

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday July 23, 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 and City Attorney Autumn Ferch. Councilmember, William Gustafson was absent.

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. Don Kring made a motion seconded by Jeff Berg to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: RESOLUTION #2019-RE14 - SPLASH PAD SERVICES

Clerk-Treasurer, Jeff Houston presented Resolution 2019-RE14 to the Council. He explained that the City is allowed to collect a payment in lieu of taxes from the Utilities. The City is not collecting this. The purpose of the resolution is to have the utilities supply water and sewer services to the Splash Pad instead of collecting a payment in lieu of taxes.

RESOLUTION 2019-RE14
A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE WATER AND WASTEWATER
SERVICES TO THE WYTHOGAN PARK SPLASH PAD

WHEREAS; the tax base of the City of Knox is eroded through the ownership of tangible property by tax exempt public entities and

WHEREAS; IC 36-2-10 allows the City to charge Utilities for a payment in lieu of taxes and

WHEREAS; the water and wastewater Utilities have, in fact, in the past made payments in lieu of taxes to the City and

WHEREAS; in an effort to avoid a financial strain on the water and wastewater utilities no payment in lieu of taxes are in fact being charged by the City and

WHEREAS; the City of Knox maintains a splash pad in Wythogan Park that is in operation between approximately May 24th and October 1st of each year.

THEREFORE; be it resolved that the City of Knox will forego any payment in lieu of taxes in exchange for the water and wastewater Utilities providing services to the splash pad located in Wythogan Park free of any charges or penalties.

CITY OF KNOX COMMON COUNCIL

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APPROVED BY: _____
Dennis Estok, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jeff Houston, Clerk-Treasurer

Bertha Blue made a motion, seconded by Ron Parker to approve Resolution #2019-RE14. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Houston reported that the local paper will publish the request for bids for the sewer project on August 1st.

Paperwork is done for the blight Elimination Grant. The office is waiting for re-imbusement from the state for about \$2,000.00. Then they will do an audit and close out the grant.

The sidewalk project is now complete with the conclusion of the work by Pete Kutchel at MBS Fitness.

The office is closing out the 2018 Community Crossings Matching Grant Projects. The actual road work is done. This years match came from MVH, LRS, CCI and CCD and amounted to \$115,382.37. Next years match will come from the same funds.

The Clerk-Treasurer will give the 2020 budget to the Council on August 27th so they can look it over prior to the public hearing on September 10th.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Estok handed out the schedule for the Wastewater Project. The bid opening will be August 28th. He noted that at the recent Mayor's Roundtable, Mayors told him they were having trouble getting contractors to bid on projects.

The County Highway garage put a counter out at the park. He handed out the results of the traffic and speed.

The last movie in the park will be Wednesday, it was sponsored by the School.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (see Voucher Docket, Voucher #27595 - #27652 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