

June 11, 2013

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session at the Knox City Hall on Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. CST with the following members present: Mayor Rick Chambers, Council Members Linda Berndt, Jeff Berg, Ron Parker and Donald Kring; Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Shari Spaid and City Attorney David Matsey. Council Member Greg Matt and Clerk-Treasurer Jeff Houston were absent.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

Minutes of the previous meeting were mailed to the council members prior to meeting. Council Member Berndt made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Motion was second by Council Member Parker and was passed by a vote of Four (4) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: NIPSCO LEASE - ANNEX BUILDING

Mayor Chambers was in touch with Nipsco but they did not get back with him because their council was on vacation. He told them to write up a lease and send it back to him. They would like a 48 month lease and for the same price they are paying now which is \$200.00 per month.

RE: STOP SIGN - WASHINGTON AND EAST STREET - RESOLUTION #893

Mayor Chambers read the following resolution to the council for their consideration:

RESOLUTION #893

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FOUR WAY STOP SIGNS
AT THE INTERSECTION OF WASHINGTON
STREET AND EAST STREET**

WHEREAS, it has been presented to the Common Council of the City of Knox, Indiana, that a hazardous traffic situation exists at the intersection of Washington Street and East Street; and

WHEREAS, there are currently stop signs only on Washington Street at the intersection of East Street; and

WHEREAS, There has been a change in student drop off at the adjoining school, adding to concerns for vehicular and pedestrian safety; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Knox, Indiana, deems it necessary and the interests of improved traffic flow and pedestrian safety to erect four way stop signs at said intersection;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOX, INDIANA, TO WIT:

It is determined and ordered by the Common Council of the City of Knox, that four way stop signs be erected at the intersection of Washington Street and East Street, in such a manner as to require all traffic approaching said intersection from all four directions to stop before entering said intersection. The City Council does hereby authorize and direct the installation and maintenance of stop signs at said intersection. The enforcement of this traffic control regulation shall not become effective until said stop signs have been posted at said intersection.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Knox, Indiana this 11th day of June, 2013.

JEFF BERG
Councilmember

LINDA BERNDT
Councilmember

DONALD KRING
Councilmember

GREG MATT, PRESIDENT
Knox Common Council

RON PARKER
Councilmember

ATTEST:

JEFF HOUSTON, CLERK-TREASURER

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Knox, Indiana, on this 11th day of June, 2013, at

JEFF HOUSTON, CLERK-TREASURER

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED by me this 11th day of June, 2013.

RICK CHAMBERS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JEFF HOUSTON, CLERK-TREASURER

Council Member Kring made a motion to approve Resolution #893 as presented. Motion was second by Council Member Berg and was passed by a vote of Four (4) Ayes and NO (0) Nays.

RE: 2014 SALARY ORDINANCE #1137 - FIRST READING

Mayor Chambers presented Ordinance #1137 to the council for their consideration. The ordinance represents a 3% raise from last year. A question was asked about the city council salary where it is listed under General, Water and Sewer Operating funds. Under each fund states "5 @ \$3,732.00 each" totaling \$6,221.00. It should read "5 @ \$1,244.20" equaling \$6,221.00. Also under Plan Commission Board Members it states "6 @ \$491.00 each" equaling \$3,034.00 and the BZA members states "3 @ \$491.00 each" equaling \$1,517.00. It should state "6 @ \$505.66" equaling \$3,034.00 and "3 @ \$505.66" equaling \$1,517.00

After a short discussion was held, Councilmember Kring made a motion to pass 2014 Salary Ordinance #1137 on the first reading with corrections made. Motion was second by Council Member Berndt and was passed with a vote of Four (4) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: CITIZENS COMMENTS

Phillip and Sandra Shepherd appeared before the council stating they had purchased a building permit in August of 2012 for an addition to a pole barn. He paid \$192.00 for the permit and feels that he was overcharged. The Mayor will talk to the building inspector and have him pull information on that permit and check it out. He questioned City Attorney Matsey whether this would be a plan commission matter. Attorney Matsey said that the city council set the rates and fees. Check to see if he was charged the correct rate first and go from there.

RE: ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Attorney Matsey is working on the overtime and comp time policy and harassment policy.

Contract has been signed for the lift stateion.

Attorney Matsey recommended the city put stop sign Resolution #893 in ordinance book under schedule of stop signs so that when the city police issues a ticket for that stop sign the city will get the revenue from that ticket instead of the state.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT FYI

Annex building has been painted.

Street pavers will be here Thursday and Friday.

Recycling days are this weekend at the county garage.

Mayor Chambers had put together a policy regarding renting of the Community Center sign and has showed it to the city attorney. The city attorney has looked at other city policies on renting signs and concluded that is may be more hassle that it is worth. This topic will be coming up at the municipal lawyers' conference next week regarding advertising on city property.

Fireworks donations are coming in.

Opening on the park board has been filled by Autumn Ferch.

Jim Shilling has contacted the mayor again about turning depot property over to the city. Mayor suggested to the council to form a committee to look at agreement and work something out and have a meeting with the Historical Society.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Council Member Kring asked if the city has donated \$500.00 for a sign for the Farmer's Market. Park Superintendent George Byer stated that they have a sign to put up.

Also Council Member Kring asked if there was a fee to get in to the market. Mayor said there is no fee to get in. City pays for their advertisement. Someone approached him regarding the railroad tracks on U.S. 35. Mayor said he sent an e-mail to the local workers to find out who to contact about it.

Council Member Berg asked about street light out at John and Heaton Street. Mayor said he has turned it in to Nipsco.

Council Member Berndt asked the mayor if he has sent a letter to IU Health to thank them for what they did. He said he has been working on it and it is on City Council letterhead.

The following properly filed vouchers (See Voucher Docket Book, Voucher #16719 through 16822 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.

Attest:

Shari Spaid, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Rick Chambers, Mayor