The Common council of the City of Knox met in regular session at the Knox City Hall at 7:00 PM CST on Tuesday December 9, 2014 with the following members present: Mayor Rick Chambers; Clerk-Treasurer, Jeff Houston; Councilmembers, Ron Parker, Linda Berndt, Jeff Berg, Don Kring, Greg Matt and City Attorney, Dave Matsey.

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. Jeff Berg made a motion, seconded by Ron Parker to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CITIZENS COMMENTS

Local Citizen Mary Bendt commented that the intersections at Pacific Ave. and Culver Road have been upgraded very nicely. The Mayor noted that the work on the 300 East project was done for year. The contractors will return in the spring to put the final coat of pavement on and do landscaping.

RE: PURCHASE OFFER FOR 406 W GILES COURT

Deztany Breese submitted the following letter to the council:

December 8, 2014
To the Knox Common Council:

I am the owner of the property located at 406 West Giles Court Knox IN 46534. Legal description is Parkview Lot #401 which consists of a lot with a trailer and shed.

I realize I have offered this property to the City of Knox on two occasions. First at 6,500. Second at 4,500. Since then we have had our dog poisoned and a garbage can stolen. This property is what our family had from my father who passed in 2008. We know now Parkview is not the area for us.

I now offer the same property at 3,500 with the same conditions as in previous offers. City will pay closing costs and transfer cost. I will pay property taxes up to date and I am allowed to remove interior contents of trailer but nothing from the outside. I do ask if you accept this offer my family is allowed a maximum of 30 days of purchase to move. I thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
/s/Deztany Breese

Mayor Chambers noted that the Blight Elimination Program Grant can not be used to purchase the property or the trailer. Clerk-Treasurer Houston pointed out where the money could come from if the Council decided to purchase the property. A general discussion took place and the proposal died for lack of a motion.

RE: APPLICATION FOR BURIED TELEPHONE FACILITIES

Century Link Telephone submitted an application for a permit to run fiber communication cable to two offices beside Christos (BMV and FSSA). Maps were also presented showing the proposed route down Main Street. Jeff Berg made a motion seconded by Don Kring to approve the application. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: ANTI-NEPOTISM AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORMS

Anti-Nepotism and Conflict of Interest Forms were signed by all elected City officials to be filed in the Mayor's office with a copy to the Clerk-Treasurer's office.

RE: RENTAL PROPERTY ORDINANCE #1151 - 1ST READING

The Mayor said he did not want to have a first reading because more work needs to be done to re-write the ordinance in light of changes to the state code. Jeff Berg made a motion, seconded by Greg Matt to table the first reading of Ordinance #1151. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: DUMPSTER ORDINANCE #1150 - 1ST READING

Mayor Chambers handed out pictures of examples of dumpsters around town. Copies of proposed Ordinance #1150 were e-mailed to the Councilmembers prior to the meeting. Several provisions were discussed and their impact on homeowners, contractors and the city. Greg Matt asked that renewal of permits be raised from the proposed $10 to $20. Greg Matt made a motion to approve Ordinance #1150 on first reading with the amendment he proposed. Motion was seconded by Linda Berndt and passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: STREET DEPT. - TRUCK LEASE APPROVAL

Mayor Chambers said he has been working with Dave Matsey to get a lease to purchase a 2015 International 4300 dump truck and plow instead of taking three years to purchase and upfit one. It would cost about $4,000 in interest, and it would be available immediately. Due to the City's purchasing policy and the cost of the truck, sealed bids must be made and the Mayor will also check with the local banks to see if they can beat the interest rate of 3.11%. The Mayor said he would come back at the next meeting with more information.

RE: TRANSFER OF FUNDS - RESOLUTION #909

Clerk-Treasurer Houston presented Resolution #909 Transfer of Funds to the Council.

RESOLUTION #909
TRANSFER OF FUNDS

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

GENERAL FUND:

City Judge	727.31	from	101004115-Office Assistant
	200.00	to	101004113-Bailiff
	527.31	to	101004332-Telephone, Postage
Police Department	4,815.00	from	101005118-Patrolman
	4,000.00	to	101005119-P/T Patrolman
	815.00	to	101005120-Overtime
Board of Works	3,799.86	from	101007133-Unemployment Comp.
	3,799.86	to	101007335-Electric

MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY FUND:

MVH	3,300.00	from	201009113-Labor
	1,200.00	to	201009111-Superintendent
	1,100.00	to	201009112-Labor
	1,000.00	to	201001132-Perf City Share

PARK AND RECREATION FUND:

Park Department	6,994.93	from	216010114-Maintenance
	450.00	to	216010111-Superintendent
	600.00	to	216010112-Assist. Superintendent
	96.68	to	216010332-Postage, Telephone
	5,848.25	to	216010445-Playground

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Rick Chambers, Mayor

Attest:_____
Jeffery J. Houston, Clerk-Treasurer

Jeff Berg made a motion, seconded by Don Kring to approve Resolution #909. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Jeff Houston reported that he is working with the City's bond counsel, Ice Miller, on an arbitrage/rebate report on the 2009 Wastewater Bonds. Under federal tax law, a rebate calculation is required. A rebate calculation is a calculation that compares the rate of return on any investments of Bond proceeds against the yield on the Bonds. If the rate of return on the investments is larger than the yield on the Bonds, a rebate payment could be due the federal government. The work Ice Miller is doing will cost about $3,000 and come out of the sewer operating budget.

RE: CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney, Dave Matsey, said that in addition to working on the ordinance that were discussed at the meeting, he has been working with Ron Gifford with the Starke County Economic Development Foundation on a memorandum of understanding. This has been discussed at an earlier meeting and would concern procedures and responsibilities between parties concerning the property purchased through the Blight Elimination Program Grant.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chambers said he just signed the contracts for the housing rehab grant. He is still waiting on the telephone company to install the City's new phones. We are still working with Fourway on an agreement to place equipment on the water towers and our internet service. Superintendents wants more information on what exactly is going to be placed there. A company that promotes wrestling contacted the Mayor about doing a fundraiser in a City building for the family that lost members in a recent fire. The Mayor said we don't have any facilities suitable for it, but made several suggestions of places to try. He also thought the City may have them preform before next years fireworks program. The Henry Drive project is completed now except that the contractor will return in the spring to complete landscaping.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Councilmember Greg Matt asked that the new patrolman Eric Vanderheof be introduced to the Council.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (see Voucher Docket, Voucher #19444 - #19543) were presented and approved.

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