

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

RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Greg Matt made a motion, seconded by Don Kring to add Starke County Highway Utility Agreement 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 Councilmember prior to the meeting for their review. Linda Berndt made a motion, seconded by Greg Matt to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: STARKE COUNTY HIGHWAY UTILITY AGREEMENT

Charlie Weaver appeared before the board representing the Starke County Economic Development Foundation. He said that the Kloeckner Drive Improvement Project requires nine (9) fire hydrants to be moved and one replaced. INDOT requires an agreement between the County and the City regarding who will be responsible for paying for the work.

Lawson Fisher Associates PC

Based on the current construction estimate, the City of Knox Water Department relocation cost would be \$63,000.00 (See breakdown below).

Item	Description	Qty	Unit	Cost	Total
715-02388	Water Main 10 in. Crossover	2	Each	\$2,500.00 =	\$ 5,000.00
715-92525	Water Main 10 in.	615	LFT	\$ 60.00 =	\$36,900.00
720-96999	Fire Hydrant Assembly	1	Each	\$6,000.00 =	\$ 6,000.00
720-97008	Fire Hydrant Assembly Re.	9	Each	\$1,600.00 =	\$14,400.00
720-07009	Fire Hydrant Remove	1	Each	\$1,000.00 =	\$ 1,000.00
					Total: \$63,300.00

Jeff Berg made a motion, seconded by Ron Parker to declare this an economic development project, to authorize the Mayor to sign the utility agreement and to pay with it from EDIT funds. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES, LLC PROPOSAL FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY - PARKVIEW HTS

Anne Mannix from Neighborhood Development Associates presented two options for consulting services for redevelopment of the Parkview Heights Area.

Option A would consist of identifying properties to be acquired, estimating costs of the project, preparing the application for funding and developing a strategy to administer the funds from the Blight Elimination Program of the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority the cost of those services would be \$5,000.00.

Option B would be a feasibility study for a comprehensive redevelopment of Parkview Heights. The study would cost an estimated \$29,700.00. This would include a list of all the buildings, occupancy status list of liens appraisals, infrastructure engineering analysis, demolition estimates, estimates for construction of new homes, re-location costs and financial feasibility analysis.

Ron Parker made a motion, seconded by Jeff Berg to accept proposal for option "A" and to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. The money would come out of EDIT funds. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: FLOOD PLAIN ORDINANCE #1139 - 2ND READING

Greg Matt made a motion, seconded by Linda Berndt to approve the Flood Plain Ordinance #1139 on second reading by title only. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and NO (0) nays.

RE: PLANNING COMMISSION - REVISED FEES ORDINANCE #1141 - 1ST READING

Mayor Chambers presented Ordinance #1141 with revised fees for the planning commission, Councilmember Greg Matt objected to the maximum of \$7,500.00 for commercial/industrial construction as being too high and should be kept at \$5,000.00 maximum.

He thought it would hurt economic development. Jeff Berg made a motion, seconded by Ron Parker to approve Ordinance #1141 by title only on 1st reading. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and One (1) nay, that being Greg Matt.

RE: PLANNING COMMISSION - ORDINANCE #1142 - OUTSIDE STORAGE - 1ST READING

Mayor Chambers presented Ordinance #1142 regulating outdoor displays and storage. The council found some of the wording in Section 8A 1. Confusing. Some changes may be made for second reading. Ron Parker made a motion, seconded by Greg Matt to approve Ordinance #1142 on first reading by title only. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: RESOLUTION #902 - PURCHASE OF PARKVIEW PROPERTIES

Ron Parker made a motion, seconded by Don Kring to pass Resolution #902 by title only. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Houston told the council that the City will discontinue the use of post cards and change to the use of letters. This will save about \$540.00 a year and cut down on lost and damaged bills. More text will be available on the bill. An envelope will be enclosed for sending in money or placement in the night deposit.

RE: CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Dave Matsey said that in addition to working on the two ordinances, the resolution and Parkview properties, he is closing on the Toll Brothers bond issue and should be done with it by Friday.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chambers reported the following up coming dates:

May 10: Paper Shredding event 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
 April 1-4, May 5 - 9: Spring Leaf Pick Up
 All Thursdays: Electronics and Brush Pick Up
 May 9, 10, 11: Dumpster Days, with dumpsters behind City Hall for spring clean up
 June 13 - 14: Starke County Environmental Days, they will take paint, tires and items with negative environmental issues, not the City.
 May 8, 9, 10, 11: Free Town wide Yard Sale
 April 4: Bluegrass Jam at the Community Center
 April 5: Big Band Dance at the Community Center

Water Utility employee Bill Wakal has notified the City that he is retiring as of October 1st.

The water department has been working nights and weekends to get people thawed out. There are about 12 homes still frozen. The department repaired two mains that were leaking in Parkview.

A sewer line at five star was also frozen and has been thawed and opened up.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (see Voucher Docket Book, Voucher #18048 - #18110 inclusive) were presented and approved.

There being no further business to come before the council the meeting upon motion was duly adjourned.

 Rick Chambers, Mayor

Attest:

 Jeffery J. Houston, Clerk-Treasurer