

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session at the Knox City Hall on Tuesday July 23, 2013 at 7:00 PM CST with the following members present: Mayor, Rick Chambers; Clerk-Treasurer, Jeff Houston; Councilmembers, Greg Matt, Don Kring, Jeff Berg and City Attorney, Dave Matsey. Councilmembers Linda Berndt and Ron Parker were absent.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS 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 accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Houston gave an update on the following grants:

Operation Pull Over - The City has dispersed \$3,324.53 of the \$7,000.00 grant. The money is divided up with North Judson, Hamlet, Starke County and individual Knox Police Officers. There will be one more enforcement period from August 16 through September 2nd for impaired driving. A new grant is being applied for that will run from October 2013 through October 2014.

Councilman Matt stated that he did not want the City to participate in operation pull over next year or apply for the grant.

The CADA Grant for the Phoenix House was for \$424,620. The project has been completed and it has been submitted to OCRA for close out.

MVH Superintendent, Jeff Borg has submitted paperwork for an INDOT Railroad Crossing Grant for approximately \$2,600.00 for advance signs. This Grant was applied for last year, but funding ran out.

The Re-hab Housing Grant is for \$195,000.00 plus our match. This involves 10 homes. Grant administrators have been changed and new paperwork submitted. A final decision will be made by August 22.

The 2 and 4 N. Main demolition grant is for \$73,040.00 and is through the SCEDF. This was re-bid due to coming under the Davis Bacon wage scale. Bids will be opened on Wednesday.

The Police Patrol Car Grant, the Clerk-treasurer's office had to submit an amended balance sheet and operating budget and other paperwork including an "assurance letter" stating that we will comply with the terms of the grant.

The Clerk-Treasurer also reported that his office has mailed 34 letters with a "notice of intent to lien" on delinquent accounts.

The following items were sold on E-Bay. A 1974 GMC Van netted \$1,183.00 after e-bay fee that will be deposited into the general fund, a snow plow blade that after pay pal and e-bay fees netted \$185.66 that will be deposit into the MVH Fund, and a mosquito fogger after fees netted \$1,785.60 that also will go into the MVH Fund.

The office is working on the budget and new TIF reporting requirements. A budget work session will be held on Tuesday July 30 at 7:00 at City Hall.

The City received a check for \$8,309.98 from Trustmark Insurance due to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Only 20% of the premium can be spent by the insurance company on salaries, sales and advertising. In the last two years a total of \$42,982.20 has been received. 85% of this will go into the general fund and the other 15% to the employees because the City pays 85% of the premium.

RE: CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Matsey reported that Toll Brothers has contracted with ICE Miller for help with the IRS bond audit. In the mean time, Toll Brothers has received a second extension for producing documents. The City of Knox is indemnified and not responsible for any costs incurred.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

Carol Corey with Turkey Tracks will have a fund raiser on Saturday, September 7 from 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The street will be blocked off in front of Mikey's Pizza. She will check with local businesses. Cross streets will remain open. The fire department will sponsor a car show and O's Tap may sponsor a bike show.

Michelle Beckett who did the Harvest Festival last year is doing an event in the five star area on Saturday October 5th. It will be a day for kids and the businesses in the area. No parade has been planned yet.

There were several complaints this year about individuals shooting off fireworks for too long into the night and for too many days. The City is restricted as to when it can forbid fireworks to be shot off.

The Mayor has pulled the radar trailer out of the park and will be moving it around town to help control speeders.

