

The Common council of the City of Knox met in regular session at the Knox City Hall on Tuesday August 27, 2013 at 7:00 PM CST with the following members present: Mayor, Rick Chambers; Clerk-Treasurer, Jeff Houston; Councilmembers, Greg Matt, Don Kring, Jeff Berg, Linda Berndt and City Attorney, Dave Matsey, Councilmember, Ron Parker was absent.

RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Don Kring made a motion seconded by Linda Berndt to add the following items to the agenda: Ordinance #1138 Establishing a Rental Property Registration and Inspection Fund as item 5-A; Resolution #894 Authorizing Submittal of CDBG Application for Housing Grant as item 5-B; and Approval of Purchase of Steve Dodge Property as item 5-C. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous regular meeting were mailed to the councilmembers prior to the meeting for their review. Don Kring made a motion to strike "tree cutting" and insert "when possible" in the minutes under Council Items. Motion was seconded by Linda Berndt. Motion passed with Three (3) ayes and No (1) nay, that being Greg Matt.

Don Kring made a motion, seconded by Linda Berndt to approve the minutes as amended. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

Minutes of the Special Meeting held on August 20th were mailed to the Councilmembers prior to the meeting for their review. Linda Berndt made a motion seconded by Greg Matt to approve the Special Meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: BRIAN SPAULDING REPRESENTING CONGRESSWOMAN JACKI WALORSKI'S OFFICE

Brian Spaulding, a representative from Congresswoman Jacki Walorski's office introduced himself to the Council. He said that he had come to listen to the proceedings and inform the Council that a representative from Walorski's office is available the last Monday of each month in the Commissioners Meeting room at the Courthouse from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

RE: CITIZENS COMMENTS

Samantha Mattes came before the Council to inquire about the awarding of the bid for pest control for the City. Mayor Chambers said he has not awarded the contract yet because he is still going over the proposals. He said a decision will be made by the end of the year.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING - 2014 BUDGET

Mayor Chambers opened the public hearing for the 2014 budget. Clerk-Treasurer Houston explained that the budget was advertised with about a 3% increase and the state will only allow about 2.6%, so further cuts will have to take place after the state gets done receiving it. He explained that the Council could cut or keep the budget the same at this point, but not increase it.

No public comments were offered, and after explaining specifics of the budget the Mayor closed the hearing.

RE: ORDINANCE #1138 ESTABLISHING A RENTAL PROPERTY REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION FUND

Clerk-Treasurer Houston explained that the Indiana Code has recently been changed and now requires a dedicated fund to have all monies received deposited into. The fund can only be used for the administration of the plan commission and is a non-reverting fund. Don Kring made a motion, seconded by Greg Matt to approve Ordinance #1138 by title only on first reading. Motion passed with Four (4) aye and No (0) nays.

RE: RESOLUTION #894 - AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF CDBG APPLICATION FOR HOUSING GRANT

Linda Berndt made a motion, seconded by Greg Matt to approve Resolution #894. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: PURCHASE OF TWO PARKVIEW PROPERTIES FROM STEVE DODGE

Mayor Chambers said a committee from the Council met with Mr. Dodge and worked out a deal for the City to purchase two properties from Mr. Dodge for \$5,000.00. A title search has been completed and taxes will be pro-rated up until the time of sale. The property will then have a to be recorded at the courthouse.

Greg Matt made a motion seconded by Jeff Berg to purchase the two properties out of riverboat revenue. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Houston reported that the audit was complete and an exit conference was held with the Clerk-Treasurer, Mayor and President of the Council. Results will be posted on the Knox web site.

The patrol car grant will have to be spent on a 2014 auto instead of 2013 because no more 2013's ARE AVAILABLE. The City will have to spend an additional \$300.00 for the newer model.

RE: CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Matsey reported that he is working with Charlie Weaver of the Starke County

