

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday April 9, 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, William Gustafson and City Attorney Autumn Ferch.

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

RE: RESOLUTION #2019-RE2, RECOMMENDATION FROM PLAN COMMISSION TO AMEND ZONING MAP OF ORDINANCE #958 – C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL TO M-2 HEAVY INDUSTRIAL

Director of Building and Code Compliance and Planning Administrator, Kenny Pfof told the Council he had been contacted by a representative of REMC who told him the company wanted to build a substation at the corner of 50 South and 250 East. The present zoning would not allow this.

This information was brought before the Planning Commission. A public hearing was held concerning the matter at the beginning of the month. The Planning Commission recommended to rezone the East side of 250 East between 50 South and Division Road from C-2 General Commercial to M-2 Heavy Industrial.

Jeff Berg made a motion, seconded by Bertha Blue to approve Resolution #2019-RE2. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Jeff Houston distributed the monthly fund report to the Council.

The Clerk-Treasurer said he had a meeting with Ruth Turpin who is the Recruiting Assistant for the 2020 Census. They are wanting to hire workers for full-time, part-time or flex-time jobs to be census takers in the area. The Clerk-Treasurer noted that Ms. Turpin said recruiting in the area was very slow. That could be an indicator that the area will have difficulty getting an accurate count. The Clerk-Treasurer told the Council an accurate count is very important to the City because an undercount adversely affects taxes received from the State on a per capita basis.

He encouraged people to apply for the various positions available.

Clerk-Treasurer Houston said that early voting for the municipal election has started at the Court House. Voters can check with the WKVI website for the times.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Dennis Estok reported that there will be a meeting for the Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Housing Grant April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Knox Community Center with Ken Ward from Area 5 and Christine Deutcher from Neighborhood Development present to help residents file forms to be a part of the project.

Knox dumpster days will be May 4<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and May 5<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The dumpsters will be located in Wythogan Park at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the rear of the park. Only Knox residents, no businesses or contractors, will be allowed to discard any material. A valid driver's license or ID and current Knox Utility bill will be required.

The annual 50/50 Sidewalk Program is now taking applications. After the bid is awarded to the contractor, the property owner will be notified. The owner will then have 14 days to pay their share. Applications will be accepted until May 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM.

A pickleball instructor held a meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup> with interested Citizens that was very well attended. The next step is to get the old tennis courts ready. Instructors will then hold a clinic to explain the rules of the game.

A meeting with the Events Committee will be held April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Nancy J. Dembowski Community Center at 6:00 PM. People interested in volunteering for City Events are encouraged to attend the meeting.

The Water Department will be flushing fire hydrants on April 15, 16 and 18<sup>th</sup>.

RE: CITIZENS COMMENTS

Resident Steve Dodge asked for an update on 8 S Main. The Mayor told him that demolishing the building and applying for a grant is going to be a slow process and will take longer than originally anticipated.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (see Voucher Docket, Voucher #27116 - #27192 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, Councilman

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Jeffery J. Houston, Clerk-Treasurer