

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session at the Knox City Hall at 7:00 P.M. CST on Tuesday, March 18, 2018 with the following members present: Dennis Estok, Mayor; Ronald Parker, Bertha Blue, Jeff Berg and Don Kring, Councilmembers; Shari Spaid, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer; and City Attorney Leslie Baker. Councilmember Tim Manns was absent.

RE: AMENDMENT TO AGENDA

Mayor Estok asked the Council for a motion to add Plan Commission Inspector Kenny Pfost to the agenda with a recommendation from the Plan Commission to rezone four parcels. Motion was made by Councilmember Kring to add it to the agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Berg and was passed by a vote of Four (4) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were mailed to the Council prior to meeting for their review. Councilmember Berg made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Blue and was passed by a vote of Four (4) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION FOR REZONING – PACIFIC AVENUE

City of Knox Planning Administrator Kenny Pfost presented to the Council the following recommendation for rezoning:

OFFICE OF BUILDING, PLANNING, CODE COMPLIANCE
101 W. WASHINGTON ST.
KNOX, IN 46534

Notice is hereby given that there will be a public hearing at Knox City Hall on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. (Central Time) located at 101 West Washington Street, Knox, Starke County, Indiana. The purpose of the hearing is to re-zone four parcels of land, located at:

Richards Lots 1-4 & Part Lot 5 Block 2, commonly known as 401 West Pacific Avenue
Knox, Indiana. The property is owned by Luke Goetz, LLC

Richards South 75 Feet of Lot 5 Block 2 Excluding Southwest 28.5 Feet, commonly known
as West Pacific Avenue, Knox, Indiana. Property is owned by Cleary & Helen Clemons.

Richards East 16.3 Feet of Lot 2 & All Lot 1 Block 3 Extending 20.5 Feet X 132 Feet Deep
Northeast, commonly known as 407 West Pacific Avenue, Knox, Indiana. The property is
owned by Cleary & Helen Clemons.

Richards Lots 3 & 4 & West 33.2 Feet Lot 2 Block 3 & 19.8 Feet Alley Between Lots 2 & 3,
commonly known as 409 West Pacific Avenue, Knox, Indiana. The property is owned by
Timothy Miller.

I hereby certify that the Knox Planning Commission has approved the recommendation to amend the City of Knox zoning map this 6th day of March, 2018.

Kenneth Pfost
City of Knox Planning Commission Administrator

Motion was made by Councilmember Berg to approve the recommendation by the Knox Plan Commission to rezone said properties. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Kring and was passed by a vote of Four (4) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: ORDINANCE #1164 – AMENDMENT TO CURFEW ORDINANCE

The following ordinance was presented to the Council for their approval:

ORDINANCE #1164
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF KNOX, INDIANA
AMENDING THE KNOX MUNICIPAL CODE
TO AMEND ORDINANCES
#63, #831 AND #857
ESTABLISHING CURFEW AND FINES FOR VIOLATIONS

Whereas, there have been requests by the citizens of Knox for clarification of existing curfew hours; and

Whereas, the State of Indiana allows Cities to determine curfew times for public safety of its citizens pursuant to IC 31-37-3-4.

Therefore, let it be resolved and ordained by the Knox Common Council;

Section 1. That a curfew is hereby established for children Seventeen (17) years of age and under.

Section 2. That it shall be a curfew violation for a child Fifteen (15), Sixteen (16) or Seventeen (17) years of age to be in a public place:

- (a) Friday night midnight to 6:00 A.M. Saturday; and Saturday night midnight to 6:00 A.M. Sunday
- (b) After 10:00 P.M. on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday; or
- (c) Before 6:00 A.M. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday

Section 3. It shall be a curfew violation for a child under Fifteen (15) years of age to be in a public place after 10:00 P.M. or before 6:00 A.M. on any day.

Section 4. It shall not be a curfew violation for a child to be in a public place during the hours stated above if:

- (a) The child is accompanied by parent, guardian or custodian;
- (b) The child is accompanied by an adult specified by his parent, guardian or custodian, or
- (c) The child is participating in, going or returning from:

- 1) Lawful employment
- 2) A school sanctioned activity; or
- 3) A religious event

Section 5. A parent or guardian whose child or ward is out after hours established for curfew shall be held responsible for such violation by their child or ward.

The penalty for a parent or guardian found to be in violation of this ordinance shall be a fine in the amount of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each child found to be violating curfew and for each time the curfew is violated.

Said fine shall be payable to the Ordinance Violations Bureau, c/o Clerk-Treasurer's Office, 101 W. Washington Street, Knox, Indiana 46534. If the parent does not believe he or she is in violation of this ordinance, the case shall be heard in Knox City Court.

Dennis Estok, Mayor

Attest: _____

Jeffery J. Houston, Clerk-Treasurer

After a short discussion Councilmember Kring made a motion to approve the amended Curfew Ordinance #1164. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Parker and was passed by a vote of Four (4) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor passed out pictures of message boards. These boards would be for advertising up coming events in town. One on wheels would cost around \$20,000 and a 2-sided board would cost around \$25,000 to \$30,000. He stated that funds may be available from TIF, Cedit and Riverboat Revenue. A short discussion was held but no action was taken at this time.

The Mayor spoke to the Council of widening the east side of the park entrance and putting in a sidewalk. People are now walking down the east side of the road when there are events at the theater. He also suggested getting quotes on a retaining wall.

The Park Board is approving the 5-year plan at their next meeting. There will be a joint meeting between the Council and the Park Board to discuss plans and funding.

There will be 3 local artists working on the mural on North Main Street (Serenity Park). The last meeting in April they will bring plans to show to the Council and approve a theme. Preservation of the mural will be done by art teacher from Oregon Davis.

Spring clean up will be on Saturday and Sunday, May 19-20 at the wastewater treatment plant. Hours have not been set yet. Since there have been so many people coming from other areas outside of the City the format this year will change. People will be required to show identification and a Knox water utility bill in their name to prove they live in the City. A shredding event was discussed. Mayor stated that there were mostly businesses that use the shredding and not many residents. He wants these events to be for the residents of Knox.

The Starke County Humane Society won't sign a contract with the City of Knox animal control. They stated that if they are short-handed they don't want to be bound by a contract because they may not be able to take our animals. On Sunday, April 15 there will be a spay/neuter clinic called Public Vet at the South Side Fire Station.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Councilmember Berg asked the Mayor about out-sourcing an ordinance regarding the absenteeism of Councilmember Tim Manns. The Mayor has not yet started on that but he has talked to Tim. He told the Mayor between his job and his family he feels he has bit off more than he can chew. It is his intention to resign. The Mayor has yet to receive anything from him in writing. Councilmember Parker suggested that we follow through with this ordinance for future use. The Mayor said he has talked to a lawyer from Indianapolis regarding the subject. He will get a copy of a sample ordinance.

Councilmember Kring: There is a step outside the City Hall that is hard to see especially in the dark and suggested that it be painted.

The following properly filed vouchers (See Docket Book, Voucher #25253-25333 inclusive) 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: _____

Shari Spaid, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer