

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 in the Knox City Hall at 7:00 P.M. CST with the following members present: Mayor Dennis Estok; Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Shari Spaid; Councilmembers Jeff Berg, Bertha Blue, Ron Parker, William Gustafson and City Attorney Autumn Ferch. Councilmember Don Kring and Clerk-Treasurer Jeffery Houston were absent.

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. Councilmember Berg made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Gustafson and was seconded by a vote of Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays

RE: RESOLUTION #2019-RE10 – A RESOLUTION OF THE KNOX COMMON COUNCIL REGARDING APPROVAL OF EXPANSION OF THE INDUSTRIAL PARK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA AND ALLOCATION AREA

Mayor Estok presented the following Resolution for the Council's approval:

KNOX COMMON COUNCIL

RESOLUTION #2019-RE10

A RESOLUTION OF THE KNOX COMMON COUNCIL REGARDING
APPROVAL OF EXPANSION OF THE INDUSTRIAL PARK ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AREA AND ALLOCATION AREA

WHEREAS, the Knox ("City") Redevelopment Commission ("Commission") adopted a declaratory resolution on October 30, 2015 ("Declaratory Resolution") establishing the Knox Industrial Park Economic Development Area ("Original Area"), and the Declaratory Resolution was confirmed by a confirmatory resolution adopted on November 23, 2015 (collectively with the Declaratory Resolution, "Area Resolution");

WHEREAS, the Area Resolution approved the Economic Development Plan ("Original Plan") which Original Plan contained specific recommendations for economic development in the Original Area;

WHEREAS, the Area Resolution established an allocation area in accordance with IC 36-7-14-39 ("Original Allocation Area"), for the purpose of capturing property taxes generated from the incremental assessed value of real property located in the Original Allocation Area;

WHEREAS, the Common Council approved the creation of the Original Area and the Original Allocation Area;

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2019, the Commission adopted its amending declaratory resolution ("Amending Declaratory Resolution") for the purpose of expanding the Original Area and the Original Allocation Area by adding the parcels identified by parcel number and set forth on Exhibit A attached thereto (collectively, "Parcels"), and the Amending Declaratory Resolution was confirmed by an amending confirmatory resolution adopted on June 3, 2019 (collectively with the Amending Declaratory Resolution, "Amending Area Resolution");

WHEREAS, some of the Parcels added to the Original Area and the Original Allocation Area are located in the City and some of the Parcels added to the Original Area and the Original Allocation Area are located within the jurisdiction of the Starke County Redevelopment Commission ("County Commission"), are contiguous with the Original Area and located within the jurisdiction of the County Commission ("County Area");

WHEREAS, the Starke County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution assigning the jurisdiction of the County Area to the Commission;

WHEREAS, IC 3-7-14-41-(c) requires that any enlargement of the boundaries of an economic development area be approved by the Common Council of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has reviewed the Amending Area Resolution and previously approved the written order of the Knox Plan Commission regarding the Amending Area Resolution;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOX, INDIANA, THAT:

1. The Common Council hereby finds and determines that it will be in the best interests of the City to expand the boundaries of the Original Area and Original Allocation Area as described and modified in the Amending Area Resolution.
2. The expansion of the Original Area and the Original Allocation Area as described and modified in the Amending Area Resolution is hereby approved.
3. This resolution shall be effective from and after passage and approval by the Mayor.

Passed and adopted by the Common Council of the City of Knox, Indiana, this 11th day of June, 2019.

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOX, INDIANA

Presiding Office

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Knox, Indiana, on the 11th day of June, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

Clerk-Treasurer

Signed and approved by me, the Mayor of the City of Knox, Indiana, this 11th day of June, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

Mayor

Motion was made by Councilmember Berg to approve Resolution #2019-RE10 as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Parker and was passed by a vote of Four (4) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Shari Spaid informed the Council that we have received our June settlement in the amount of \$969,745.52. We have also collected sewer and trash liens in the amount of \$2,737.77.

The Council also received the report of receipts, disbursements and balances for the month of May, 2019.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Estok informed the Council that the unit price of our recycling will increase effective June 1, 2019. He stated that they can charge us the increase because it is in our contract. We should be able to manage this year without increasing cost to the customer. Next year we may have to look at an increase.

Paperwork for a grant through KIRPC for 8 S. Main Street has been done for historic preservation.

The project for the entryway to the park will not be done until the season is over because they will need to block off the road. It has been decided that we will not do a sidewalk down the other side of the entryway to the park. They would have to dig out the stone which would be expensive. It will be cheaper to put in a small retaining wall to replace the stone.

Inspections have begun for the Housing Rehabilitation Grant. Two more homes have qualified and, at this time, we are up to seven houses.

The Pop-up store has a tenant. A contract was signed 2 weeks ago. They will be spending about 2 months remodeling. They have been in business for 5 years. They will have coffee sampling and purchasing.

Movie night is Wednesday night.

Concert in the park Friday night.

Applications for the 4th of July parade are due by June 28. So far there are not very many entries.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Councilmember Berg said he attended the Davis Bacon workshop in Monon on June 5.

Councilmember Blue took her great-grand children to the Wythogan Park. She commented on how great the park looks.

Councilmember Gustafson asked when the mural in Serenity Park will be finished. Mayor Estok stated that other people are asking also and asked the Council for suggestions. He has checked with the school and no one there is qualified to finish it. Citizen Steve Dodge suggested to contact Winamac to see who did their mural. The Mayor told the Council if they can find someone qualified to finish it to let him know.

RE: CITIZENS COMMENTS

Sherry Cowen commented how good the car show turned out. She enjoyed it very much.

RE: VOUCHERS & ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (See Voucher Docket, APV #27380 – #27464 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: _____
Shari Spaid, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

