

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday, September 22, 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, Bill Gustafson, Ron Parker, Sherry Cowen and City Attorney Autumn Ferch. Don Kring was absent.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 9/8/2020

Minutes of the previous meeting were mailed to the Council Members prior to the meeting for their review. Bill Gustafson made a motion seconded by Sherry Cowen to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: RESOLUTION #2020-RE29 - ADOPTION OF 2021 BUDGET

Council President Jeff Berg made a motion to adopt the 2021 Budget for the City of Knox, the motion was seconded by Ron Parker. Motion was passed by a vote of Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CARLSON DRIVE SIGNAGE

Mayor Dennis Estok advised the Council about moving a stop sign off Carlson Drive to Pine Street. Moving the stop sign improves the intersection flow. Sherry Cowen made a motion to approve the moving of the stop sign from Carlson Drive to Pine Street. The motion was seconded by Ron Parker and passed with a vote of Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

A motion was made by Ron Parker and seconded by Jeff Berg to approve the 2021 City Council meeting schedule. The vote passed with a vote of Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS
PLACE: KNOX CITY HALL
TIME: 6:45 P.M. CLAIMS AVAILABLE FOR COUNCIL
7:00 P.M. MEETING BEGINS

Regular meetings held: 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month

TUESDAY– JANUARY 12, JANUARY 26, FEBRUARY 9, FEBRUARY 23, MARCH 9, MARCH 23, APRIL 13 APRIL 27,
MAY 11, MAY 25, JUNE 8, JUNE 22, JULY 13, JULY 27, AUGUST 10, AUGUST 24, SEPTEMBER 14, SEPTEMBER 28,
OCTOBER 12, OCTOBER 26, NOVEMBER 9, NOVEMBER 23, DECEMBER 14, DECEMBER 28

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder handed out previous minutes and Resolution #2020-RE29 for Council signatures.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Cares Act - \$14,688.00 will be used for updating electronics for the City, a security system for the Park and whatever the other City Departments need. We are still working on the specifics.
2. Community Crossing Grant Program, the call for Street Projects will begin Friday September 25, 2020 through October 23, 2020. There will be a meeting in the Mayor's office September 28, 2020 at 10:00 AM.
3. OOR has opened back up, so interior can be done. They will be taking bids soon.
4. Demolition of 8 S Main Street is complete.
5. Hunting in City Limits: The City does not have a No Hunting Ordinance! Just a No Firearms in City limits. This will have to be re-visited in the future.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Council Member Sherry Cowen thanked Chief of Police Harold Smith for the monthly report.

RE: CITIZENS COMMENTS

Jacque Ryan with the Starke County Leader asked about the Cares Act, can it be used for just new expenses or can the City get reimbursed for past expenses? And what is the expiration date? Mayor Estok informed Jacque that the Cares Act can be for both past and present expenses and expires December 31, 2020.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (See Voucher Docket, Voucher #29633 - #29677) 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