

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday January 23, 2018 in the Knox City Hall at 7:00 PM CST with the following members present: Mayor, Dennis Estok; Clerk-Treasurer, Jeff Houston; Councilmembers, Don Kring, Bertha Blue, Jeff Berg and Ron Parker, and City Attorney, Leslie Baker. Councilmember Tim Manns was absent.

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. Don Kring made a motion, seconded by Bertha Blue to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: KIRPC GRANT ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENT

Shawn Cain from KIRPC came before the board to outline the scope of services their organization will provide as the grant administrator for the Park Planning Grant PL-17-001. The cost to the City is \$2,000.00. Jeff Berg made a motion, seconded by Ron Parker to approve the grant administrative agreement with KIRPC. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: JOHN JULIEN, UMBAUGH – DISCUSSION OF BONDING FOR A NEW FIRE TRUCK

John Julien from Umbaugh came before the board to discuss borrowing money to buy a new pumper engine truck to replace the 1990 pumper engine that the Fire department has now. He passed out an analysis of the tax rate impact of obtaining a general obligation bond of \$650,000.00. He also provided an estimate of the allowable debt limit for the City and the impact the bond would have on that.

He suggested the City may be interested in a ten year bond with interest payments only for the first three years.

Shawn Cain from KIRPC suggested it is possible that a grant could be found to help with the purchase. She will be in contact with Jeff Berg at the next KIRPC meeting.

Kenny Pfost, Fire Chief was instructed to continue to work on the spec's required.

Don Kring made a motion, seconded by Ron Parker to table any additional action until the next Council meeting. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF NEW EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

Included in the meeting packets distributed to the Councilmembers was the new employee handbook. It was discussed during the joint work session. Several types and clarifications were made. Don Kring made a motion seconded by Jeff Berg to approve the new handbook with the changes. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Estok reported that the house at 202 N Pearl Street that is on the Blight Elimination Program will have a demolition bid opening at 9:00 AM February 5th, 2018. This will be the 14th home on the program with one more entered in the program.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (see Voucher Docket, Voucher #25062 - #25102 inclusive) were presented and approved. Voucher

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time the meeting upon motion was duly adjourned.

Dennis Estok, Mayor

Attest:

Jeffery J. Houston, Clerk-Treasurer

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in a joint work session with the Board of Public Works on January 23, 2018 at 6:00 PM CST at the Knox City Hall with the following members present: Mayor, Dennis Estok; Clerk-Treasurer, Jeffery Houston; Councilmembers Jeff Berg, Ron Parker, Don Kring, Bertha Blue; Board of Works member Steve Dodge and City Attorney Leslie Baker. City Councilmember Tim Manns and Board of Works member Jim Collins were absent.

A general discussion took place concerning a new Employee Handbook. Several typos and clarifications were noted. No official actions were taken.

Dennis Estok, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jeffery J. Houston, Clerk-Treasurer