

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session at the Knox City Hall at 7:00 P.M. CST on Monday, February 23, 2015 with the following members present: Mayor Rick Chambers; Clerk-Treasurer Jeff Houston; Councilmembers Donald Kring, Ronald Parker, Jeff Berg, Linda Berndt, Greg Matt and City Attorney Dave Matsey.

RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Jeff Berg made a motion, seconded by Linda Berndt to add "Public Hearing for Water Project Grant Application." Motion passed with Five (5) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were mailed to the councilmembers prior to the meeting for their review. Council President Don Kring wanted it noted that he did not want Officer Kisela removed from the BZA and that Kisela was doing a good job. Jeff Berg made a motion seconded by Ron Parker to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Five (5) Ayes and (0) Nays.

RE: WASTE MANAGEMENT REPORT

Melinda Antel from Waste Management came before the board to discuss curb side pick up for trash on dumpsters days. In 2013 the city spent \$3,500 on dumpsters and \$4,100 in 2014. The bid from Waste Management to do curb side would be \$7,750, so it seems cost prohibitive.

Ms Antel wanted to introduce herself to the council and see if they had any concerns with their service. The Mayor noted that we have a good working relationship with the driver. Clerk-Treasurer Houston asked that the driver please remember to stop in the office after each trash or recycle day. Mayor Chambers asked that the company provide monthly recycle tonnage reports again. Ms. Antel said to rent a receptacle from the company is \$5,00 a month extra.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING FOR WATER PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION

Mayor Chambers opened the public meeting for the water project grant application. Mayor Chambers introduced Ed Buswell from K-IRPC to explain what the city would like to do. The city would like to apply for a \$350,000. grant for water infrastructure improvements. The proposal would go in on March 6 and the final full proposal the end of May. There would be a 20% minimum local match.

RE: DUMPSTER ORDINANCE #1150 - 3RD AND FINAL READING

Dumpster Ordinance #1150 was presented for the third and final reading. A general discussion took place. Don Kring made a motion, seconded by Ron Parker to amend the ordinance by striking the sections dealing with dumpsters on private property. Motion failed on a vote of Two (2) Ayes (Don Kring and Ron Parker) and Three (3) Nays (Linda Berndt, Jeff Berg, and Greg Matt).

Jeff Berg made a motion, seconded by Greg Matt to approve Ordinance #1150 for 3rd and final reading. Motion passed with Three (3) Ayes (Greg Matt, Jeff Berg and Linda Berndt) and Two (2) Nays (Don Kring and Ron Parker.)

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Houston reported that the city has to stop making the PILOT contributions from the sewer collections to the general fund. This was needed because the Sewer Operating Fund was running too low. This will continue until sewer operating has more of a cushion built up. He would like to have a minimum of \$70,000 in the fund. He noted that collections are holding fairly steady, but that expenditures have increased. The clerk-treasurer will list the expenditures for 2014 for presentation at the next meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer Houston said we are switching from Metlife to Principle for the life, additional life and dental. He noted that this is a relatively small portion of the overall insurance cost but that by switching those items it would save about 25% on that portion of the costs.

Clerk-Treasurer Houston said he had received complaints on the Highway 35 railroad crossing causing damage to vehicles and he had given out the name and number of the claims adjuster for the railroad.

RE: CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Dave Matsey reported he is working on the zoning ordinance. He is also working on the proposed lease for the space on the water tower.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chambers passed out the copies of the Home Serve offer that comes out periodically offering a service plan for utility customers.

He also handed out a copy of the approval of the IDEM permit for Trunkline Gas for a 6580 South 200 East project.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Councilmember Berndt discussed with the council the purchase of a bench for the new park project.

Councilmember Greg Matt noted that the Pawn Shop in town is getting out of control with merchandise setting outside of the business. Councilmember Kring said we need to enforce the time limits for clean up and code enforcement to actually get results.

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RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (See Voucher Docket, Voucher #19814-19870 inclusive) were presented and approved.

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

Rick Chambers, Mayor

Attest:

Jeffery Houston, Clerk-Treasurer