

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday, February 9, 2021 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, Sherry Cowen, Bill Gustafson, Ron Parker, Don Kring and City Attorney Autumn Ferch.

There is no amendment to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 1/26/2021

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

RE: MAIN STREET FUNDING \$5,000.00

Council President Jeff Berg made a motion approving \$5,000.00 support funding for the Knox Main Street United Project. The motion was seconded by Ron Parker and passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: HOLIDAY DECORATIONS FUNIDNG \$6,000.00

Mayor Estok informed the Council about the Redevelopment Commission giving \$6,000.00 and about the City matching that amount to purchase 8 – 10 pieces of lighted holiday decorations. Sherry Cowen made a motion to match the \$6,000.00 to help with the cost of holiday decorations. Jeff Berg seconded that motion, it passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder informed the Council that outstanding checks from 2018 have been added back into the City's accounts. Cyndi also presented to the Council a "Certificate of Thank You" from the US Census.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

- 1.) 3rd Round COVID Grant, a survey needs done by all citizens of Knox. The survey is on the cityofknox.net website.
- 2.) To all City residents, please clean your sidewalks and help us and firemen by shoveling snow from around the fire hydrants near you. Thank You.
- 3.) Blight Clearance Program has opened back up. Applications are due April 1, 2021. Application must have an engineer report with it. Ron Parker made a motion to allow the Mayor to proceed with hiring an engineering consultant to complete the report. Sherry Cowen seconded the motion, it passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Jeff Berg commented at the COVID vaccination Clinic at the Knox Community Center there was an emotion of great aspiration.

Sherry Cowen gave kudos to the Street Department for the great snow removal job!

RE: CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Jacque Ryan with the Starke County Leader, she is also a member of the Knox Main Street United Project informed the Council what the support money would be used for insurance and events.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (See Voucher Docket, Voucher #30218 - #30278) 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