

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session at the Knox City Hall on Tuesday July 9th at 7:00 PM CST with the following members present: Rick Chambers, Mayor; Jeffery Houston, Clerk-Treasurer; Greg Matt, Linda Berndt, Jeff Berg, Ron Parker, Don Kring, Councilmembers; and Dave Matsey, City Attorney.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS 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 Don Kring to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 2014 SALARY ORDINANCE #1137 - 3RD AND FINAL READING

Greg Matt made a motion, seconded by Jeff Berg to approve 2014 Salary Ordinance #1137 for third and final reading by title only. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

The Clerk-Treasurer reported that his department is working on the budget. Auditors are in and examining the books. There is presently in addition to the regular audit a federal audit because the City received over \$500,000.00 in federal grant money in 2012. There is also an Internal Revenue Department audit of the 2006 Toll Brothers revenue bonds being conducted.

RE: CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Matsey reported that he was working with Starke County Economic Development Director Charlie Weaver and the bond Council ICE Miller on the Bond Audit. He also has contacted Charlie Pride with State Board of Accounts to ascertain what to do with the NIPSCO lease for their office space at the annex building. The space will need to be advertised and bid out.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chambers gave the following 2013 Fireworks Financial Report.

2013 Fireworks Financial Report

| <u>INCOME</u> | | <u>EXPENSES</u> | |
|-----------------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| Donations | \$2,270.00 | Mad Bomber | \$7,800.00 |
| Vendor Fees | \$ 275.00 | Port A John's | \$ 300.00 |
| Fish Fry Profit | \$ 857.32 | The Market | \$ 114.24 |
| Chicken Profit | \$1,451.60 | The Leader | \$ 81.00 |
| Gate Fees | \$2,452.65 | | |
| Total Income | \$7,306.57 | Total Expense | \$8,295.24 |

Total Loss: -\$988.67

The 800 block of South Pearl Street has experienced a small sink hole. It will be repaired on Wednesday.

The old laundromat is scheduled to be down by the end of July.

The Mayor issued a letter on July 3rd for the homeowner of the corner of Portland and Lafayette to remove the shrubs.

The Mayor told the Council he had relayed to the police their concerns about illegal parking and curfew violations.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Councilmember Ron Parker said he would like to have a budget work session.

Don Kring asked about the 2 and 4 N. Main Street property. The Mayor told him the demolition has to be re-bid. Since asbestos was detected, the project will now fall under Davis Bacon rates. There will be a 90 day time limit after the award is made for the buildings to come down. Councilman Kring said he would like to see additional parking put in where the buildings are.

It was noted that work should begin on the Claybaugh Lift Station by August 1st.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (see Voucher Docket Book, Voucher #16878 - #16959 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.


Rick Chambers, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jeffery J. Houston, Clerk-Treasurer