

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday July 10, 2018 in the Knox City Hall at 7:00 PM CST with the following members present: Mayor, Dennis Estok; Clerk-Treasurer, Jeff Houston; Councilmembers, Jeff Berg, Ron Parker, Bertha Blue, Don Kring, William Gustafson and City Attorney, Leslie Baker.

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 approval. Bertha Blue made a motion seconded by Jeff Berg to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING – WWTP SEWER PLANT PROJECT

Mayor Estok opened the Public Hearing on the Waste Water Treatment Plant Sewer Project. Emily Gross Albaugh, Community Development Planner for Kankakee Iroquois Regional Planning Commission spoke first about the project. She outlined the project as applying to the Office of Community and Rural Affairs for a grant in the Water and Wastewater Program. The City is applying for a \$600,000.00 grant with a match of \$1,372,000.00 in bonds and cash on hand. The application is due July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Josh Weaver of J.P.R. Engineering explained the scope of the project which concentrates on upgrading or replacing most of the head works at the plant. The pre-treatment system needs more of the small solids and grit removed. Failure to take these particulates out of the system creates more wear on the clarifiers, pumps and screens. A general discussion took place about goals and priorities of the project. Emily noted that the award date has been moved from August 16<sup>th</sup> to August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

RE: RESOLUTION #968: AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION SUBMISSION AND LOCAL MATCH COMMITMENT WDW APPLICATION

Mayor Estok presented Resolution #968 to the Council.

RESOLUTION #968

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION SUBMISSION AND LOCAL MATCH COMMITMENT

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF KNOX, INDIANA,  
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE WDW APPLICATION  
TO THE INDIANA OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND  
RURAL AFFAIRS AND ADDRESSING RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, the City Council of Knox, Indiana recognizes the need to stimulate growth and to maintain a sound economy within its corporate limits; and

WHEREAS, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, authorizes the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs to provide grants to local units of government to meet the housing and community development needs of low and moderate income persons; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Knox, Indiana has conducted or will conduct public hearings prior to the submission of an application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, said public hearings to assess the housing, public facilities and economic needs of its low- and moderate-income residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Knox, Indiana that:

1. The Mayor is authorized to prepare and submit an application for grant funding to address improvements to the existing wastewater treatment plant, and to execute and administer a resultant grant including requisite general administration and project management, contracts and agreements pursuant to regulations of the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.
2. The City Council of Knox, Indiana hereby commits the requisite local funds in the amount of one million three hundred seventy-two thousand seven hundred-seventy dollars (\$1,372,770), in the form of Cum. Sewer Treatment \$120,000, Sewer Improvement \$349,253, CCD SO Equipment Repair \$10,000, CCD SO System Repair \$10,000, Sewer Operating \$123,517; BOND \$760,000, such commitments to be contingent upon receipt of WDW funding from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

Adopted by the City Council of Knox, Indiana this 10th day of July 2018 at 7:00 PM local time.

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Donald Kring, Council

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Ronald Parker, Council President

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Bertha Blue, Council

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Jeff Berg, Council

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William Gustafson, Council

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Dennis Estok, Mayor

ATTEST BY:

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Jeff Houston, Clerk-Treasurer

Jeff Berg made a motion seconded by Bertha Blue to approve Resolution #968. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: RESOLUTION #969 – WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS BONDS

Mayor Estok introduced Resolution #969 to the Council.

RESOLUTION: # 969

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KNOX, KNOX, INDIANA,  
REGARDING WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS  
TO BE FINANCED BY BONDS

WHEREAS, the City of Knox, Indiana has determined that the need exists for improvements to the wastewater system (the “Project”) which is utilized by the City of Knox (the “City”); and

WHEREAS, the City Council now finds that the need exists for the Project and that the City cannot provide the necessary funds to pay the costs of the Project to meet such needs;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOX, INDIANA THAT:

SECTION 1. The Council hereby determines that the need exists for the Project and that the Project cannot be provided by any funds available to the City.

SECTION 2. The Officers of the City, and the legal counsel of the City are hereby authorized and directed to proceed to take all steps that are necessary or appropriate to issue bonds, up to a maximum amount of \$760,000 to be applied to the construction of the Project.

SECTION 3. The Mayor and any officer of the City be, and hereby is, authorized, empowered and directed, on behalf of the City to take all actions as the Mayor or such officer deems necessary or desirable to effectuate the foregoing resolutions, and any such actions heretofore made or taken be, and hereby are ratified and approved.

