

JULY 22, 2014

REGULAR MEETING, KNOX COMMON COUNCIL

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session at the Knox City Hall at 7:00 PM CST on Tuesday July 22, 2014 with the following members present: Mayor, Rick chambers; Clerk-Treasurer, Jeff Houston; Councilmembers, Greg Matt, Don Kring, Linda Berndt, Jeff Berg and City Attorney, Dave Matsey. Councilmen Ron Parker was absent.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were mailed to the council 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: CITIZENS COMMENTS

Elizabeth Bratt related to the Mayor and Council that she is still not happy with the condition of the property across the street from her. Mayor Chambers said he would talk to the property owner.

RE: TALL GRASS ORDINANCE #1148 - 3RD AND FINAL READING

Mayor Chambers presented Ordinance #1148 as amended for the third and final reading. Greg Matt made a motion seconded by Linda Berndt to approve Ordinance #1148 by title only on third and final reading. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 2014 SALARY ORDINANCE #1147 - 3RD AND FINAL READING

The salary Ordinance #1147 was presented for third and final reading. A general discussion took place. Jeff Berg made a motion seconded by Greg Matt to approve Ordinance #1147 for third and final reading by title only. Motion passed with Three (3) ayes and One (1) nay with Don Kring voting nay.

RE: REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Houston presented the redevelopment report to the council pursuant to IC 36-7-14-13. He noticed the re-appointments that were made during 2013 and the person that was removed. He also noted the expenditure of \$2,475.00 for financial services and ending balances for 2013 of \$1,194.00 for Knox Redevelopment Fund and \$418,617.00 in the TIF Fund.

RE: CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Houston reported on the cost of sending out the Consumer Confidence Report. The approximate cost for 2013 was \$1,238.50. The approximate cost for 2014 was \$449.07 for a savings of \$789.43.

RE: MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Chambers reported the following items:

We replaced the water line going south on Bower Street and installed a new tap for 5 North Bower. The existing line was 34 inches below grade at Washington Street. The new line was installed 60 inches below road grade. This should keep this line from freezing up in the winter months. Before winter we are going to attach 5, 5a, and 5b Bower to the new line.

The water pit at 201 W. Locust was moved closer to the house, due to the water pit getting crushed three times in the past year. It was located at the edge of the road, we relocated it about 5 feet off the side of the road.

The water department will be replacing the Fire Hydrants on the corner of Lake and East Streets, Lake and Cleveland Streets and Lake and McGill Streets, in the next three weeks. A little over 100 customers will lose water service while the changes are being made. We are doing all three hydrants on the same day to eliminate the need for three different shut downs to change the non-functioning fire hydrants.

Customers will be notified ahead of time.

William Sterns was hired to update the web site for the City. He will work with Darla and it will cost 400 for the year.

The crossing guard at the school retired and a new one will be hired before school starts.

The new police officer has been accepted in PERF and is in his pre-basic training of 40 hours. He won't actually be patrolling for about three months.

The sidewalk contractor is proceeding with the project and is just finishing the work on the corner of Lake and Shield.

The Mayor is still working with the Fire Chief on the Mutual Aid Agreement with Bass Lake Fire Department.

Bruce Williams, the Building Administrator and Planning Commissioner, the Mayor and Ann Mannix met to work on picking properties to be included in the demolition grant. The Planning Commission has hired an attorney and are holding a meeting with the county and a representative from the state to discuss the two mile jurisdiction.

The Mayor discussed the upcoming Wood Starke Music Event in the park. the Mayor said he could

