

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday January 14, 2020 in the Knox City Hall at 7:00 PM CST with the following members present: Mayor, Dennis Estok; Clerk-Treasurer, Cyndi Kidder; Councilmembers, Ron Parker, Don Kring, Jeff Berg, Bill Gustafson, Sherry Cowen and City Attorney, Autumn Ferch.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

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: ELECTION OF 2020 COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO-TEMP

Councilmember Ron Parker nominated Councilmember Don Kring, and Councilmember Bill Gustafson nominated Councilmember Jeff Berg. A vote was conducted, with Councilmember Jeff Berg being elected President of the City Council with a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

The City Council appointments were as follows:

- *BZA - 1 seat, no one was appointed.
- *Redevelopment Commission - 2 seats, Jerry Gurrado and Jeff Berg were both reappointed for a one (1) year term.
- *Plan Commission - 3 seats, Don Kring and Ron Parker both requested to retain their seats on the Plan Commission for a One (1) year term. Bill Gustafson was nominated by Sherry Cowen for the 3rd seat. Ron Parker made a motion, seconded by Sherry Cowen to appoint Bill Gustafson to the Plan Commission. Motion passed with five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.
- *Starke County Economic Development - 1 seat, Jeff Berg was nominated by Ron Parker with a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.
- *Starke County Solid Waste - 1 seat, Sherry Cowen nominated Bill Gustafson for the seat on the board, with a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

2020 MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

YEARLY APPOINTMENTS:

- CITY ATTORNEY – AUTUMN FERCH
- POLICE CHIEF – HAROLD SMITH
- STREET DEPT. – JEFF BORG
- WATER SUPT. – TIM LINDEWALD
- WASTEWATER SUPT. – KELLY CLEMONS
- FIRE CHIEF – KENNY PFOST
- PARK SUPT. NOMINATION – GEORGE BYER
- DIRECTOR OF BUILDING AND CODE COMPLIANCE – KENNY PFOST
- PLANNING ADMINISTRATOR NOMINATION – KENNY PFOST
- STARKE COUNTY BEVERAGE BOARD – BILL GUSTAFSON
- KIRPC – JEFF BERG

KNOX REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

- MARCIA HAYES
- MARSHA BOGGS
- MIKE ESTOK

KNOX ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

- ANITA GOODAN
- JEFF HOUSTON
- VACANCY

BOARD OF WORKS

- STEVE DODGE
- JIM COLLINS

FOUR YEAR TERMS:

PLAN COMMISSION

- BRENT VANNORMAN - REAPPOINTMENT
- TODD PLATT - APPOINTMENT

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

- MIKE SKINNER - REAPPOINTMENT

PARK BOARD

- AUTUMN FERCH - REAPPOINTMENT

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

No report was given, just a thank you from her for everyone's help and support.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reminded the Council of the meeting with Ball State Thursday at the Knox Community Center at 6:00 PM.

The Mayor spoke about the City of Knox receiving a grant from Rural Indiana Performance Fund, (A program partnership between Arts Midwest and The Indiana Arts Commission) in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the band "Magic Bus" who will perform at the City's Fall Bash. The Mayor mentioned finding a nonprofit sponsor for the Chili Cook Off at the Fall Bash also.

Mayor Estok informed the Council that bids are being received currently for the concrete and asphalt work to be done at the Sandy Acres Park. Also, the prefab bathrooms have been ordered.

Mayor Estok spoke about the 2020 Census. They still need workers. Applicants must be 18 years of age and it's paying \$18.50 an hour. See Mayor Dennis Estok for paperwork.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Councilmembers Don Kring, Ron Parker and Jeff Berg welcomed Sherry Cowen, Councilmember at large to the Council and the Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder. They wished everyone Happy New Year and let's have a good year.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (see Voucher Docket, Voucher #28435 - #28443 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: _____
Cyndi Kidder, Clerk-Treasurer