

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session at the Knox City Hall on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. CST with the following members present: Rick Chambers, Mayor; Linda Berndt, Donald Kring, Greg Matt and Ron Parker, Council Members; Shari Spaid, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer; Dave Matsey, City Attorney. Council Member Jeff Berg was absent. The following proceedings were had to wit:

There were no amendments to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Copies of the previous meeting's minutes were sent to the council members prior to meeting for their review. Council Member Berndt made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Motion was second by Council Member Matt and was passed by a vote of Four (4) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: TOLL BROTHERS TAX ABATEMENT

Charles Weaver from the Starke County Economic Development Foundation presented to the council form CF-1 Statement of Benefits for their approval. After a short discussion and reviewing form CF-1 the council found that Toll Brothers was in substantial compliance. Motion was made by Council Member Matt to approve Form CF-1 Statement of Benefits for Toll Brothers. Motion was second by Council Member Parker and was passed by a vote of Four (4) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: SERENITY PARK - LAKE & MAIN - GAZEBO

Mr White came to the council with a presentation on different types of gazebos for Serenity Park. He is working along with Charlie Weaver on this project. After discussion was had the council agreed on the 16 foot cement block gazebo with a steel roof for \$4,995.00. Council Member Parker made a motion to donate \$3,000.00 towards the gazebo out of Riverboat Revenue Fund. Motion was second by Council Member Kring and was passed by a vote of Four (4) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: RESOLUTION #912 - AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF THE WDW APPLICATION TO OCRA/APPROVAL OF MATCHING FUNDS FROM EDIT

Mayor Chambers presented and read the following resolution to the council:

**RESOLUTION #912
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOX, INDIANA, AUTHORIZING
THE SUBMITTAL OF THE WDW APPLICATION TO THE INDIANA OFFICE OF COMMUNITY
AND RURAL AFFAIRS AND ADDRESSING RELATED MATTERS**

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Knox, Indiana recognizes the need to stimulate growth and to maintain a sound economy within its corporate limits; and

WHEREAS, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, authorizes the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs to provide grants to local units of government to meet the housing and community development needs of low and moderate income persons; and

WHEREAS, the City of Knox, Indiana has conducted or will conduct public hearings prior to the submission of an application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, said public hearings to assess the housing, public facilities and economic needs of its low and moderate income residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Knox, Indiana that:

1. The Mayor is authorized to prepare and submit an application for grant funding to address water system improvements, and to execute and administer a resultant grant including requisite general administration and project management, contracts and agreements pursuant to regulations of the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

2. The City of Knox, Indiana Hereby commits the requisite local funds in the amount of eighty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$87,500), in the form of cash from the city's EDIT Fund, as matching funds for said program, such commitment to be contingent upon receipt of WDW funding from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the common Council of the City of Knox, Indiana, this 14th day of April, 2015

ATTEST:

Jeffery Houston, Clerk-Treasurer

DONALD KRING, PRESIDENT
Common Council, City of Knox

JEFF BERG
Councilmember

LINDA BERNDT
Councilmember

RON PARKER
Councilmember

GREG MATT
Councilmember

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Knox, Indiana, on this 14th day of April, 2015 at 7:30 P.M.

JEFF HOUSTON, CLERK-TREASURER

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED by me this 14th day of April, 2015

ATTEST:

JEFF HOUSTON, CLERK-TREASURER

RICK CHAMBERS, MAYOR
CITY OF KNOX, INDIANA

After discussion was held Councilmember Matt made a motion to approve Resolution #912 as presented. Motion was second by Council Member Parker and was passed by a vote of Four (4) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: RESOLUTION #913 - AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT/ROTATION TOWING CONTRACT

Mayor Chambers presented and read the following resolution to the council:

**RESOLUTION #913
A RESOLUTION APPROVING ROTATIONAL
TOWING AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING
MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the City of Knox, Indiana has elected to use a rotation basis for towing and storage services in the city;

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

The Agreement between the City of Knox, Indiana, and various towing and storage companies attached hereto, for vehicle towing and storage services is hereby approved and the Mayor is authorized to execute same on behalf of the City of Knox, Indiana

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Knox, Indiana this 14th day of April, 2015.

