

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday October 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, Ron Parker, Bertha Blue, Jeff Berg, William Gustafson and City Attorney, Leslie Baker. Councilmember Don Kring was absent.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES 10/9/18

Minutes of the previous meeting were mailed to the Councilmembers prior to the meeting for their review. Bertha Blue made a motion, seconded by William Gustafson to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Houston passed out Anti-Nepotism and Conflict of Interest forms to the elected officials for them to sign. He noted that they are required to be filled out each year.

Clerk-Treasurer Houston reported that internal control training is being conducted through his office now. He noted that ultimately the Council is the body responsible to make sure the training is done.

Clerk-Treasurer Houston presented the new Center Township and Jackson Township Fire Protection Agreement. He noted that the new agreements will be for the same amount of each contract. Center Township will pay \$30,000.00 and Jackson \$5,000.00 to the City. The Contracts will expire at the end of 2019.

There will be hydrant flushing for the next few days.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Dennis Estok reported on 313 Ostrander which the City purchased in Parkview we are still trying to get into the Blight Elimination Program. The City may have to rent a dumpster and take the house down on our own. He has decided to wait a couple more months to see if it can still be included in the grant.

The leaf raking service offered through the Scill Center and coordinated through the City will be occurring again this year. The program is limited to 15 people who are seniors or physically disabled. Sign up will last until November 13<sup>th</sup> to get on the list.

The painting of the streetscape started today. It will take a little longer due to the cold weather. They started on the crosswalks. The center piece won't be done until next year.

The City is looking for someone to donate a 20 to 25-foot Douglas fir tree. Sue Hewlett donated one last year. This year's donor would be recognized for their contribution.

Friday October 26th will be the Bluegrass Jam at the Nancy J. Dembowski Community Center from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. It will support the food pantry by asking for a donation of a canned good for admission.

Wednesday October 31<sup>st</sup> is Trick or Treat from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. Costume judging will be held afterward at the Community Center sponsored by Starke County ABATE.

Applications for the Peppermint Parade entries are on the City's website and will appear in the Market. An organizational meeting will be held soon. The parade will be December 1<sup>st</sup> with the arrival of Santa Claus.

RE: CITIZEN COMMENTS

A general discussion took place concerning the completion of the mural at Serenity park.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (see Voucher Docket, Voucher #26321 - #26373 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