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The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session at the Knox City Hall at 7:00 PM CST on Tuesday February 10, 2015 with the following members present: Mayor, Rick Chambers; Clerk-Treasurer, Jeff Houston; Councilmembers, Don Kring, Ron Parker, Greg Matt, Jeff Berg, Linda Berndt and City Attorney, Dave Matsey.

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. Greg Matt requested correction of a typographical error. Greg Matt made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Linda Berndt seconded the motion. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: FOURWAY INTERNET CONTRACT - DISCUSSION

Mayor Chambers told the Council that Fourway wants to execute a contract with the City concerning the placement of antenna on the water towers. Water Superintendent Todd Gardner is out of town and hasn't been able to go over the contract with the City Attorney. It will be put back on the next agenda for the council to consider.

RE: 2015 FIREWORKS CONTRACT

Mayor Chambers presented a contract with Mad Bomber Fireworks Productions for the 3rd of July fireworks display. The cost will be \$8,000.00.

Clerk-Treasurer Houston noted that the City has appropriated funds for 2015 in the following amounts: Special Events \$2,543.00, Riverboat - \$3,500.00 and Board of Works - \$2,200.00 for a total of \$8,243.00, plus whatever we can collect with the fundraiser.

Greg Matt made a motion, seconded by Jeff Berg to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: DUMPSTER ORDINANCE #1150 - 2ND READING

A general discussion took place concerning Dumpster Ordinance #1150. Some of the council thought the ordinance should only concern dumpsters on public right of ways.

Linda Berndt made a motion seconded by Greg Matt to approve Ordinance #1150 on 2nd reading as presented. Motion passed with Three (3) ayes and Two (2) nays. The vote was as follows: Linda Berndt, yea; Jeff Berg, yea; Greg Matt, yea; Don Kring, nay; Ron Parker, nay.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Houston supplied the council with the fund report as well as income and expense spread sheets for the Gateway property, Girl Scout Cabin and Community Center. He discussed with the council several notable expenses at the facilities including water bills, maintenance and insurance.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chambers reported that the county formed a 911 committee to discuss municipal entities contributing to the police dispatch costs. The Mayor handed out a sheet detailing the cost and benefits for an average 911 dispatcher and a sheet of population totals for the city towns and townships in the county.

The next meeting with Green 3 on the comprehensive plan will be Wednesday at 5:30 PM February 25 in the council chambers to review and discuss the draft of the plan Friday March 6th is the Blue Grass Jam at the Community Center. Wednesday March 18th will be the Public Hearing for the Blight Elimination Plan Grant at 1:00 PM. Four or Five homes have been added to the list in case some of the other homes aren't eligible.

A public hearing will be held March 24th for the Green 3 Grant at 5:30. There will be a Harvest Festival Committee meeting on February 11th.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Linda Berndt discussed with the rest of the council donating money to the High School Serenity Gardens Project.

Greg Matt asked about the Elvis Cole property on Heaton Street being an eye sore. Mayor Chambers said that Bruce Williams, the Mayor and City Attorney are scheduled to hold a meeting to discuss possible condemnation.

Jeff Berg asked if the Mayor had received anything back from Mike Essling, the safety coordinator for the railroad. The Mayor said no, but he was under the impression that nothing can be done until spring. The City Attorney said a tort claim can be filed against the railroad if a vehicle is damaged.

Don Kring said some dirt needs to be spread at the road cuts on Lake Street.

Don Kring asked about how the towing rotation is done. The Mayor said if a car needs to be towed and its not an emergency the driver can call whoever they want. Councilman Kring said some business owners were complaining that they were not being included in the rotation. Mayor Chambers said he would supply him with a list of the vendors on the rotation.

