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The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session on Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at 7:00 PM CST at the Knox City Hall with the following members present Mayor, Rick Chambers; Clerk-Treasurer, Jeff Houston; Councilmembers, Jeff Berg, Linda Berndt, Don Kring, Ron Parker and City Attorney, Dave Matsey. Councilmember, Greg Matt 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. Jeff Berg made a motion, seconded by Don Kring to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mrs. Guzman from Guzman Jewelers complained she only saw a policeman only once in the alley over the week end and once on Main Street making an arrest. Mayor Chambers noted that there is no police report of anyone breaking into her establishment and urinating on her husband. Mrs. Guzman said the police had spoken to the man and he was supposed to return the next day to clean up the mess he made. she said she hoped for more patrols and she is concerned about a Thanksgiving celebration they plan on having this week.

RE: RESOLUTION #930 - APPROVING CREATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA

Mayor Chambers presented Resolution #930 to the Council. Jason Sember of Umbaugh and Associates explained the resolution. He said that adoption of the resolution is the last step in a five step process to develop the Economic Development Area in the Knox Industrial Park.

He noted that no one spoke against creating a new TIF district in the Park. Any new assessed value that is generated after January 1, 2016, the taxes collected from the new assessed value can be captured and used for capital projects in serving or benefiting that area.

Charlie Weaver, Director of the Starke County Economic Development Foundation noted that the TIF only applies to properties zoned for industrial use. Mr. Weaver listed some of the projects and improvements in infrastructure in the area that the revenue could be used for. Linda Berndt made a motion, seconded by Ron Parker to approve Resolution #930 by title only. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

KNOX COMMON COUNCIL

RESOLUTION #930
REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
KNOX INDUSTRIAL PARK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA

WHEREAS, the Knox ("City") Redevelopment Commission ("Commission"), on October 30, 2015, initially approved an economic development plan ("Plan") for the Knox Industrial Park Economic Development Area ("Area") in the City and adopted a declaratory resolution initially declaring that the Area is an economic Development area ("Declaratory Resolution") and subject to economic development activities pursuant to IC 36-7-14 and IC 36-7-25 ("Act"); and

WHEREAS, IC 36-7-14-41(c) requires that the determination that a geographic area is an economic development area be approved by the Common Council of the City; and

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2015 the Common Council approved the Declaratory Resolution, the Commission's Economic Development Plan approved by the Declaratory Resolution and the written order of the Knox Plan Commission regarding the Declaratory Resolution and the Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOX, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Common Council hereby finds and determines that it will be in the best interest of the City to establish the Area as described in the Declaratory Resolution.
2. The establishment of the Area as described in the Declaratory Resolution and set forth on the map attached as Exhibit A to the Declaratory Resolution is hereby approved.
3. This resolution shall be effective from and after passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Knox, Indiana, this 24th day of November, 2015.

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOX, INDIANA

Presiding Officer

Attest:

Jeffery J. Houston, Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Knox, Indiana, this 24 day of November, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

Jeffery J. Houston, Clerk-Treasurer

Signed and approved by me, the Mayor of the City of Knox, Indiana, on this 24 day of November, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

Rick Chambers, Mayor

RE: RESOLUTION #931 - TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Clerk-treasurer Houston presented Resolution #931 Transfer of Funds to the Council. Clerk-Treasurer Houston explained to the Council that money was going to Water Operating out of EDIT to pay for the TCS Project at the Industrial Park. He also explained why transfers were made from some individuals within a department to other employees within the department. He also said circuit breaker credits were taken out of the appropriations to account for that lose revenue.

Linda Berndt made a motion to approve Resolution #931 as presented and explained. Motion was seconded by Don Kring. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RESOLUTION #931
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, Water Operating and EDIT Fund.

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:

Mayor's Office	\$50.00 from 101002332-Postage
	\$50.00 to 101002112-Secretary
City Judge	\$510.00 from 101004112-Referee Salary
	\$150.00 from 101004114-Judge Pro-tem
	\$1,050.00 from 101004331-Pauper Attorney
	\$260.00 from 101004339-Bonds
	\$150.00 to 101004113-Bailiff Salary
	\$1,560.00 to 101004115-Office Assistant
	\$260.00 to 101004332-Postage
Police Department	\$1,999.00 from 101005115-Patrolman Salary
	\$2,191.62 from 101005118-Patrolman Salary
	\$1,140.62 to 101005114-Patrolman Salary
	\$1,800.00 to 101005119-Special Police
	\$1,250.00 to 101005120-Overtime
Plan Commission	\$150.00 from 101008221-Office Supply
	\$305.00 from 101008332-Postage, Travel
	\$455.00 to 101008117-Inspector Salary
Fire Department	\$841.72 from 101006335-Electric
	\$732.87 to 101006337-Annual Pump Test
	\$108.85 to 101006332-Postage

MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY:

MVH	\$2,500.00 from 201009113-Labor
	\$2,600.00 from 201009114-Labor
	\$274.39 from 201009336-Repair Equipment
	\$2,900.00 to 201009111-Superintendent Salary
	\$2,200.00 to 201009112-Labor
	\$274.39 to 201009233-Bituminous

EDIT FUND:

Edit	\$2,768.75 from 330001331-St. Ct. Economic Development
Edit	\$2,881.93 from 330001409- Knox Industrial
WO	\$5,650.68 to 601118-Water Operating

Rick Chambers, Mayor

Attest:

Jeffery J. Houston, Clerk-Treasurer

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Houston asked that the agenda for the next council meeting include consideration of the rate studies for the water and sewer utilities. He suggested that we need to take some steps soon on the rates and that other issues could be considered later on such things as rewriting the sewer ordinance in reference to the inspection fees etc. and charging multiple units on one meter a minimum cost per unit.

The Clerk-Treasurer reported that the compliance auditor for the Indiana Housing and Community

Development Authority reviewed the Housing Re-hab grant and had not identified any finding or concerns. Therefore, they are beginning the close out process for the award.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (see Docket Book Voucher #21146 - #21217) 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