

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.

