

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday, February 23, 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.

Prior to the Council Meeting a Public Hearing for the COVID19 Response Grant Phase 3 was held. Edwin Buswell with K-IRPC explained the grant expectations. The application for the grant is due March 11, 2021. The grant is very competitive, communities that received awards in Phase 1 or 2 can apply for Phase 3. A point system will be used to find winning communities. The total amount to be awarded to all is 20 million dollars. The City of Knox has requested \$200,000.00 with a \$10,000.00 grant match paid by the City. Notification of Award is April 15, 2021.

There is no amendment to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 2/9/2021

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

RE: RESOLUTION 2021-RE1 – COVID 19 RESPONSE GRANT PHASE 3 – AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATION

Council Member Don Kring made a motion to approve the submission of the application to IOCRA. The motion was seconded by Ron Parker and passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RESOLUTION #2021-RE1

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOX, INDIANA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE COVID19 RESPONSE ROUND 3 APPLICATION TO THE INDIANA OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND RURAL AFFAIRS AND ADDRESSING RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Knox, Indiana recognizes the need to stimulate growth and to maintain a sound economy within its corporate limits; and

WHEREAS, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, authorizes the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs to provide grants to local units of government to meet the housing and community development needs of low- and moderate-income persons; and

WHEREAS, the City of Knox, Indiana has conducted or will conduct public hearings prior to the submission of an application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, said public hearings to assess the housing, public facilities and economic needs of its low- and moderate-income residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Knox, Indiana that:

1. The Mayor is authorized to prepare and submit an application for grant funding to address a business grant program to respond to the COVID19 pandemic, and to execute and administer a resultant grant including requisite general administration and project management, contracts and agreements pursuant to regulations of the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.
2. The City of Knox, Indiana hereby commits the requisite local funds in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), in the form of cash funds from the city’s CEDIT Fund, as matching funds for said program, such commitment to be contingent upon receipt of CDBG funding from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Knox, Indiana this 23rd day of February 2021, at 7:05 pm.

SIGNATURE:

Dennis Estok, Mayor

Jeff Berg Council President

Don Kring, Council Member

Ron Parker, Council Member

Sherry Cowen, Council Member

Bill Gustafson, Council Member

RE: CLERK-TREASURER’S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder informed the Council that her office is working on the Annual Financial Report, it is due March 1 to the State Board of Accounts. Cyndi is also working with Christin Romine at 1st Source Insurance updating the property insurance for renewal by May 1.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

1. City Hall is open to the public, a mask is required for entry.
2. The freeze order ends tomorrow, February 24. If citizens have not turned off their running water yet, please do so by tomorrow.
3. Online survey for the COVID Phase 3 Grant has had 117 filled out so far.
4. The planning for summer events has begun. Three movies in the Park are planned for the kids. Concerts planned so far are: Friday night July 2 is the "Magic Bus" and two other bands on Saturday July 3rd during the 4th of July Celebration in the Park. The parade on the 3rd is also being planned. Fall Bash is set for September 11th with a band. All events are subject to COVID regulations.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Jeff Berg spoke about the Main Street United, the application is due by March 5, 2021. Hopefully, we are accepted, it will be a great asset for the City. Jeff applauded all involved.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (See Voucher Docket, Voucher #30279 - #30325) 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