

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday, January 12, 2021 in the Knox Community Center at 7:00 PM CST with the following members present: Mayor Dennis Estok; Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder; Council Members, Jeff Berg, Sherry Cowen, Don Kring, Bill Gustafson, Ron Parker, and City Attorney Autumn Ferch.

There was no amendment to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 12/22/2020

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: ELECTION OF 2021 COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMP

Don Kring nominated Jeff Berg for Council President Pro Temp. No other nominations were made, Mayor Estok closed the nominations with a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays. Jeff Berg was elected President Pro Temp.

RE: COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

BZA (4) - no one was appointed

Redevelopment Commission (2) - Jeff Berg nominated Richard June and Sherry Cowen nominated Jeff Berg for an appointment. Nominations were closed. With a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays both men were appointed.

Plan Commission (3) - Ron Parker nominated Don Kring, Jeff Berg nominated Ron Parker and Don Kring nominated Jeff Berg. Nominations were closed. With a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays the three Councilmen were appointed.

Starke County Economic Development Foundation (1) - Ron Parker nominated Jeff Berg. Nominations were closed. With a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays Jeff Berg was appointed.

Starke County Solid Waste (1) - Jeff Berg nominated Bill Gustafson. Nominations were closed. With a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays Bill Gustafson was appointed.

RE: MAYOR APPOINTMENTS

2021 MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Yearly Appointments

City Attorney - Autumn Ferch

Police Chief- Harold Smith

Street Dept. - Jeff Borg

Water Supt.-Tim Lindewald

Wastewater Supt. - Jason Clemons

Fire Chief- Kenny Pfof

Park Supt. Nomination - Bobby Trusty

Director of Building and Code Compliance - Kenny Pfof

Planning Administrator Nomination - Kenny Pfof

Starke County Beverage Board - Bill Gustafson

KIRPC-Jeff Berg

Knox Redevelopment Commission - Marcia Hayes, Marsha Boggs, Mike Estok

Board of Works - Steve Dodge, Jim Collins

Four Year Terms

Plan Commission - Dan Allen reappointment, Jeff Houston reappointment Board of Zoning Appeals - Jeff Houston reappointment

Park Board - Glenn Barnes reappointment

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder informed the Council that her office is wrapping up the "end of the year" process. The W2's should be done by the end of next week.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

- 1.) Streetlights - Short Drive and Cory Drive need streetlights. NIPSCO has recommended 5 lights are needed on Short Drive. Streetlights are budgeted through the Board of Public Works.
- 2.) Housing is a big need in the City. Main Street Committee is looking into it. A survey may be done through a company out of Indianapolis. There are tax credit programs available for housing/subdivisions within the City.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Sherry Cowen asked the Council about the Chained entrances at Crown Hill Cemetery on Lake Street. A concerned citizen came to her with the question. The citizen says it is hard to go visit loved ones in the cemetery. The Council discussed this and let Sherry know the citizen needs to contact the Cemetery Board for Crown Hill. It is privately owned.

Don Kring has concerns about the Stop Light at Hwy 35 and Lake Street. He thinks there is a problem with the delay or timer when headed East. Mayor Estok said being on the Highway he will have to contact the State Highway Department.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (See Voucher Docket, Voucher #30096 - #30177) 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