

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday January 8, 2019 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, Don Kring, Bertha Blue, Jeff Berg and William Gustafson. No City Attorney was present.

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 review. Ron Parker made a motion seconded by Don Kring to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMP

Mayor Estok opened the floor for nominations for Council President Pro Temp. William Gustafson nominated Jeff Berg. Don Kring nominated Ron Parker. A vote was taken, Bertha Blue, Ron Parker and Don Kring voted for Ron Parker. Jeff Berg and William Gustafson voted for Jeff Berg. The vote was 3 to 2 with Ron Parker being selected to hold the position.

RE: COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

All people listed below were unopposed upon nomination and will thus hold those positions for the next term of those positions:

Starke County Economic Development Foundation – Don Kring nominated Jeff Berg.

Starke County Solid Waste Board – Jeff Berg nominated Bertha Blue.

Redevelopment Commission (2) – Ron Parker nominated Jeff Berg and Jerry Gurrado.

Plan Commission (3) – Appointments can run concurrent with term or change – Ron Parker nominated Bertha Blue, Bertha Blue nominated Don Kring. Don Kring nominated Ron Parker.

BZA (1) – The Council is still searching for a Republican to serve.

RE: MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Estok made the following appointments:

2019 MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

YEARLY APPOINTMENTS:

- CITY ATTORNEY – PENDING
- POLICE CHIEF – HAROLD SMITH
- STREET DEPT. – JEFF BORG
- WATER SUPT. – INTERIM TIM VOGELZANG
- WASTEWATER SUPT. – KELLY CLEMONS
- FIRE CHIEF – KENNY PFOST
- PARK SUPT. NOMINATION – GEORGE BYER
- DIRECTOR OF BUILDING AND CODE COMPLIANCE – KENNY PFOST
- PLANNING ADMINISTRATOR NOMINATION – KENNY PFOST
- STARKE COUNTY BEVERAGE BOARD – BILL GUSTAFSON
- KIRPC – JEFF BERG
- KNOX REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
  - MARCIA HAYES
  - MARSHA BOGGS
  - MIKE ESTOK
- KNOX ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – N/A
- GARDEN COURT – N/A
- BOARD OF WORKS
  - STEVE DODGE
  - JIM COLLINS

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FOUR YEAR TERMS:

- PLAN COMMISSION
  - NO MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS
- BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
  - GREG MATT - REAPPOINTMENT

RE: FUNDING FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Mayor Estok said the Council would not need to take any action on the funding for the resource officer since it is already covered in the 2019 Police Department budget in the general fund.

A memorandum of understanding is being drawn up between the City and Knox School system. The officer should start on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Police Chief, Harold Smith said the officer will train for a few days at Oregon Davis Schools.

RE: ORDINANCE #2019-OR1-AMENDMENT TO 2019 SALARY ORDINANCE #1170

Mayor Estok presented Ordinance #2019-OR1 to the Council. Clerk-Treasurer Houston noted that it was necessary due to the hours the new resource officer is going to work.

## ORDINANCE #2019-OR1

SALARY ORDINANCE FOR 2019  
AMENDING SALARY ORDINANCE #1170

Be It Ordained by The Common Council of The City of Knox, Indiana: Notwithstanding any provisions of Ordinance #1170 the Salary Ordinance for 2019 shall be amended as follows:

Patrolman – Resource Officer	Annual Base \$46,924.00	Per Hour \$22.56
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Overtime: The Resource Officer will generally work 40 hours per week. Overtime will be paid in the period it is earned. All overtime will be paid at 1 ½ times the hourly rate.

Benefits such as longevity, PERF and holiday pay will remain the same as listed in Ordinance #1170. All other benefits are listed in the employee handbook adopted 1/1/18.

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Dennis Estok, Mayor

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

Bertha Blue made a motion, seconded by Don Kring to approve Ordinance 2019-OR1 on first reading. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) Nays.

Jeff Berg made a motion, seconded by Ron Parker to suspend the rules and take a second vote on the ordinance. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

Ron Parker made a motion seconded by Jeff Berg to approve Ordinance 2019-OR1 on second and final reading. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Houston said his office will be busy for the next couple of months completing year end financial reports, w-2's and entering rates etc. into the software.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Estok put out a call for volunteers to work on various event committees. Anyone interested should contact him.

The Mayor also asked the Councilmembers to take an inventory of the streets in their districts to help determine which ones they would like put on the paving list.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Councilperson Bertha Blue announced she will not be running for re-election. Councilperson Jeff Berg announced that he will run for re-election.

William Gustafson asked about handicapped parking at the Community Center. It was agreed that the two handicapped spaces on the East side no longer have signs up. Councilman Gustafson said he would like to see another one in front of the building.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (see Voucher Docket, Voucher #26727 - #26773 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

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