

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday, July 24, 2020 in the Knox City Hall at 7:00 PM CST with the following members present: Dennis Estok, Mayor; Cheryl Runkle, Utility Clerk for the Clerk-Treasurer; Council Members, Jeff Berg, Donald Kring, Bill Gustafson, Sherry Cowen, Ron Parker and City Attorney Autumn Ferch. Cyndi Kidder, Clerk-Treasurer was absent. No amendments to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 6/23/2020

Minutes of the previous meeting were mailed to the Council Members prior to the meeting for their review. Don Kring made a motion seconded by Sherry Cowen to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING - RESOLUTION #2020-RE27 - ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND TRANSFER AND RESOLUTION #2020-RE28 - APPROPRIATION REDUCTION

Mayor Dennis Estok announced by Title and gave a brief description. There were no public comments or questions. The Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

RESOLUTION #2020-RE 27

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KNOX, INDIANA REGARDING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN THE 2020 CUM SEWER TREATMENT FUND BUDGET TO MEET THE GRANT MATCH REQUIREMENT SET FORTH IN RESOLUTION #975, DATED NOVEMBER 13, 2019

WHEREAS, the City Council of Knox, Indiana adopted the Cum Sewer Treatment Fund Budget for the year 2020,

WHEREAS, Resolution #975, dated November 13, 2019, created a need to appropriate money for a Grant Match for a sewer project in the amount of \$120,000, which is more money than originally appropriated,

WHEREAS, there is currently \$20,000 appropriated in 433016301 and \$20,000 appropriated in 433016332 and both of those amounts need to be transferred to 433016302.

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate an additional \$80,000 to appropriation 443016302 in the 2020 Cum Sewer Treatment Fund Budget to create a total appropriation for that line, with transfers, in the amount of \$120,000 to meet the requirement for Grant Match Resolution #975.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Knox, Starke County, Indiana that the appropriations herein named will be transferred and added to pursuant to this resolution to create one appropriation in the amount of \$120,000, and for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption and passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOX, STARKE COUNTY, INDIANA, THIS 14th DAY OF JULY, 2020.

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOX:

Jeff Berg, Council President

Don Kring, Councilor

Sherry Cowen, Councilor

Bill Gustafson, Councilor

Ron Parker, Councilor

Approved by the Mayor this 14th day of July, 2020.

Dennis Estok, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cyndi Kidder, Clerk-Treasurer

A motion to approve Resolution #2020-RE27 Additional Appropriation and Transfer was made by Don Kring and seconded by Ron Parker. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – RE 28

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KNOX, INDIANA REGARDING THE REDUCTION OF THE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2020 GENERAL FUND, MVH FUND AND PARK FUND BUDGET TO CREATE AN OPERATING BALANCE AND PROPERLY FUND THE 2021 BUDGET.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Knox, Indiana adopted the General Fund, MVH Fund, and Park Fund Budget for the year 2020,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to have an operating fund in those funds to operate efficiently,

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to reduce the appropriations in the 2020 General Fund, MVH Fund, and Park Fund Budget to create the desired operating balance in those funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Knox, Starke County, Indiana that the appropriations herein named in the attached Exhibit (A) AND Exhibit (B) titled 2020 General Fund, MVH Fund, and Park Fund Reductions have been reduced and the total reduction reduces the appropriations as indicated and for the purposes specified in the said exhibits, subject to the laws governing the same.

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Dennis Estok, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cyndi Kidder, Clerk-Treasurer

A motion to approve Resolution #2020-RE28 Appropriation Reduction was made by Jeff Berg and seconded by Bill Gustafson. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: TAX ABATEMENT CF1'S FOR JW HICKS, TRAFFIC CONTROL SPECIALIST, AND REAGENT CHEMICAL

JW Hicks (Real and Personal Property)
Traffic Control Specialist (Personal Property)
Reagent Chemical (Real Property)

Mayor Dennis Estok stated all businesses are in compliance. Ron Parker made a motion to approve all CF1 Tax Abatements, seconded by Don Kring. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Cheryl reported that the State Board of Accounts Audit started about a week ago. It is all virtual. The entrance conference was held July 14, 2020.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

- COVID19 Response Grant Funds were received on July 18, 2020 and distributed to 27 businesses that qualified.
- 2nd Round of Community Crossing Grant has been delayed. The State will reevaluate finances in September.
- Owner Occupied Rehab-There was a pre bid hearing July 14, 2020. No contractors showed up. IHCDA is leaving it up to the City to decide if they want to proceed. If the City does proceed, work will only be done on the outside of homes. Program finish date is extended until December.
- Concert in the Park - Due to the recent spike in positive cases of COVID19 in our area July 18 will possibly be the last concert of the year.
- Movie in the Park - Wednesday July 22, 2020 will probably be the last movie in the park due to children going back to school.
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RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Bill Gustafson asked about the status of Common Collab's. Mayor said the company put a pause on the move to Knox to concentrate on their plant in California because they have big orders that need to be filled soon. Mayor reported that Toll Brothers is closing, and they are working with a possible new tenant.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

John Fletcher said the new paint on the basketball court at the Wythogan Park looks great. Jacque Ryan asked the Mayor for a list of businesses that received COVID19 Relief Grant. She also asked who was on the committee.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (See Voucher Docket, Voucher #29264 - #29374) 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