

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session at the Knox City Hall at 7:00 PM CST on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 with the following members present: Mayor, Rick Chambers; Clerk-Treasurer, Jeff Houston/ Councilmembers, Linda Berndt, Jeff Berg, Greg Matt, Ron Parker and Don Kring. City Attorney, Dave Matsey was absent.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were mailed to the Councilmembers prior to the meeting for their review. Don Kring made a motion, seconded by Linda Berndt to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: WATER GRANT/MATCHING FUNDS APPROVAL

Mayor Chambers said the City is seeking a grant of up to \$350,000 on a water project. The City is working with an Engineer and KIRPC to put together the project proposal. The City must pledge at least a 20% match. Clerk-Treasurer Houston explained that if the City were to provide a higher percentage match it would increase our chances of receiving the grant. Jeff Berg made a motion seconded by Greg Matt to approve up to 25% match of \$87,500 from Edit Funds. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Houston gave out a fund report as well as an appropriation report and the following re-cap of the sewer department:

Fund	Name	Required	Current Balance
606	Sewer Operating	70,280	16,884.95
607	Sewer Bond and Int	37,965	117,790.71
608	Sewer Debt reserve	159,242	203,108.19
609	Sewer Deposit	N/A (all deposits)	37,491.31
610	Sewer Improvement	20,000	245,048.78

Payment due June 1st of 101,533.50 from 607
 3,170 a month Pilot
 4,300 a month SI (610)
 7,370 more a month into SO (606)

We receipt in aprox. \$57,000 a month into all accounts.
 We deposit aprox. \$35,000 into SO (606) a month. (as of 3/10/15)

Clerk-Treasurer Houston explained that by not contributing the money to PILOT and Sewer Improvement for about the 10 months we should be able to build up the Sewer Operating balance to where it should be.

Clerk-Treasurer Houston said he received a letter from Nipsco arborist stating that several emerald ash boar infested ash trees were noted at Wythogan Park near a 69 KV line. They will do trimming but the City will be responsible for removing the debris. The City will be notified before any further action is taken.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chambers said he received several emails from INDOT and Norfolk Southern about the Highway 35 railroad crossing. Repairs should start as soon as the asphalt plant opens the end of March. Mayor Chambers handed out a recap of donations for the Bluegrass Jam from the last few years.

Blue Grass Jam Donations at Knox

	Donated Food	50/50 Raffle	Food Bank Donations
Nov 2010	800 lbs	\$404	\$110 (\$110 Abate)
Oct 2011	727 lbs	\$368	\$448
Mar 2012	554 lbs	\$336	\$260
Nov 2012	790 lbs	\$510	\$183 (\$183 CADA)
Apr 2013	580 lbs	\$500	\$300
Nov 2013	680 lbs	\$400	\$232
Apr 2014	720 lbs	\$600	\$343
Nov 2014	680 lbs	\$417	\$270
Mar 2015	998 lbs	\$520	\$440
	6,529lbs		\$2,586

City Attorney Matsey has drawn up and presented to the Mayor a final draft of a contract with Fourway Communications for antennas on the water towers. Mr. Matsey has also come up with a towing agreement that will be presented at the next Board of Works meeting.

Building Inspector, Bruce Williams is sending out letters concerning outside storage by businesses.

The Mayor is working on the ordinances concerning garbage cans at R-3 and R-4 residences. We will need to change our contract with Waste Management to cover them.

We have an ordinance that allows the MVH to go on private property to clean it up and put a lien against the property to pay for it. The ordinance is old and the charges need to be updated, so the ordinance will need updated or re-written.

The Mayor said he is still working on the paperwork for the property obtained from the county. We have to publish the paperwork three times to get the deeds. The deeds will then be ready to put in the name of SCED for inclusion into the Blight Elimination Grant. There will be a public hearing on Wednesday March 18th on the grant at 1:00 PM.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Councilmember Linda Berndt noted that the railroad is bringing in rock to work on the crossing at Highway 35. Councilman Berg noted that he also has spoken to the railroad and we are on the list.

Councilman Greg Matt noted that the Council had traveled to the roundtable in Valparaiso and enjoyed the networking.

Councilman Don Kring noted a house on Allen Drive that needs to be addressed as a safety issue (door is open etc.) The Mayor said we will try to contact a relative of the homeowner.

Councilman Ron Parker noted another property close to the Community Center that should be boarded up.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (see Voucher Docket, Voucher #19871 - #19949 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 J. Houston, Clerk-Treasurer