Adopted this 10th day of July, 2018 by the City Council of Knox.

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Ronald Parker, Council President

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Donald Kring, Council

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William Gustafson, Council

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Bertha Blue, Council

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Jeffrey Berg, Council

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Dennis Estok, Mayor

ATTEST BY:

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Jeffery J. Houston, Clerk-Treasurer

Jeff Berg made a motion, seconded by Don Kring to approve Resolution #969. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: RESOLUTION #970 – TAX ABATEMENT DEDUCTION PERCENTAGES – J.W. HICKS, INC.

Clerk-Treasurer Houston presented Resolution #970 to the Council. He explained that the resolution addresses the percentages of the tax abatement for J.W. Hicks.

RESOLUTION #970

Abatement Deduction Percentages For  
J.W. HICKS, INC. AND HICKS HOLDINGS, LLC  
(AREA TO THE SOUTH OF 1750 WEST PACIFIC AVENUE, KNOX, INDIANA 46534)

WHEREAS, the City of Knox Common Council, Starke County, Indiana, has previously approved Resolution Number 964 designating an economic revitalization area, a Declaratory Resolution Number 965 at a special meeting held on May 24, 2018, and a Confirming Resolution Number 967 at a regular meeting held on June 26, 2018; and

WHEREAS, said Resolutions designated a parcel of land in the City of Knox, Starke County, Indiana located along the west side of 300 East (Kloekner Drive) to the south of 1750 West Pacific Avenue in Knox, Indiana, as an Economic Revitalization Area pursuant to Indiana Code 6-1.1-12-1 et seq. and approved Statement of Benefits forms and authorized a 10-year tax abatement for real estate and a 5-year tax abatement for personal property: and

WHEREAS the City of Knox Common Council now desires to specify the deduction percentages for each year of said Abatement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Knox Common Council, that the percentages of deduction for the real estate portion of said abatement shall be as follows:

Year 1	100%	Year 6	40%
Year 2	95%	Year 7	30%
Year 3	80%	Year 8	20%
Year 4	65%	Year 9	10%
Year 5	50%	Year 10	5%

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, by the City of Knox Common Council, that the percentages of deduction for the personal property portion of said abatement shall be as follows:

Year 1	100%	Year 4	40%
Year 2	80%	Year 5	20%
Year 3	60%		

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of July 2018

CITY OF KNOX COMMON COUNCIL

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Donald Kring, Council

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Ronald Parker, Council President

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Bertha Blue, Council

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Jeff Berg, Council

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William Gustafson, Council

APPROVED BY:

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Dennis Estok, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jeff Houston, Clerk-Treasurer

Don Kring made a motion, seconded by Ron Parker to approve Resolution #970. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: REQUEST FOR GOLF CART EXEMPTION

Mayor Estok removed this item from the agenda because the petitioner could not attend the meeting.

RE: KIDS CLOSET – LINDA LEWANDOWSKI

Linda Lewandowski from Kids Closet explained to the Council her organizations mission. They supply new and gently used clothes to kids from birth through 17 years of age. The Organization started in 2013 at United Methodist Church in North Judson. Last year alone they spent over \$6,000.00 for “pack a back pack” effort. They work with the schools and the Department of Child Services. They serve over 450 children in the County, many of them from Knox. They are trying to have a fundraiser in the area and are looking for donations and volunteers.

RE: SCEDEF

Larry Wickert supplied the Council with an activity report for the Starke County Economic Development Foundation.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER’S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer, Jeff Houston said his office has been working on the codification of new ordinances. They will be eventually posted on line and will receive hard copies of the changes. Work is also still being done on the General Obligation Bond and the Wastewater Grant. The department has started working with Umbaugh on including the newly annexed J.W. Hicks land into the TIF District. This will be a several step process.

RE: MAYOR’S REPORT

The Mayor said the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration was a huge hit this year with the largest attendance yet. The crowd was estimated at 4,000 to 5,000 people. He thanked all the sponsors, volunteers and Councilmembers.

RE: CITIZENS COMMENTS

Local citizen, Jacque Ryan asked about progress on the mural. The Mayor said he is meeting with the artist on Wednesday at 9:00 AM.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (see Voucher Docket, Voucher #25834 - #25905 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.

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Dennis Estok, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeffery J. Houston, Clerk-Treasurer