

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session at the Knox City Hall at 7:00 PM CST on Tuesday November 12, 2013 with the following members present: Mayor, Rick Chambers; Clerk-Treasurer, Don Kring, Ron Parker, Jeff Berg, Linda Berndt and City attorney, Dave Matsey. 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 Greg Matt to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CITIZENS COMMENTS

Volunteer Fireman Wayne Noah came before the Council to complain about it taking too long to figure out what his workers compensation benefit will be and too long to receive his checks.

Clerk-Treasurer Houston explained that he has talked to the insurance company and that he couldn't give him any concrete benefit amounts due to the company's computer system being down. As a volunteer fireman Mr. Noah falls under a different workers comp insurance than full time employees. Benefits have to be coordinated with the other companies that the insured works for. Mr. Noah has received two checks so far for a total of about \$2,240.00. The Clerk-Treasurer will speak to the workers comp company and have them call Mr. Noah. Mayor Chambers said we will look into perhaps changing policies, but Chief Kenny Pfost noted that he thinks there are only a few companies that handle this type of insurance.

RE: WATER LINE EASEMENT

Mayor Chambers said the easement agreement between the City and Dennis and Chuck Estok struck the line that the Estoks objected to that stated "The owners, their successors or assigns agree not to place any permanent structure or other object over the pipeline or equipment of the utility and shall hold the City harmless from any additional costs or expenses incurred by the City as a result of having to exercise it's rights of maintenance as described in this easement".

Mayor Chambers said the omission of the paragraph was not supported by the City Attorney, but the project needed to move forward.

Don Kring made a motion, seconded by Ron Parker to accept the agreement as presented. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

Mayor Chambers noted that Mark Milo Enterprises was the winning bidder for the project. The bid was guaranteed for 45 days and that deadline has passed; however Milo told the Mayor the bid submitted will be honored.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Jeff Houston reported on efforts by his office to collect delinquent utility accounts. Thirty Four letters of intent to lien property were sent out. Six letters are still outstanding. The City has collected \$3,926.83 so far. Only \$1,76.27 left to file liens on.

2014 Revenue Projections	CEDIT - \$5,985.77 less
	PTRC - \$4,014.85 less
	FIT - \$4,986.00 unknown reduction
	Certified Shares - \$6,724.74 (\$3,275.88 more)

MVH Superintendent, Jeff Borg, has received a "Railroad Advance Sign Grant" of \$2,681.20 that brings us up to code on sign reflectivity. Will be done in the spring of 2014.

RE: CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Matsey reported that he has been working with the planning commission on the outdoor display ordinance and accessory building use ordinance. It will be going back to the planning commission for their approval. Mayor Chambers said there are three openings on the planning commission and one on the park department.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chambers passed out a list to the Councilmembers of all the fines listed in the codification book. They range from \$1.00 to \$100,000.00. He will work with the City Attorney and come back to the council with some suggestions.

The garbage contract runs out July 31, 2014. It allows for two, two year extensions at the current prices.

The owner occupied rehab housing grant has been extended to the spring of 2014.

The Mayor is working with the uniform company to resolve issues at the wastewater treatment center. We are currently in the first year of a five year contract with the company.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (see Voucher Docket Book, Voucher #17441 - #17633 inclusive) were presented and approved.

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

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Rick Chambers, Mayor

Attest:

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Jeffery J. Houston, Clerk-Treasurer