

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday September 24 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: AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

Jeff Berg made a motion, seconded by Bertha Blue to add "Richard Mast Donation" to the agenda. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were mailed 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 Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: RESOLUTION #2019-RE16-2020 BUDGET

Bertha Blue made a motion to approve Resolution #2019-RE16, the 2020 Budget. Jeff Berg seconded the motion. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: ORDINANCE 2019-OR4 STARKE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE AIRPORT ZONING ORDINANCE-2ND, 3RD AND FINAL READING

Airport Authority Member, Charles Weaver spoke to the Council to explain the reason the new zoning ordinance was needed. He said that the ordinance protects the interests of the airport from any future development in the area and assures that the airport will remain eligible for future Federal and State grants. Ron Parker made a motion, seconded by William Gustafson to approve Ordinance 2019-OR4 on second reading. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

Don Kring made a motion, seconded by Bertha Blue to suspend the rules and hold a third and final reading. Motion passed unanimously with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

Don Kring made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-OR4 on third and final reading. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: RICHARD MAST DONATION

Mayor Estok presented the Council with a biography of former Knox resident, Richard Mast along with a copy of a check he wrote as a donation to the City of Knox. The Mayor noted that Mr. Mast wanted to give back to his hometown because he felt like he never would have been able to go to college if it wasn't for basketball in Knox Indiana. The Mayor worked with Mr. Mast to find an appropriate project for him to fund, and he picked out a message board for the South end of town. The check was written for \$50,337.00 made out to the Northern Indiana Community Foundation.

Don Kring made a motion to accept the donation from Richard Mast. William Gustafson seconded the motion. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Jeff Houston distributed invitations to the Starke County Youth Club Donor Appreciation Dinner on October 29th to the Council.

Clerk-Treasurer Houston also distributed maps with the location of six parcels of property that were donated to the City by Gary and Donna Hagen. He noted that each lot was about two tenths of an acre and were valued at about \$2,600.00 a piece.

There were some emergency repairs at the Nancy J Dembowski Community Center. A shut off valve and pipe repair was done at a cost of about \$600.00 and the air compressor went out on the refrigerator at a cost of about \$12,100.00.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Estok reported that the Moose accepted the Redevelopment Commission's offer of \$70,000.00 for the old Moose building. The closing will be Thursday and will be paid out of TIF.

The Mayor is meeting with an Arborist to discuss the pear trees in the downtown area. He will report back with her recommendations.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (see Voucher Docket, Voucher #27874 - #27941 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