

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday, September 24, 2024, in the City Hall at 6:00 P.M. CST with the following members present: Mayor Dennis Estok; Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder; Council Members Jeff Berg, Sherry Cowen, Bill Gustafson, Don Kring, Jamie Gruszczynski and City Attorney Justin Schramm.

RE: AMEMDMENT TO THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Jeff Berg to add the Starke County Economic Development Foundation Contract to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Don Kring and passed by a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 09/10/24

Copies of the previous minutes were mailed to the Council prior to the meeting for their review. Don Kring made a motion to approve minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Jeff Berg and passed by a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: ORDINANCE #2024-OR6 – 2025 BUDGET – 2ND READING AND ADOPTION

Mayor Estok presented Ordinance #2024-OR6 to the Council. A motion was made by Jeff Berg approving the 2nd reading and adoption of Ordinance #2024-OR6. The motion was seconded by Jaime Gruszczynski and passed by a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: RESOLUTION #2024-RE8 – TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN FUNDS

Mayor Estok presented Resolution #2024-RE8 to the Council. A motion was made by Bill Gustafson approving Resolution #2024-RE8. The motion was seconded by Sherry Cowen and passed by a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: RESOLUTION #2024-RE9 – AUTHORIZING MASTER EQUIPMENT LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT

City Attorney Justin Schramm presented Resolution #2024-RE9 to the Council. A motion was made by Sherry Cowen approving Resolution #2024-RE9. The motion was seconded by Don Kring and passed by a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: STARKE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR 2025

A short discussion was held. A motion was made by Sherry Cowen to reduce the yearly contracted payment to the SCEDF to \$50,000.00 for 2025. The motion was seconded by Don Kring and passed by a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Kidder informed the Board that the Council that since the 2025 Budget was adopted it will be submitted tomorrow in Gateway. Also, since we are fully funded, meaning we have an operating balance in every fund, and we are under the required maximum levy. We should be subject to what is called a "short review", and we should receive our approved budget order a bit sooner.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

1. This is the last weekend for the Splash Pad.
2. The Battle of the Bands is this Saturday at Wythogan Park, it starts at 5:00 PM.
3. The Pop-Up Store Committee has chosen Bianca Rose Floral Design as the new occupant of 6 N. Main Street.
4. We are in the process of bidding out the 2nd phase for Henry Drive Extension on October 11th.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Jeff Berg reminded everyone about Knoxtober Fest on October 5th and the Council meeting on October 8th will be cancelled or rescheduled.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (See Voucher Docket, APV #36785 - #36841) were presented and approved. There being no further business to come before the Council at this time the meeting upon motion was duly adjourned.

Dennis Estok, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cyndi Kidder, Clerk-Treasurer