ATTEST:

DONALD KRING, PRESIDENT
Common Council, City of Knox

JEFF HOUSTON, CLERK-TREASURER

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RICK CHAMBERS, MAYOR
CITY OF KNOX, INDIANA

Mayor Chambers stated that he is still waiting for Steve Hauser's Signature on the contract.

After discussion was held Council Member Parker made a motion to approve Resolution #913 authorizing the mayor to enter into towing agreement. Motion was passed by Council Member Berndt and was passed by a vote of Four (4) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: RESOLUTION # 914 - APPROVAL OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Mayor Chambers stated that he will get a copy of the Comprehensive Plan for the council to look at before approval of Resolution #914. Motion was made by Council Member Kring to table approval of Resolution #914 for now. Motion was second by Council Member Parker and was passed by a vote of Four (4) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: STOP LIGHT - CULVER ROAD AND MAIN STREET

Mayor Chambers told the council that Michiana Contracting got back with him on the stop light at Culver and Main. They had a stop light for us and quoted a price of \$5,250.00. The

existing pole will be used. After discussion, Council Member Kring made a motion to approve purchase of stop light for \$5,250.00 to be paid out of Edit Funds - line item "Industrial Park". Motion was second by Council Member Matt and was passed by a vote of Four (4) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

The deputy clerk-treasurer reported to the the council that the city has received the final report on the Stelrema bankruptcy. The original loan was about \$300,00 in 1995. The company has been bankruptcy since 2005. The city ended up losing about \$97,000.

RE: CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Matsey reported that the Waterworks Revenue Rebonding is finished.

He is working with Steve Dodge on zoning ordinance changes, mainly regarding zoning classifications.

There are 2 ordinances regarding garbage and clean up. He wants to work on to merge into one.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

The mayor has a proposed list of streets to be paved prepared by Street Superintendent Jeff Borg. The priority is Lake Street from U.S.35 at the stoplight to Prettyman Street where they have put in fire hydrants and stormwater lines. He is getting proposal for curbs and sidewalks for three intersections and also an estimate on what the city has torn our themselves.

Friday is the last day for residents to apply for the sidewalk program. We have five or six turned in already.

He passed out Wastewater Treatment Plant report for 2014.

There have been some complaints on Roosevelt Road. The police have already issued tickets. The planning administrator will be issuing letters on a couple of unsafe garages.

Police department and plan commission are working on a list a week before dumpster days regarding clean up of property. After dumpster days, if not cleaned up they will receive tickets.

Blighted Homes Grant - he has 1 signed conditional offer to purchase. He sent 8 out last week and they have until April 24 to respond to those. He has three more and hopes to finish this week.

Railroad crossing will be finished this week.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Council Member Matt informed the council that Jeff Berg's father passed away and he has thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers.

Council Member Ron Parker asked when we will get back \$2,500 startup money for the Harvest Festival. The mayor told him when they start selling booths.

Council Member Parker also questioned how often ordinances are enforced. The need to be enforced better.

Council Member Kring asked if anyone got a hold of someone regarding Eul Thompson's home. The mayor checked to see if they wanted to get on the blighted housing list. He found out they owe more money on the house than we could offer them.

Council Member Kring was told that there are no truck route signs. Even if the crossing is not closed there isn't any signage for them. The mayor told him that Charlie Weaver is working with the city and the county to get a hold of a GPS company. The trucks will have a truck route in their GPS.

Council Member Kring also asked if contractors in town are registered. The mayor told him that he sees the inspector inspect their work so he believes so. He will check to make sure.

Council Member Kring asked if the organization that is putting on the Harvest Festival is a 501C organization. The mayor told him that the Harvest Festival is organized through the city and all funds will be through the city also.

Councilmember Berndt announced that she has tickets for the Port a Pit for fireworks fund raiser.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (See Voucher Docket, Voucher #20015-20107 inclusive) were presented and approved.

Rick Chambers, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shari Spaid, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer