The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session at the Knox City Hall at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, November 10, 2014 with the following members present: Rick Chambers, Mayor; Donald Kring, Greg Matt, Linda Berndt, Jeff Berg and Ron Parker, Council Members; Shari Spaid, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, David Matsey, City Attorney. Following proceedings were had to wit:

There were no amendments to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were mailed to the council members prior to the meeting for their review. Council Member Matt made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Motion was second by Council Member Berg and was passed by a vote of Five (5) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: LAKE AND MAIN STREET PROJECT - KNOX HIGH SCHOOL

John Poindexter and Dr. Ratliff principal of Knox High School came before the council to ask permission from the city council if they could use the empty lot on the northeast corner of Lake and Main Street to do a make over of the property. Thirty three English class students are into their career readiness segment of their class. Normally they do this segment on paper and computers. They wanted to do a hands-on project and suggested the lot on Lake and Main. Mr. Poindexter presented a rough draft showing some the ideas they had. They will be raising funds, one being to sell bricks to have names, logos, or business, etc. engraved on them for $30.00 per brick to be used in constructing a sidewalk on the property. The project will begin after the snow melts and will be finished before the end of the school year.

After a discussion was held Council Member Parker made a motion to allow the Knox High School students to proceed with plans to do a make over on the northeast corner of Lake and Main Street. Motion was second by Council Member Matt and was passed by a vote of Five (5) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: BARBARA SHA COX - MANURE STORAGE

Barbara Sha Cox and her husband from Wayne County came before the council with a presentation making them aware of a problem in some areas of the state with storage of manure by farmers. The have had a particular problem in their area with the soil, lakes and the air being contaminated because of improper storage of manure with no oversight by IDEM. They did not have a proper ordinance in place to protect them. She and her husband are working with the state and going around to different counties and towns to make them aware of this problem. After discussion was held there was no action taken at this time.

RE: COMMUNITY CENTER USAGE BY AREA CHURCHES

Mayor Chambers informed the council that he has talked to Debbie McIntire. She is not ready to move forward on the project as she only has two churches participating at this point. She will be in contact with City Attorney Matsey when she is ready to proceed.

RE: DUMPSTER ORDINANCE - DISCUSSION

Mayor Chambers sent some of his thoughts and ideas on the dumpster ordinance to the council members. After a short discussion Mayor Chambers stated that after the city attorney gets an ordinance together, it will be presented to the council and discussed in more detail.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

The report for receipts, disbursements and balances for the month of October, 2014 was presented to the council for their information.

RE: CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Matsey is working out a contract with our internet service providers Four-way Communications to rent our two water towers to put antennas on them for internet service.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chambers informed the council that they are going to wait until the first of the year when the new sheriff is in office to proceed with swat team agreement.

Starke County Environmental Management has just signed a new 3 year contract with Key Waste. We will be getting new recycling dumpsters behind city hall building. The current bins are twenty yards. The new bins will be thirty yards with doors on both sides. When front is full there are doors on the other side and plenty of room left. New camera system will be installed because of the problem with garbage being dumped in them.

Starke County Economic Development Christmas party will be held Friday, December 19.

The project on 300 E. is still on schedule. 300 E. will be closed between Pacific and Culver Road for the next week to 10 days. It is open between Pacific to SR 8. Final pavement will not be completed until spring because of the winter weather closing in on them.

The water department is still working on Lake Street. They are putting in a new 2 inch storm water line and a new water line.

The mayor attended a Mayor's Conference in LaPorte today with our local state legislators. Some of the things they talked about were the TIF district and road taxes.

The Greentree Group will be back on November 19 for the comprehensive planning. There will be a meeting at the Community Center that evening at 6:00 P.M.

COUNCIL ITEMS

Council Member Matt asked about the stop light at Culver Road and Main Street. Mayor Chambers stated that he has not heard form Michiana Electronics yet.

Council Member Matt said that there was no crossing guard this afternoon at the school. Mayor said he will check it out.

Council Member Berg congratulated WKVI for being awarded radio station of the year market 3.

VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (See Voucher Docket, Voucher #19298-19373) 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:_____
Shari Spaid, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer