

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday July 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 distributed to the Councilmembers prior to the meeting for their review. Bertha Blue made a motion seconded by William Gustafson to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: RESOLUTION #2019-RE13 WAIVING MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION

Clerk-Treasurer Houston presented Resolution 2019-RE13 to the Council.

RESOLUTION #2019-RE13

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE  
STARKE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD  
THAT NO MUNICIPAL GENERAL  
ELECTION BE HELD

WHEREAS, the Starke County Election Board is responsible for conducting the November 5, 2019 municipal election for the City of Knox and,

WHEREAS, candidates have filed for City offices that are up for election in 2019 for the City of Knox and,

WHEREAS, no more candidates have filed for any City office by any means, including write-in candidates, than there are offices up for election in the City of Knox and therefore, there is no contest for any office up for election in the City of Knox and,

WHEREAS, unopposed candidates for City office in the City of Knox may be certified as elected pursuant to IC 3-12-5-3 in the same manner as other elected candidates whether or not an election is conducted in the City and,

WHEREAS, resolving that no election will be held in the City of Knox because all candidates are unopposed will result in savings to the taxpayers of the County and the City.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that based on the foregoing facts, and pursuant to IC 3-10-7-6 (e) the City Council for the City of Knox resolved to request that the Starke County Election Board resolve and order that a municipal election in the City of Knox will not be held and that the names of unopposed candidates shall be certified as elected pursuant to IC 3-12-5-3 when such certifications may be made pursuant to State law.

Adopted this 9th day of July 2019.

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Dennis Estok, Mayor

Council:

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Ron Parker, Council President

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Bertha Blue, Councilmember

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Jeff Berg, Councilmember

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Don Kring, Councilmember

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William Gustafson, Councilmember

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

Jeff Berg made a motion, seconded by William Gustafson to approve Resolution #2019-RE13. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Houston reported that his office is presently busy working on the 2020 Budget.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Dennis Estok reminded all those present that there will be a movie in the park on Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. If it rains it will be moved into the Nancy Dembowski Community Center. The movie is sponsored by Arctic Air and Affordable Insurance.

The Mayor thanked the sponsors, the Council, Cyndi Kidder, Sherry Cowen, Autumn Ferch and all the volunteers at the Fun Day in the Park.

Mayor Estok said although there won't be a general election, he wants the Citizens to know that the Council, Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer will strive for a better place and life for the Citizens of Knox. The City will work just as hard the next four years as they have the last four.

He noted that things are looking up in Knox and that eight new homes have gone up in the past year. That will help our assessed value.

The Steller Community designation is still being pursued. If the City is awarded the designation it will help a lot in future projects. There will be a four-year leeway to accomplish its goals. The City will know in December if we will be awarded the designation.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Bertha Blue thanked the Mayor for the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. She also thought the fireworks were the best yet. Councilman Ron Parker agreed. Jeff Berg noted that people attended from LaPorte, Demotte and Chesterton.

RE: CITIZENS COMMENTS

Steve Dodge said they had trouble seeing the ground displays from the parking lot of the Depot. He also noted that he sees under aged children driving golf carts.

The Mayor thinks the golf cart ordinance may need to be amended to address some of the concerns about safety.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (see Voucher Docket, Voucher #27512 - #27594 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

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