

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday November 27, 2018 in the Knox City Hall at 7:00 PM CST with the following members present: Mayor, Dennis Estok; Clerk-Treasurer, Jeff Houston; Councilmembers, Bertha Blue, Ron Parker, Jeff Berg, William Gustafson, Don Kring and City Attorney, Leslie Baker.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES 11/13/18

Minutes of the previous meeting were mailed to the Councilmembers prior to the meeting for their review. Ron Parker made a motion, seconded by Bertha Blue to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Jeff Houston presented the 2019 Budget Estimate for the Water and Sewer Utilities to the Council. He also handed out a cash summary report for the year 2017. He noted that total water revenue was \$718,616.82 and total sewer revenue was \$916,784.61. The proposed 2019 budgets included transfer of funds for Bond and Interest and Water and Sewer Improvement.

Also included in the packet was a recap of October 2018 as an example of the funds received and distributed in the utilities. The Council thanked Clerk-Treasurer Houston for his report.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Dennis Estok said the Peppermint Parade is scheduled for Saturday December 1st; however, there is a better than 80% chance of rain predicted right now. He will make a call later in the week if the parade and associated activities need to be re-scheduled. Possibly to December 15th.

The City sponsored an essay contest. The theme was "What Christmas Means to Me"

10 essays were chosen from each 4th, 5th and 6th grade – these are the winners from the Top 30.

Grand Prize Winner – 5th Grade – Andreea Angyalosy

Winners: 4th Grade Easton Carbine, Harper Hazelton Aryanna Sibbo, Eugene Scott

Winners: 5th Grade Savannah Carlson, Lily Warren, Hope Biege

Winners: 6th Grade Aiden Fisher, Alaina Dewes

The City is also sponsoring a holiday decorating contest again. Citizens are urged to call and notify the Mayor's Office if they would like to be included. Judging will take place Wednesday, December 12th from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

The visit of the neuter scooter was a big success. Eighty-eight females and sixty-one males were fixed for a total of 149. There was also some walk ins.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Jeff Berg asked when the employee Christmas Party is going to be held. The Mayor said invitations would come out soon.

Knox Police Chief Harold Smith asked the City Council Members to review the City's no parking fines. Chief Smith mentioned that the fine is currently set at \$5.00 and that doesn't seem to dissuade people from parking in prohibited areas.

He said they have problems in multiple spots around the city but there is a consistent issue with people parking across the street from the school despite signs that say no parking.

Mayor Dennis Estok noted that improper parking also causes problems when the street department sweeps the streets or plows snow.

Council President Ron Parker candidly mentioned that \$25.00 would likely get peoples attention and proposed the possibility of having a second offense fine of \$50.00.

No official actions were taken but the matter will be addressed during future meetings.

Chief Smith also reported that the new probationary Patrolman Patrick McKee was sworn in to the force.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (see Voucher Docket, Voucher #26374 - #26482 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.

Dennis Estok, Mayor

Attest: _____
 Jeffery J. Houston, Clerk-Treasurer