

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday, January 26, 2021 in the Knox Community Center at 7:00 PM CST with the following members present: Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder; Council Members, Jeff Berg, Sherry Cowen, Bill Gustafson, Ron Parker, and City Attorney Autumn Ferch. Mayor Estok and Don Kring were absent.

RE: AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

Bill Gustafson made a motion to add “COVID Relief Grant Round 3” to the agenda. Sherry Cowen seconded the motion. The motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 1/12/2021

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

RE: LISA DAN – SCEDF

Lisa Dan, Interim Director of the SCEDF presented to the Council a snapshot of the services they provide to the City and County and an overview of projects they are currently working on. She updated the Council on the progress of Common Co-Labs, construction is due to start Mid-February. She also talked about the contract between the City of Knox and the SCEDF and the reduction of funding.

RE: DRIVEWAY ORDINANCE #2021-OR1

Council President Jeff Berg presented the Ordinance to the Council. Sherry Cowen made a motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance #2021-OR1 as presented. Ron Parker seconded the motion. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No(0) Nays.

Sherry Cowen made a motion, seconded by Ron Parker to suspend the rules, and have a second reading of Ordinance #2021-OR1. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

ORDINANCE #2021-OR1  
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING  
DRIVEWAY STANDARDS IN  
THE CITY OF KNOX AND  
WITHIN THE CITY OF KNOX ZONING BOUNDARY

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Knox has jurisdiction to regulate the standards of driveways constructed within the City of Knox and the Knox Zoning Boundary,

WHEREAS, there is a need to have consistent standards by which driveways are constructed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOX, STARKE COUNTY, STATE OF INDIANA:

1. All new driveways located on roads which are at least one intersection away from State Road 8 or U.S. 35, in a Commercial or Residential zoned area shall be set back at least twelve (12) feet from the adjoining property line.
2. All new driveways which are:
  - a. On a road intersecting State Road 8 or U.S. 35 and
  - b. Which has no intersection between the highway and the driveway location, or which are less than one-half (1/2) mile from the highway, must receive approval of the Planning Commission Administrator prior to construction.
3. In the event the Planning Commission Administrator determines that the proposed driveway cannot be done safely and cannot meet the guidelines set forth in Table A, the landowner or the landowner’s agent may petition the Board of Zoning Appeals to establish a location for the driveway.

Table A

Posted Speed Limit (MPH)	Driveway Spacing (In Feet)
25	145
30	185
35	245
40	300
45	350

ADOPTED, PASSED AND ORDAINED, BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOX, INDIANA, this 26th day of January 2021.

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOX:

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Jeff Berg, Council President

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Don Kring, Council Member

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Sherry Cowen, Council Member

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Bill Gustafson, Council Member

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Ron Parker, Council Member

Approved by the Mayor this 26TH day of January 2021.

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Dennis Estok, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cyndi Kidder, Clerk-Treasurer

Ron Parker made a motion to pass Ordinance #2021-OR1 on seconded and final reading. Motion was seconded by Sherry Cowen. Motion passed on Second and final reading with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: COVID RELIEF GRANT – ROUND 3

Council President Jeff Berg presented information on the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of COVID Relief Grant. Sherry Cowen made a motion to approve the 5% match of \$10,000.00 for the \$200,000.00 grant. The motion was seconded by Ron Parker. Motion passed with a vote of Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder informed the Council that W2's have been mailed out. If they do not receive theirs, they need to notify her office.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

Council President Jeff Berg presented the Mayor's report.

1. January 18, 2021 KRC approved funding to help with the parking lot at Wythogan Park, the new Shelter by the Splash Pad and Christmas Decorations.
2. Knox Main Street United Project had a workshop session, working on projects and on adding more members to the committee.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Council Member Sherry Cowen gave kudos to the Park Board for all their hard work.

RE: CITIZENS COMMENTS

Jacque Ryan with the Starke County Leader asked about the COVID Grant applications. Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder informed Jacque the new applications were not completed.

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