

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday June 25, 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.

RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Jeff Berg made a motion to add "Conflict of Interest Form for Arctic Air (Donald Kring)" to the agenda and "Resolution 2019-RE12 Denying Tax Abatement Requested by Selected Furniture" to the agenda. Bertha seconded the motion. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

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 Bill Gustafson to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: RESOLUTION 2019-RE11 TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Clerk-Treasurer, Jeff Houston presented Resolution 2019-RE11 to the Council. Jeff Berg made a motion, seconded by Ron Parker to approve Resolution 2019-RE11. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and no nays.

RESOLUTION #2019-RE11
Transfer Funds
June 25, 2019

WHEREAS; the Clerk-Treasurer has advised the Common Council a Transfer of Funds is now required in the General and Park Capital Improvement Fund.

BE IT RESOLVED; by the Common Council of the City of Knox that the Clerk-Treasurer is hereby allowed and directed to make the following Transfer of Funds:

GENERAL FUND:

Police Department	4,000.00 from 101005222-Gas, Tire, Other Garage
	3,000.00 from 101005337-Repair Equipment
	2,000.00 from 101005442-Equipment
	7,000.00 to 101005120-Overtime
	2,000.00 to 101005221-Office Supply

PARK CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:

PCI	6,000.00 from 217001396-Concessions
	6,000.00 to 217001395-Capital Improvements

Dennis Estok, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jeffery J. Houston, Clerk-Treasurer

RE: DISCUSSION ON LICENSE AND BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS – ORDINANCE #233 AND ORDINANCE #896

Mayor Estok said there seems to be a problem with the number of consecutive fundraisers some organizations are having. One group in particular is saturating the market in this area with Port-a-Pit Chicken. As a result, other organizations are not selling tickets for their fundraisers. He wants the council to look at the two ordinances to see if they can be amended to address the situation, or if a new ordinance needs to be written. A general discussion took place among the Councilmembers, but no official action was taken.

RE: CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT FOR ARCTIC AIR (DONALD KRING)

Clerk-Treasurer Houston presented a blanket Conflict of Interest form to the Council for Arctic Air that is owned by Councilmember, Donald Kring. It will be good for one year. Arctic Air does work occasionally on heating and air conditioning systems for the City.

Bertha Blue made a motion, seconded by Jeff Berg to approve the Conflict of Interest form. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays. Clerk-Treasurer Houston said he would file it with the State Board of Accounts and the County Clerk's office.

RE: RESOLUTION 2019-RE12 DENIAL OF TAX ABATEMENT REQUESTED BY SELECTED FURNITURE

Clerk-Treasurer Houston said Selected Furniture requested a tax abatement. They dropped off the paperwork at the Assessors Office, but not with the Clerk-Treasurer as required. They also did not fully fill out the CF-1 forms for personal property and real property. In the past all taxes, penalties and judgements would need to be paid prior to the consideration of the abatement by the Council. As of June 25, 2019, Selected Furniture owed \$29,391.80 in real property taxes and \$17,219.75 in personal property taxes.

Clerk-Treasurer Houston presented Resolution 2019-RE12 to the Council. Jeff Berg made a motion, seconded by Bertha Blue to approve the Resolution. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RESOLUTION #2019-RE12

RESOLUTION DENYING THE TAX ABATEMENT
REQUESTED BY SELECTED FURNITURE

WHEREAS, the City of Knox received a request for tax abatement for personal and real property tax from Selected Furniture, LLC.
And

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on June 25, 2019 to determine the status of said tax abatement, and

WHEREAS, the City of Knox has a policy of not granting tax abatements for companies with unpaid taxes,

THEREFORE, the request for tax abatement dated May 14, 2019, from Selected Furniture, LLC., is hereby denied.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this 25th day of June 2019.

Ronald Parker, Council President

Attest: _____
Jeffery J. Houston, Clerk-Treasurer

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer, Jeff Houston presented the Council with the proposed calendar for the budget dates. He noted that this will be presented to the DLGF field representative when he meets with him on July 19. If the Rep agrees that it conforms to all state requirements, we will try to keep to the calendar. The most important date is September 24th when the adoption vote will be taken. The Clerk-Treasurer asked the Council to make a special effort to be in attendance for the vote.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Estok said there will be a movie in the park Wednesday night. The deadline for applications for the parade for the 4th of July will be Friday the 28th.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Don Kring asked about the intersection of Mound Street and Pearl. He thinks there may need to be a four way stop there. The road changes and narrows in that area. The Mayor said he will have the Street Department Supervisor look at it.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (see Voucher Docket, Voucher #27465 - #27511 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