

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday, August 25, 2020 in the Knox City Hall at 7:00 PM CST with the following members present: Mayor Dennis Estok; Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder; Council Members, Jeff Berg, Donald Kring, Bill Gustafson, Ron Parker, Sherry Cowen and City Attorney Autumn Ferch.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 8/11/2020

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 Ron Parker to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder informed the Council that her office is still waiting for an email from the auditors to schedule an exit conference.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

The Moose Lodge Building will not be offered as a site for a homeless shelter. The building was purchased by the City of Knox for future land use to help revitalize the downtown area. The OCRA Blight Elimination Grant may be able to help with revitalization in the future. The blight Elimination Grants are on hold this year due to COVID19.

For 8 S Main Street, we are working on clearing liens and have hired SRKM Architectural Firm to conduct a study and a rehabilitation plan, paid with a grant awarded by Landmark. The rehab may qualify for a Historical Preservation Grant. The demo will cost approximately \$42,000.00.

Census numbers are up and going door-to-door is going well.

The Rockwall at the entrance of Wythogan Park is completed. The base is river rock with large natural rocks and the community painted rock in place. The City received a \$1,500.00 grant for artwork to be completed on the concrete wall to decorate it.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Council President Jeff Berg made a motion to appoint Monica Miller to the Board of Zoning Appeals as the City Council's appointment to the Board. The motion died for lack of a second.

RE: CITIZEN'S COMMENT

Jacque Ryan asked for the current Park employees names, so Kudo's to them can be put in the Leader. The parks look great.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (See Voucher Docket, Voucher #29513 - #29569) 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cyndi Kidder, Clerk-Treasurer