

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session at the Knox City Hall on Tuesday March 26, 2014 at 7:00 PM CST with the following members present: Mayor, Rick Chambers; Clerk-Treasurer, Jeff Houston; Councilmembers, Don Kring, Greg Matt, Ron Parker, Jeff Berg, Linda Berndt and City Attorney Dave Matsey.

RE: AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

Don Kring made a motion, seconded by Linda Berndt to add fireman Wayne Noah to the agenda. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

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 Greg Matt to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CITIZEN COMMENTS - ROBIN BANKS

Robin Banks came before the Council to ask what the City is doing to get her water on. She has been frozen up for eight weeks.

Mayor Chambers explained what the City was doing and that five residences were still frozen up. She will have to wait until the weather warms up enough to thaw the line.

RE: FIREMAN'S INSURANCE BENEFITS

Ron Parker made a motion, seconded by Don Kring to pay Wayne Noah \$2,003.03 in compensation for lost wages in exchange for a release from claims from him. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: MARVIN MCLAUGHLIN - HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Marvin McLaughlin came before the Council to request that the Council lease the City's railroad right-of-way to the Historical Society to make available additional space for a new museum. He said that society already has permission from Gateway to build on their land, but wants the additional land for an entrance from Heaton Street and to make the building more presentable.

The Council felt that granting the lease would be premature given that the Gateway property is supposed to be signed over to the City, but hasn't been yet. Mr. McLaughlin stressed that all parties need to work together.

Greg Matt made a motion, seconded by Don Kring to table the agreement to lease the railroad right-of-way. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: PLANNING COMMISSION - REVISED FEES ORDINANCE #1141 - 3RD AND FINAL READING - FAILED

A revised version of Ordinance #1141 was presented to the Council. Planning Commission member Mary Bendt said she would like to see Article VI (g) define what a roofing system is. The Ordinance was sent back to the Planning Commission for recommendation or revision. No final vote was taken.

RE: PLANNING COMMISSION - ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TITLE IX, C-2 SEC. 8-OUTSIDE STORAGE ORDINANCE #1142 - 3RD AND FINAL READING - FAILED

A revised version of Ordinance #1142 was presented to the Council. Don Smith from Smith Farm Store and Mitch Thompson from Grow Your Own Garden Store, both objected to the set back restrictions. The Ordinance was sent back to the Planning Commission for recommendation or revision. No final vote was taken.

RE: PLANNING COMMISSION AND SUB-DIVISION - RESOLUTION # 1-2014

Teresa Daumer is petitioning the Planning Commission to rezone a portion of her property. The Commission gave a favorable recommendation.

City Attorney Matsey said the map that was presented did not match with the GIS. It also appears that a building is being split into two zoning classifications. A general discussion took place concerning the proposal. Attorney Matsey said he will do research on the property and write an amending ordinance to be presented at the next Council meeting.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Houston reported that one of the workers compensation claims the City had concerning an officer that was injured is being kept open while it is under subrogation. This means that the insurance company is trying to re-coup the \$6,500.00 claim from the offender that injured the officer. If they are successful it could help keep our workers comp rate lower.

The Clerk-Treasurer has been working with Anthem Insurance on the 125 cafeteria plan for pre tax insurance. This plan should be on file in case of an IRS revenue department audit. Our main 125 plan is through Colonial, but we deal with many different companies such as Hylant, Colonial, Anthem, Downey, Nationwide, Argonant and Aflac. Clerk-Treasurer Houston would like to cut down on the number of companies the City deals with as well as become code compliant.

The Clerk-Treasurer recently attended the Indiana League of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers at Ball State. Charlie Pride from the State Board of Accounts outlined new procedures for audits. The state did have 300 auditors and now has about 190. There will be a complete reorganization

