

RE: CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney, Dave Matsey, reported that he had contacted Marty Lucas, Attorney for the Starke County Commissioners about the jail water line project.

Mr. Lucas drew up a memorandum of understanding detailing the City and County responsibilities concerning the project. The City Attorney said he only recently received it and had not reviewed the document yet. The County will pay the contractor directly except for the two alternate bids. No discount will be given on the water usage.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chambers reported that the City has received the salt bid for the streets and the price has dropped about \$4.00 a ton to about \$48.50 a ton.

The City has had some issues with the Farmers market and may move it next year to the area across from the depot.

The Mayor is also thinking of charging each vendor a fee and having them register with the City.

Lift station project has been started. Sewer, Water and Nipsco lines are not located where they are supposed to be, but the project is moving along. Some dewatering will also need to be

