

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday October 8, 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, Bertha Blue, Jeff Berg, William Gustafson and City Attorney, Autumn Ferch. Councilmember Don Kring was absent.

RE: AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

Jeff Berg made a motion, seconded by Bertha Blue to add "Proposed Change to Recycling Schedule" to the agenda. Motion passed with Four (4) 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. Jeff Berg made a motion seconded by William Gustafson to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: PROPOSED CHANGE TO RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Mayor Estok presented the following letter to the Council.:

Thank you for your time on the telephone this afternoon, Mayor. We are having difficulty completing the recycling route every other Wednesday due to increased participation (which is a good thing!) Waste Management is proposing that we continue to provide every other week recycling service to all residents on Wednesdays, but half of the town would be serviced each Wednesday. We would have the recycling split the same as we do the trash -the Monday trash customers would be serviced one week for recycle on Wednesday and the Thursday trash route customers on the other Wednesday.

That means that half of the City will be on the exact same schedule for recycling as they are today. The other half of the City would move to the opposite Wednesday.

We would mail a collection calendar to all Knox residents in advance of the change and would supply the same to the City so that it can be posted on your website as well.

Thank you for your consideration. This change will help us provide the best possible service to Knox residents.

My best regards,
Melinda

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Ron Parker made a motion, seconded by Jeff Berg to approve the proposed change to the recycling schedule. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: RESOLUTION #2019-RE17 - TEMPORARY PARK LOAN

Clerk-Treasurer, Jeff Houston explained that the Park and Recreation Department is now in need of a temporary loan. He explained the procedure of borrowing from the Park Capital Improvement Fund. The amount would be \$10,000.00 and would be paid back by the end of the year.

RESOLUTION #2019 - RE17

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
A
TEMPORARY LOAN

Temporary Transfers to Depleted Funds

IC 36-1-8-4 (a) states:

The fiscal body of a political subdivision may, by ordinance or resolution, permit the transfer of a prescribed amount, for a prescribed period, to a depleted fund in need of money for cash flow purposes from another fund of the political subdivision if all these conditions are met:

- (1) It must be necessary to borrow money to enhance the depleted fund that is in need of money for cash flow purposes.
- (2) There must be sufficient money on deposit to the credit of the other fund that can be temporarily transferred.
- (3) The prescribed period must end during the budget year of the year in which the transfer occurs.
- (4) The amount transferred must be returned to the other fund at the end of the prescribed period.
- (5) Only revenues derived from the levying and collection of property taxes or special taxes or from operation of the political subdivision may be included in the amount transferred.

IC 36-1-8-4 (b) provides that if the fiscal body of a political subdivision determines that an emergency exists that requires an extension of the prescribed period of a transfer, the prescribed period may be extended for not more than six (6) months beyond the budget year of the year in which the transfer occurs if the fiscal body does the following:

- (1) Passes an ordinance or a resolution that contains the following:
 - a. A statement that the fiscal body has determined that an emergency exist.
 - b. A brief description of the grounds for the emergency.
 - c. The date the loan will be repaid that is not more than six (6) months beyond the budget year in which the transfer occurs.
- (2) Immediately forwards the ordinance or resolution to the State Board of Accounts and the Department of Local government Finance. (IC 36-1-8-4)

Funds advanced shall be derived from taxes on property, special taxes or any other revenue received from any operation of the

municipal corporation.

Such temporary transfers should be affected by issuing a warrant and receipt for the amount of the transfer. The warrant should be endorsed and deposited in the depository account designated for the depleted fund. No appropriation is required either for the transfer or the repayment. Also, no interest should be charged on any such temporary transfer.

NOW BE IT ODAINED; by the Common Council of the City of Knox, Indiana that the following temporary loans are made as follows:

From	Park Capital Improvement 217	\$10,000.00
To	Park and Recreation 216	\$10,000.00

The Temporary Loan shall be repaid by December 31, 2019 or when necessary funds are received whichever comes first.

Passed and adopted this 8th day of October 2019 by the Common Council of the City of Knox, Indiana by a vote of _____ ayes and _____ nays.

Signed by the Mayor this 8th day of October 2019.

Dennis Estok, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jeffery J. Houston, Clerk-Treasurer

Jeff Berg made a motion, seconded by Bertha Blue to approve Resolution #2019-RE17. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: INERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Mayor Estok presented an Interlocal Agreement to the Council. The Mayor explained that the agreement is between the City of Knox, Starke County, the town of North Judson and the Town of Hamlet. The purpose of the agreement is to establish the formal relationship Constellation of Starke regional team. Jeff Berg made a motion, seconded by Ron Parker to approve the Interlocal Agreement. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: BALL STATE UNIVERSITY FOR REVITALIZATION OF DOWNTOWN

Mayor Estok told the Council that due to the attention generated by the recently completed Pop Up Store, Ball State is offering to help design a façade improvement program for downtown buildings in the City. The University usually does one project a year. The professors and students work together on the program. The cost to the City would be \$5,667.00. Included in the information packets provided to the Councilmembers was a project overview and scope of work. The Mayor noted that if the Constellation of Starke is awarded the Stellar Community designation the information could be used to cut down on engineering costs. If we don't receive the designation, the City could still offer the program through the Redevelopment Commission. He thought the cost was very reasonable. Jeff Berg made a motion seconded by William Gustafson to agree to pay for the project. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Houston reminded everyone that the first week of October is Fire Prevention Week. Citizens should be careful when using space heaters, fireplaces etc. He appreciated the detailed article on WKVI on fire prevention.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Estok reported that leaf pick up will start October 21st.

The Water Department will be flushing hydrants on Wednesday October 9th, Thursday October 10th, and Friday October 11th.

The Mayor said he met with the forester about the trees downtown. She told him there are two different kind of pear trees. The life expectancy for the trees is about 20 years so they are starting to die out now. Three have been removed. If the City wins the Stellar Communities, it will help pay for a new street scape. He noted that even with new bulbs and covers the lighting downtown also needs to be replaced. If we don't get the Stellar Designation, the City will have to do it on its own.

Halloween trick or treating is October 31st from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm with costume judging afterward at the Nancy J. Dembowski Community Center sponsored by ABATE.

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Pop-Up Store at 10 S. Main for Rabbit Coffee Roasting Shop and Roastery on Friday October 11th at 11:00 am.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Councilman Bertha Blue asked the Mayor to check with the Scill Center to see if they will help with leaf raking for elderly citizens. Councilman William Gustafson asked if the mural downtown was done and the Mayor said it will be finished next year.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (see Voucher Docket, Voucher #27942 - #28016 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