The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session at the Knox City Hall at 7:00 PM CST on Tuesday December 23, 2014 with the following members present: Mayor, Rick chambers; Clerk-Treasurer, Jeff Houston; Councilmembers, Don Kring, Ron Parker, Jeff Berg, Linda Berndt and City Attorney, Dave Matsey. Councilmember, Greg Matt was absent.

RE: AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

Don Kring made a motion, seconded by Linda Berndt to add Century Link permit application to the agenda. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were mailed to the councilmembers prior to the meeting for their review. Ron Parker made a motion seconded by Jeff Berg to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: CITIZENS COMMENTS

Steve Dodge from the Planning commission said that the organization would like to have some input on the new dumpster ordinance. They don't meet again until January.

RE: CENTURY LINK PERMIT FOR BURIED TELEPHONE FACILITIES

Mayor Chambers presented a permit for the placement of telephone cable and associated infrastructure underground. The placement will be from Main and Claybaugh to 318 Culver Road. The agreement indemnifies the City against any claims. Also provided was a map of the areas affected. Don Kring made a motion, seconded by Ron Parker to approve the permit as presented. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays. A copy of the agreement is on file in the Clerk-Treasurers office.

RE: DUMPSTER ORDINANCE #1150 - 2ND READING

Mayor Chambers reported that he sent letters to Four (4) homeowners letting them know that the dumpster ordinance was being considered. No one that was notified was in attendance. Citizen Mary Bendt noted that she was confused as to which parts of the ordinance referred to "public property" and which parts referred to "private property".

A general discussion took place concerning time limits and fencing around permanent dumpsters.

Jeff Berg made a motion, seconded by Ron Parker to table Ordinance #1150. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: RENTAL PROPERTY ORDINANCE #1151

City Attorney, Dave Matsey, said he checked with Jody Woods and is still doing research on what needs to be in the rental registration ordinance. He is still working on it and will come back with a re-written ordinance.

RE: TRANSFER OF FUNDS - RESOLUTION #910

Clerk-Treasurer, Jeff Houston, presented Resolution #910 Transfer of Funds to the council.

RESOLUTION #910
TRANSFER OF FUNDS

WHEREAS; the Clerk-treasurer has advised the Common Council a transfer of funds in now required in the General, Motor Vehicle Highway and Park and Recreation, CEDIT and the Nancy J. Dembowski Community Center Fund for the payment of vouchers.

BE IT RESOLVED; by the Common Council of the City of Knox that the Clerk-Treasurer is hereby allowed and directed to make the following transfer of funds.

GENERAL FUND:

Clerk-Treasurer	19.31	from 101001336-Repairs
	19.31	to 101001332-Postage, Travel, Telephone
City Judge	200.00	from 101004114-Judge Pro-tem
	318.86	from 101004221-Office Supplies
	950.00	from 101004331-Pauper Attorney
	71.41	from 101004336-Repairs
	1,300.00	to 101004113-Bailiff
	240.27	to 101004332-Telephone, Postage
Police Department	514.84	from 101005118-Patrolman
	514.84	to 101005120-Overtime
Board of Works	700.00	from 101007315-Codification of Ord
	700.00	to 101007132-Perf City Share
Plan Commission	450.00	to 101008117-Building Inspector
	450.00	from 101008221-Office Supply

MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY FUND:

MVH	727.00	from	201009114-Labor
	3,183.00	from	201009120-Overtime
	803.90	from	201009222-Gas, tires, Other
	2,000.00	to	201009111-Superintendent
	1,610.00	to	201009112-Labor
	300.00	to	201009113-Labor
	700.00	to	201009132-Perf City Share
	103.90	to	201009234- Gravel & Sand

PARK AND RECREATION FUND:

Park Department	140.98	from	216010301-Contractual
	140.98	to	216010332-Postage, Telephone

FUND TO FUND:

CEDIT	15,000.00	from	330001339-Grant Matches
	5,000.00	from	330001408-Building Demolition
KCCOM	20,000.00	to	237010000-Nancy J. Dembowski Community Center

Rick Chambers, Mayor

Attest: Jeffery J. Houston, Clerk-Treasurer

Jeff Berg made a motion seconded by Don Kring to approve Resolution #910 by title only. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: ENCUMBRANCES - RESOLUTION #911

Clerk-Treasurer, Jeff Houston, presented Resolution #911 to the Council.

RESOLUTION #911
ENCUMBER FUNDS FROM 2014 TO 2015

PARK AND RECREATION FUND:

PR	3,335.62	from	216010446-Picnic Tables (The Cary Company)

Rick Chambers, Mayor

Attest: Jeffery J. Houston, Clerk-Treasurer

Linda Berndt made a motion, seconded by Ron Parker to approve Resolution #911 by title only. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Houston reported filing eleven liens with the County Auditor for unpaid utility bills.

The re-bonding process for the water bonds has been postponed until mid January. John Julian with Umbaugh and Associates thinks the interest rates will be more favorable at that time.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chambers said he is presently the appointed representative on the K-IRPC board. Since no one objected to his re-appointment, he will remain on that board.

Don Kring told the Council that Greg Matt would like to remain on the SCEDF. Linda made a motion seconded by Ron Parker to re-appoint him to that board. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

On the Knox Redevelopment Commission the Council appointments are Ollie Lockridge and Jim Collins. The Mayor will check with them to see if the wish to remain on the board.

The Knox Economic Development. The Mayor will check to see who needs to make that appointment. They did not meet this last year.

The Knox school is working with Charlie Weaver and Ed Buswell at K-IRPC on a grant for the Serenity Gardens project. The Mayor has also talked to Jerry White from K-IRPC and he told the Mayor the only grants available for that kind of project would be a 50/50 grant. They are working on raising money now by selling bricks and asking for donations to the project.

The street department has been working on the eight lots that the City bought in the Parkview area. They have hauled out nine loads of brush. The water department will check on lines in the area and the park department may also need to cut some of the brush on their side of the properly.

A fire hydrant was struck and had to be repaired at a cost of $500.00 in parts, plus labor. The police are looking for the culprit. City Attorney Matsey noted that the City should keep track of all the associated costs in case the person is caught so the city can seek restitution.

The water department is working on a list of things they would like for next year. The Mayor wants Umbaugh to do an audit of the department. The City is looking at a grant next year. The City may replace lines on the East side of town down Washington and Lake and tie them into John Street.

The Mayor would bring back a contract for the Council to consider between the City and Umbaugh. Instead of a Senior Citizens discount Umbaugh suggested lowering the minimum to 2,000 gallons for people who use smaller amounts.

The Mayor noted that he recently caught a person putting bags of garbage in the recycle fin. He is checking into filing charges against her.

The street department completed their report to the state. They hauled out 308 tons of leaves grass and garden waste this year and 218 dump trucks of brush.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Jeff Berg brought up the rough railroad crossing on Heaton Street. He said he had been in contact with Mike Essling the INDOT safety coordinator.

Norfolk Southern representatives have been notified also. The council was concerned about safety and possible damage to vehicles due to the rough condition. The Mayor said that INDOT and Norfolk Southern will be working together to help repair the crossing.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (see Voucher Docket, Voucher #19544 - #19619) were presented and approved.

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

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Rick Chambers, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jeffery J. Houston, Clerk-Treasurer