

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday, March 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, and Jamie Gruszczynski. Donald Kring was absent.

RE: AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

Sherry Cowen made a motion to add the new conference room meeting table and the yearly agreement with the Starke County Community Services to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Jeff Berg and passed by a vote of Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING 2/11/25

Copies of the previous minutes were mailed to the Council prior to the meeting for their review. Bill Gustafson made a motion to approve minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Jeff Berg and passed by a vote of Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: NEW CONFERENCE TABLE FOR MEETING ROOM

Mayor Estok presented the bid to the Council. A local man will build the conference table to the desired specs needed to accommodate all meetings held. The bid was \$20,000.00. Jeff Berg made a motion to approve the bid. The motion was seconded by Sherry Cowen and passed by a vote of Four (4) ayes and NO (0) nays.

RE: STARKE COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES AGREEMENT

Mayor Estok presented a letter from Starke County Community Services requesting their annual sponsorship funds. Jeff Berg made a motion approving the \$2,000.00 donation. The motion was seconded by Jaime Gruszczynski and passed by a vote of Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: ORDINANCE 2025-OR2 – 1ST READING ESTABLISHING FEES AND RULES FOR COSTS OF REPRODUCTION OF POLICE PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS

A short discussion was held. Jeff Berg made a motion approving the 1st reading of Ordinance 2025-OR2. The motion was seconded by Jaime Gruszczynski and passed by a vote of Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: STARKE TANK DONATION

Mayor Estok presented a copy of the Starke Tank 2025 rules and requirements. A short discussion was held. Sherry Cowen made a motion approving a \$500.00 donation to the Starke Tank 2025 competition. The motion was seconded by Bill Gustafson and passed by a vote of Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CLERK TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder informed the Council that the Annual Financial Report was completed and submitted before the due date. It will be published in the Leader for the next two issues.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

1. The new subdivision will be getting the graveled streets paved as part of the CCMG. Hopefully some construction will start in June. A small committee is discussing covenants for the new property's homes.
2. 18 S Main – the demo is complete and some temporary extra parking spaces will be installed.
3. The summer event calendar for the City is almost complete.
4. The 1st round of sponsorship letters are out and have had a few returned. The second round of letters plus parade application will go out mid-April. Any parade entry must be decorated!

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Sherry Cowen asked when the two stop signs and speed limit signs on Henry Drive are going up and locations. Mayor Estok informed the council that the Street Superintendent Jeff Borg has the signs ordered and they should arrive next week. Locations are still being discussed.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (See Voucher Docket, APV #37558 - #37614) 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