

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday May 28 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 distributed to the Councilmembers prior to the meeting for their review. Bertha Blue made a motion seconded by Jeff Berg 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 said next month his department will be starting on the budget. He wanted to give an update on the status of various grants being handled by his office:

Community Crossings: The state has released \$345,689.93 to the City. We are currently waiting for the paving to be scheduled. The overlay portion could start later this week.

The Rehab Housing CBDG Grant for \$195,000.00: Area 5 is scheduling the first five homes that met the income requirements to have inspections. They should start the first week of June.

The Blight Elimination Grant of about \$244,000.00: The Grant has enabled the City to remove 13 homes. We are starting the final steps of closing out the grant.

The Wastewater Treatment Grant of \$700,000.00: The Grant is in the final engineering phase. The plan will then need to be greenlighted by IDEM.

The Sandy Acres Park Grant for \$107,500.00: The application is being submitted this week. The State will then recommend it to the Federal government. They could then take 6 to 18 months for their final approval.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Estok reminded the Council that there will be a sculpture unveiling at Serenity Gardens Park on Wednesday the 29th at 5:00 PM.

The first Movie in the Park (Incredibles 2) will be this Wednesday, May 29th, also Kalita, Master of Magic will perform at 7:30 PM before the movie. There will be free popcorn. It is sponsored by Butch and Mary Lynne Richie.

The pickleball court needs some new concrete poured, but has been delayed due to rain. The work will be done soon by Doug Allen.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Councilman, Don Kring mentioned that three properties near him need the lawns mowed. Mayor Estok told him to notify The Code Enforcement Officer and he would start the enforcement procedure.

Councilwoman Bertha Blue asked when the parks would be sprayed for mosquitos. Mayor Estok said it will begin tomorrow. Councilman Jeff Berg gave a short synopsis of his Memorial Day speech.

RE: CITIZEN COMMENTS

Jacqui Ryan reported that there will be the last Young Professionals Trivia Night at the Park on Thursday at 6:00 PM. It costs \$5.00 to play.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (see Voucher Docket, Voucher #27331 - #27379 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