

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday, April 13, 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, Bill Gustafson, Don Kring, Ron Parker, and Sherry Cowen. City Attorney Autumn Ferch was absent.

RE: AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

Council President Jeff Berg proposed an amendment to the agenda, for a vote to set back the time for Council Meetings to 6:00 PM CST. Sherry Cowen made a motion to approve the amendment to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Jeff Berg, motion carried with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES 3/23/21

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

RE: COUNCIL MEETING TIME CHANGE

A short discussion was held regarding the time change. Sherry Cowen made a motion to change the meeting time from 7:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Jeff Berg seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays. Mayor Estok added a future resolution or ordinance will need to be passed for the time change to be official.

IRE: PARK SECURITY CAMERAS - CARES ACT

Mayor Estok received a bid for a security system with 8 cameras for the Wythogan Park from Vermillian Systems. The bid is almost \$20,000.00 but is very much needed due to the vandalism. A short discussion was held. Ron Parker made a motion approving the cost of the system to be paid out of the Cares Act Fund, the motion was seconded by Sherry Cowen. The motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

[RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

1. 50/50 Sidewalk Program. Applications are due by May 14,2021 by 4:00 PM at City Hall.
2. Dumpster Days for the City of Knox are Saturday May 2,2021 from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM and Sunday May 2,2021 from 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Dumpsters will be located and the WWTP in the back of Wythogan Park. For City of Knox residents only, you must have a driver's license and a current utility bill to use the dumpsters.
3. City wide yard sale May 20, 2021 - May 22, 2021. Rachel Oesterreich is in charge of the map.
4. Alumni Reunion meeting is April 21, 2021.
5. Family Fun Day in the Park is July 3rd. We need volunteers to sign up to help the day of the event.
6. 10 S Main Street is now sold. The closing was held March 30.
7. Face masks are still required in all City buildings. The Starke County mask mandate is also still in effect regardless what the Governor has said.
8. 3rd Round Cares Act winners will be announced tomorrow.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Sherry Cowen asked the Mayor about Trash Pickup if we are going to stay with Waste Management. The Mayor said the attorney is going over paperwork to possibly Bid it out. Bill Gustafson asked when the Round Table meeting was? Mayor Estok said Thursday 1:00 PM.

RE: CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Michael Gallenberger with WKVI asked how many cameras were included in the security system for the Park? The Mayor said 8 cameras.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (See Voucher Docket, Voucher #30479 - #30560) were presented and approved. There being 10 further business to come before the Council at this time the meeting upon motion was duly adjourned.

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Cyndi Kidder, Clerk-Treasurer

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