

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session at the Knox City Hall on Tuesday April 8, 2014 at 7:00 PM CST with the following members present: Mayor, Rick Chambers; Clerk-Treasurer, Jeff Houston; Councilmembers, Don Kring, Greg Matt, Jeff Berg, Linda Berndt and City Attorney, Dave Matsey. Councilmember, Ron Parker was absent.

RE: AMENDMENT TO AGENDA

Jeff Berg made a motion to amend the following agenda changes: Change item #5 to read "3rd and Final Reading", change item #6 to "Final Action"; and change item #7 to "Final Action". Linda Berndt seconded the motion. 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. Jeff Berg made a motion, seconded by Greg Matt to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and NO (0) nays.

RE: PLANNING COMMISSION - REVISED FEES ORDINANCE #1141 - 3RD AND FINAL READING

Local citizen Steve Dodge objected to the fee for a roofing system. He stated that building administrator, Bruce Williams, thought it was unenforceable and impractical to require an inspection.

Councilman, Greg Matt disagreed with omitting the fee and inspection stating that the idea is to take care of "fly by night" contractors who come into the community. The contractors are checked for registration, but certain aspects of roofing need to be inspected.

Linda Berndt made a motion to amend Ordinance #1141 to delete Section 4-251(g) and add a four line paragraph in its place. Also, under Section 4-251(e) the maximum fee would be \$5,000.00. Jeff Berg seconded the motion. Motion passed with Three (3) ayes and One (1) nay - that being Greg Matt.

Linda Berndt made a motion, seconded by Jeff Berg to approve Ordinance #1141 as amended for third and final reading by title only. Motion passed with Three (3) ayes and One (1) nay - that being Greg Matt.

RE: PLANNING COMMISSION - ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT OUTSIDE STORAGE ORDINANCE #1142 FINAL ACTION

Set backs were discussed for outside displays at area businesses. Don Smith representing Smith Farm Store objected to the provision and said displays by the building would also be prohibited.

A variance would cost \$200.00 plus postage for notifications of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Jeff Berg made a motion, Ordinance #1142 for final action. Motion died for a lack of a second.

RE: ORDINANCE #1143 - REZONING OF PROPERTY AMENDING KNOX ZONING MAP - FINAL ACTION

Don Kring made a motion, seconded by Jeff Berg to approve Ordinance #1143 Amending the Zoning Ordinance. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: ORDINANCE #1144 - FAIR HOUSING - FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD AND FINAL READING

Mayor Chambers presented Ordinance #1144 to the Council. This is an updated version of our present Fair Housing Ordinance that is required to secure federal grants.

Linda Berndt made a motion, seconded by Greg Matt to approve Ordinance #1144 on first reading by title only. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

Greg Matt made a motion, seconded by Linda Berndt to waive the rules and have a second reading. Motion passed unanimously with a vote of Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

Greg Matt made a motion, seconded by Don Kring to approve Ordinance #1144 on second reading by title only. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

Greg Matt made a motion, seconded by Linda Berndt to waive the rules and have a third and final vote. Motion passed unanimously with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

Don Kring made a motion, seconded by Linda Berndt to approve Ordinance #1144 for third and final reading by title only. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: ORDINANCE #1145 - DRUG FREE WORK PLACE - FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD AND FINAL READING

Greg Matt made a motion, seconded by Jeff Berg to approve Ordinance #1145 on first reading by title only. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

Don Kring made a motion, seconded by Greg Matt to waive the rules and have a second reading. Motion passed unanimously with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

Greg Matt made a motion, seconded by Don Kring to approve Ordinance #1145 on second reading by title only. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

Linda Berndt made a motion, seconded by Don Kring to waive the rules and have a third and final vote on Ordinance #1145. Motion passed unanimously with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

Greg Matt made a motion, seconded by Jeff Berg to approve Ordinance #1145 for third and final reading by title only. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: RESOLUTION #904 - TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Clerk-Treasurer Houston presented Resolution #904 Transfer of Funds to the Council.

RESOLUTION #904

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

WHEREAS; the Clerk-Treasurer has advised the Common Council a transfer of funds is now required in the Motor Vehicle Highway 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.

MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY FUND:

MVH	904.75	from	201009332 - Insurance
	904.75	to	201009339 - Snow Removal

Rick Chambers, Mayor

Attest:

Jeffery J. Houston, Clerk-Treasurer

Don Kring made a motion, seconded by Greg Matt to approve Resolution #904. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Houston said that with spring here the ground is thawing out. Property owners and contractors need to call 811 before they dig. They could cut off service or damage utilities such as water, sewer, electric or gas. The service is free. Additional resources are available on the Internet at Indiana Underground.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chambers handed out the proposed paving list for 2014. He asked that the Council review it and suggest any changes they would like. Mayor Chambers said he e-mailed the Councilmember's an update on the Kloeckner Drive project, bidding will take place May 5th.

The Mayor met with Meredith Perks from Joe Donnelly's office to get information on grants for help with fire hydrants. The program that's available does not appear to be what we can use, but he will continue to look at getting help with hydrant replacement. In the mean time there is money available with in the department to replace three hydrants on Lake Street.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Councilman, Greg Matt noted that a lot of open burning was taking place last weekend and asked if people were being fined for it. Mayor Chambers said that usually the City just notifies the police and they tell the homeowner they have to extinguish the fire. Mayor Chambers noted that it was put on the radio that burning was not allowed.

Councilman, Don Kring thanked the Planning Commission for the work on the zoning ordinances.

Councilman Kring asked about several of the vehicles the City owns. He noted that he did not know that the City had purchased a 4 X 4 pick up truck. He said he knew it was a budgeted item and had been discussed at a Board of Works meeting. He asked if the Board of Works minutes could be e-mailed to the Councilmembers.

Mayor Chambers said the City is disposing of the Hummer and the 2007 Crown Victoria Police Cruiser.

Councilman Kring also asked what is being done with the Tahoe. He objected to a police plate being on it if anyone from different departments can drive it. He asked if the City needs the vehicle. Mayor Chambers said the police plate could be removed.

Councilman Jeff Berg said the Planning Commission may need a secretary starting this summer and that the money would come from the Rental Registration fund. He asked for the board to consider it.

Mayor Chambers said call forwarding can be used right now and when the new budget is written a secretary could be included for the Council to determine if the position is needed.

Councilman Greg Matt said some citizens complained that the dark windows on the patrol car were intimidating. Mayor Chambers said he would look into it.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (see Voucher Docket, Voucher #18231 - #18302) were presented and approved.

Rick Chambers, Mayor

Attest:

Jeffery J. Houston, Clerk-Treasurer