

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday January 9, 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. Councilmember, Tim Manns and City Attorney Leslie Baker were absent.

RE: AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

Bertha Blue made a motion, seconded by Don Kring to amend item #8 to read "Resolution #961 – Amendment to Salary Ordinance #1161". Don Kring seconded the motion. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and NO (0) nays.

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 Jeff Berg to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: ELECTION OF 2018 COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Mayor Estok opened the nominations for President Pro Tempore of the Council. Bertha Blue nominated Ron Parker. No other nominations were made. A vote was taken with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Nominations were opened for Starke County Economic Development Foundation. Don Kring nominated Jeff Berg. No other nominations were made. A vote was taken with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

Nominations were opened for Starke County Solid Waste Board. Don Kring nominated Bertha Blue. No other nominations were made. A vote was taken with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

Nominations were opened for two positions for the Re-development Commission. Ron Parker nominated Jerry Gurado and Jeff Berg. No other nominations were made. A vote was taken with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

Nominations were opened for three positions for the Plan Commission. Bertha Blue nominated Don Kring. Ron Parker nominated Bertha Blue. Don Kring nominated Ron Parker. No other nominations were made. A vote was taken with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

Nominations were opened for BZA. Bertha Blue nominated Darrin Pinder to a four year term. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Estok announced he was making the following appointments:

2018 MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

YEARLY APPOINTMENTS:
 City Attorney – Leslie Baker
 Police Chief – Harold Smith
 Street Supt. – Jeff Borg
 Water Supt. – Todd Gardner
 Wastewater Supt. – Kelly Clemons
 Fire Chief – Kenny Pfost
 Park Supt. Nomination – George Byer
 Planning Administrator Nomination – Kenny Pfost
 Starke County Beverage Board – Bill Gustafson
 KIRPC – Jeff Berg
 Knox Redevelopment Commission – Marcia Hayes, Marsha Boggs, Mike Estok
 Animal Control – N/A
 Knox Economic Development Commission – N/A
 Garden Court – N/A
 Board of Works – Steve Dodge, Jim Collins
 FOUR YEAR TERMS:
 Plan Commission – Dan Allen – (replaces Rodger Weigel, term expires 12-31-20)
 Board of Zoning Appeals – No Mayoral Appointments Due
 Park Board – John Fletcher

RE: ORDINANCE #1162 – OBSTRUCTIONS OF SIDEWALKS, STREETS AND RAILROAD CROSSINGS – AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #977

Ordinance #1162 was presented to the Council for second and final approval. Bertha Blue made a motion, seconded by Ron Parker to approve Ordinance #1162. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: RESOLUTION #961 – AMENDMENT TO SALARY ORDINANCE #1161

Mayor Estok presented Resolution #961 to the Council. It amends the 2018 Salary Ordinance for the Crossing Guard to increase his pay from \$24.62 per day to \$29.62 per day. Don Kring made a motion, seconded by Bertha Blue to approve Resolution #961. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RESOLUTION #961
 AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE #1161

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is in the best interest of the City of Knox to Amend Salary Ordinance #1161 – Salary Ordinance for Appointed Officers, Employees and Elected Officers of the City of Knox, Indiana for the year 2018.

BE IT RESOLVED; by the common Council of the City of Knox that the Clerk-Treasurer's office be directed to make the following change:

Crossing Guard (2 1/2 Hr Day, 180 Days)

29.62 Per Day

ADOPTED, PASSED AND ORDAINED, BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOX, INDIANA, this ____ day of _____, 2018.

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOX:

Donald Kring, Council President_____
Ron Parker, Councilor_____
Bertha Blue, Councilor_____
Tim Manns, Councilor_____
Jeff Berg, Councilor

Approved by the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2018.

Dennis Estok, Mayor

Attest: _____

Jeffery J. Houston, Clerk-Treasurer

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Houston said that his office is working on end of the year reports. The City is still waiting for the budget order from the State.

Clerk-Treasurer asked the Council to review the fund report as it reflected the ending balances for last year. He noted that the City ended the year in slightly better financial shape than when the year started. He noted that several of the funds such as Riverboat Revenue, Credit and the TIF Districts improved as well as the Sewer Improvement Fund.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Estok said the new bulbs and globes have been ordered. Work is set to begin next week on the flooring at the Nancy J. Dembowski Community Center. The draft of the park five year plan is complete. A public hearing will be held January 25th at 6:00.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Councilmember Jeff Berg handed out an email from his cousin from Hunnington, about downtown redevelopment.

A general discussion took place on cleaning of snow on sidewalks. It was noted that enforcement of an ordinance is hard to enforce.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (see Voucher Docket, Voucher #24968 - #25061 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