

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

done.

The demolition project for 2 and 4 North Main has begun. It will take about three days to complete the work. The building to the north will be sealed on the South side to complete the project.

Grass has been planted at the laundromat property and water is available.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Councilman Greg Matt suggested that electricity be run underground to each pine tree on the old laundromat property for lights at Christmas. The Mayor said he is having Warner Electric look at the situation and give the City a quote.

Don Kring asked if people don't comply with City Ordinances on rental registrations and inspections they will be penalized. The Mayor said that that is the intent.

Greg Matt mentioned that there is still a problem with people parking their autos on sidewalks. The Mayor said about a half dozen tickets were written to violators after the last council meeting.

Councilman Matt asked about what is happening at Marsh Manor. The Mayor said the City has sent a letter to the owner to cease and desist and to board the building back up. City Attorney Matsey said the City will have to start condemnation procedures over again and that there is a problem of who exactly holds the title to the building.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (see Voucher Docket Book, Voucher #17259 - #17319 inclusive) were presented and approved.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time the meeting upon motion was duly adjourned.

RE: ORDINANCE #1138 - ESTABLISH THE RENTAL PROPERTY REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION FUND

ORDINANCE #1138

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOX,
INDIANA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE III, BY ADDING SECTION 2-124
TO THE KNOX MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH THE
RENTAL PROPERTY REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION FUND

WHEREAS, the City of Knox, Indiana, assesses fees for rental property registrations and inspections; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code Section 36-1-20-3 requires that said fees must be maintained in a special fund dedicated solely to reimbursing the costs reasonably related to the services actually performed by the City that justified the imposition and amount of the fees; and

whereas, the Council desires to creat said fund;

NOW BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOS, INDIANA, TO WIT:

SECTION 1. That Article III of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Knox, Indiana, is hereby amended by adding Section 2-124 to read as follows:

Sec. 1-124. Rental Property Registration and Inspection Fund

- (a) There is hereby established a rental property registration and inspection fund for the puppose of depositing and accounting for rental property registration and inspection fees.
- (b) The rental property registration and inspection fund shall be used solely for the collection of fees and reimbursing the costs reasonably related to the services actually performed by the City that justified the imposition and amount of the fees.
- (c) The rental property registration and inspection fund is a dedicated fund and the monies shall not at any time revert to any other City fund.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall become effective and be in full force and effect after its passage and approval by the Mayor and upon its publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Knox, Indiana, this 24 day of September, 2013.

Greg Matt, President

Jeff Berg

Linda Berndt

Donald Kring

Ron Parker

Attest: _____
Jeffery J. Houston, Clerk-Treasurer

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Knox, Indiana, on this 24 day of September, 2013, at 7:00 PM.

Attest:

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED by me this 24 day of Septembet, 2013.

Rick Chambers, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jeffery J. Houston, Clerk-Treasurer

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