

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday, February 11, 2025, in the Knox 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, Donald Kring and Jamie Gruszczynski.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 1/28/25

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 Jamie Gruszczynski and passed by a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: (DNR) LWCF PROGRAM

Mayor Estok spoke to the Council about the DNR 50/50 matching grant. The application is due August 1, 2025. The minimum grant is \$250,000.00 and must have committed match money. The City Redevelopment Commission and the Gateway Committee have committed funds \$125,000.00 for the match. Several projects have been mentioned for this park grant. Sherry Cowen made a motion approving the match funds from CEDIT. The motion was seconded by Jeff Berg and passed by a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: STARKE TANK DONATION

A discussion was held about the sponsorship of the 2025 Starke Tank Competition. The Council would like more information about the criteria for entering this competition. Jeff Berg made a motion to table this agenda item until more information is received. The motion was seconded by Bill Gustafson and passed by a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CLERK TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder informed the Council that her office is working on the completion of the Annual Financial Report and double-checking it for errors. The AFR is due by March 1, 2025. The office is constantly working on their daily grind of many duties.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Fire Work Donation, the 1<sup>st</sup> letter has gone out for donations. There are 3 lines of sponsorship, Gold, Silver, Bronze.
2. Surf Internet is coming back into the City and installing some areas that were left out on the first round. Possible areas include Williams, 500 E to Sellers, Corey, Johnson's Subdivision, E John, Binkley's Subdivision and North on Kloeckner.
3. Something for the Council to think about – one meeting a month or schedule two and council second one due to lack of agenda items.
4. Roof issues at City Hall. Gary Reedy has tared a few spots where leaks have been an issue. Gary said the flat roof looks fairly new, but we are not sure when it was last completed.
5. Council table for meeting room. Mayor Estok had some catalog pictures of tables, or maybe having one made was an option discussed also.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Bill Gustafson asked about the Veridus Company and when the next meeting will be held. Mayor Estok let Bill know it is scheduled for March. Don Kring asked about the 3<sup>rd</sup> well progress. The water crew have been clearing land and IDEM requested a survey now.

RE: CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

A concerned citizen spoke to the Council about a neighborhood petition signed by most that she presented to the Mayor and Council to review. Their issue is dogs barking for hours within their neighborhood. Mayor Estok stated she should call his office/code enforcement.

WKVI spoke Anita Goodan asked for a little more information on the DNR Grant. A discussion was held.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (See Voucher Docket, APV #37478 - #37503) were presented and approved. There being no further business to come before the Council at this time the meeting upon motion was duly adjourned.

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Dennis Estok, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cyndi Kidder, Clerk-Treasurer