

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday December 10, 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 Bill Gustafson was absent.

RE: AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

Don Kring made a motion, seconded by Bertha Blue to amend the agenda to move Resolution 2019-RE21 - Common Collabs to the top of 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 Ron Parker to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: RESOLUTION 2019-RE21 COMMON COLLABS

Andy Moser from Baker Tilly came before the board to explain Resolution 2019-RE21 to the Council. He explained that this was the second step in a three-step process.

The first step was the Redevelopment Commission adopting a resolution to amend the Area Resolution and Original Plan and the Knox Planning Commission adopting an order finding that the amendment to the area Resolution and Original Plan conforms to the comprehensive plan of development for the City.

The final step will then be the actual financing of the project from Tif Funds. He will need to come back before the board in January for further action.

Don Kring made a motion, seconded by Bertha Blue to approve Resolution 2019-RE21. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: BALL STATE UNIVERSITY

Michael Burayidi from Ball State University came before the Board to explain what services will be given to the City with regards to his class working on Urban Planning for Knox. On January 16<sup>th</sup> he will bring a class of 10 to 15 students to walk through the City and do a survey. There will then be meetings to take suggestions and list the City's weaknesses, strengths and aspirations. They will have additional meetings with interested stake holders such as property owners, the Chamber of Commerce etc. A census and survey analysis will be done and a draft plan including façade designs will be presented about the month of May.

RE: 2020 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Included in the Councilmembers packets was the proposed 2020 Holiday Schedule.

2020 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

January 1<sup>st</sup> New Year's Day 2020, 20<sup>th</sup> Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; February 17<sup>th</sup> President's Day; April 10<sup>th</sup> Good Friday; May 5<sup>th</sup> Election Day, 25<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day; July 6<sup>th</sup> Independence Day; September 7<sup>th</sup> Labor Day; October 12<sup>th</sup> Columbus Day; November 3<sup>rd</sup> Election Day, 11<sup>th</sup> Veteran's Day, 26<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Day, 27<sup>th</sup> Day After Thanksgiving; December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve, 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day; January 1<sup>st</sup> New Year's Day 2021

Ron Parker made a motion, seconded by Jeff Berg to accept the 2020 Holiday Schedule as presented. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Houston presented the fund reports for the month of November to the Council. He noted that the figures did not include the December settlement. The Clerk-Treasurer presented the financial information for the Sewer Works Refunding and Revenue Bonds of 2019. The bond issue officially closed on 12/9/19. The 2009 bond pay off will be 1/10/20/.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Estok said the City needs residents to fill appointments to several boards. Seats need to be filled on the Board of Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission, and Redevelopment Commission.

Mayor Estok announced the following winners of entries in the Peppermint Parade and Essay Contest.

2019 PEPPERMINT PARADE

Winners from the 2019 City of Knox Peppermint Parade:

- \*Best Overall Holiday Spirit: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
- \*Best Business: Oasis Bass Lake Bait and Tackle
- \*Best Non-Profit: Knox Pop-Warner Football
- \*Best Church: First Pentecostal Church of Knox
- \*Best Other: Girl Scout Troop 00552

Winners from the 2019 Essay Contest:

Grand Prize Winner - Elise Wolff - 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Winners:

- Kyleigh Freet-4<sup>th</sup> grade
- Krista Weiger-4<sup>th</sup> grade
- Aubrey Cope-4<sup>th</sup> grade
- Benjamin Monahan-4<sup>th</sup> grade

Caleb Prescott-5<sup>th</sup> grade  
MacKenzie Winn-5<sup>th</sup> grade

Amelia Brackman-6<sup>th</sup> grade  
Dalaini Wolfe-6<sup>th</sup> grade  
Lily Warren-6<sup>th</sup> grade

December 16<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to enter the Christmas Home Decorating Contest.

The new message board is up and running on the South end of town.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Councilmember Bertha Blue complimented the Mayor on the Peppermint Parade.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (see Voucher Docket, Voucher #28230 - #28340 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