

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session at the Knox City Hall on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. CST with the following members present: Dennis Estok, Mayor; Donald Kring, Ron Parker, Bertha Blue and Jeff Berg, Councilmembers; Shari Spaid, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer; and Leslie Baker, City Attorney.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RE: TAX ABATEMENT – SELECT FURNITURE

Forms CF-1 for real estate and personal property were presented to the Council from Select Furniture applying for tax abatement. The Mayor informed the Council of the back taxes Select Furniture owes as of June 6, 2018:

Real Property	\$37,458.15
Personal Property	<u>\$21,062.85</u>
Total	\$58,521.00 (Plus collection agency fees)

Mayor Estok recommended the Council deny tax abatement. Motion was made by Councilmember Parker to deny tax abatement for Select Furniture. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Blue and was passed by a vote of Four (4) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: ORDINANCE #1169 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1165 – FIRE TRUCK BOND SALE

Mayor Estok informed the Council that the dates on Ordinance #1165 need to be changed to coordinate with the timing of the bond sale. Motion was made by Councilmember Berg to approve changing of the dates to coordinate with the fire truck bond sale. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Kring and was passed by a vote of Four (4) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: STREET PAINT PROJECT

Mayor Estok presented to the Council a sample of a design for the intersection of Lake and Main Streets. He told the Council that the colors picked out are not final. The colors are not painted but are melded into the asphalt. This way the colors do not wear off or fade. He knows of one done in 2006 and it is still in good shape. Since Lake and Main is in the TIF district he wants to get the Redevelopment Commission involved. There will be a meeting set up between the Knox City Council and the Redevelopment Commission to finalize the decision on the colors and design. They would be involved in the funding of it. There are also funds available from Riverboat and Credit Funds. Councilmember Blue asked what the cost would be. The Mayor said it would be approximately \$24,000.00. Councilmember Parker asked when it would be done. The Mayor said it would be in the fall.

After discussion was held Councilmember Parker made a motion to approve the design presented for the intersection of Lake and Main Streets. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Blue and was passed by a vote of Four (4) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Homeowners should have received their annual Knox Water Report. The report came back very good.  
The City received the June draw on property taxes.  
The City received a check for \$2,917.97 from paid sewer liens.  
A copy of the report for Receipts, Disbursements and Balances for the month of May, 2018 was presented to the Council.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

Neuter Scooter will be here on June 15. Appointments can be made on the Neuter Scooter website  
City of Knox website has been redone. It is more user friendly and it is being used more.  
Residents have until July 25 to apply for FEMA assistance. Information on how to register can be found on the City website.  
The City is reapplying for another Housing Rehab Grant this year. They will be going through Agency 5 this time.  
Caucus to replace empty Council seat will be on the night of the June 26, 2018 Council meeting so that the new member can be sworn in on the same night.

RE: CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Steve Dodge asked about the house across from the annex building on Mound Street that is in the process of being torn down. He said the siding has been torn off but there has been nothing else done for a while. Mayor Estok told him that the house is part of the City's Blight Elimination Grant project. There have been delays such as waiting for certifications and the contractor was in the hospital and the City was not informed. Things should start happening again soon.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (see Voucher Docket, Voucher #25666 - #25773 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shari Spaid, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer