

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday, June 8, 2021, in the Knox City Hall at 6:00 P.M. CST with the following members present: Mayor Dennis Estok; Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder; Council Members Jeff Berg, Bill Gustafson, Ron Parker, Sherry Cowen, Don Kring and City Attorney Autumn Ferch.

RE: AMENDMENT TO AGENDA

Jeff Berg made a motion to add Resolution #2021-RE6 Transfer of Appropriations to the agenda. Motion was seconded by Don Kring and passed by a vote with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 5/25/2021

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 Sherry Cowen to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Four (4) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING: BLIGHT CLEARANCE PROJECT

Mayor Estok opened the Public Hearing and introduced Edwin Buswell with KIRPC. Mr. Buswell explained to the Council how the Blight Clearance Project services the City and what they need to complete to qualify for the program. The applications are due by June 25 and winners will be awarded in August 2021. with no further questions asked, the Mayor Estok closed the Public Hearing.

RE: RESOLUTION #2021-RE4 – SLUM AND BLIGHT SPOT DECLARATORY RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION #2021-RE4

SLUM AND BLIGHT SPOT DECLARATORY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Knox desires to eliminate blighted structures within the corporate limits of Knox, Indiana, and

WHEREAS, the structure located at 115 North Main Street, has experienced a cessation of private investment since October 15, 2018, and

WHEREAS, deterioration of the structure has taken place as evidenced by a leaking roof, water infiltration, mold and mildew growth, poor ventilation, and HVAC malfunctions.

WHEREAS, the project activities are designed to address slums or blight on a spot basis as defined by 24 CFR 570.483(c)(2),

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Knox, Indiana that the following property of the City of Knox, hereby be designated as a structure in need of redevelopment as defined by Indiana Code 36-7-14: 115 North Main Street, Knox, IN.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Knox, Indiana this 8th day of June. 2021,

SIGNATURE:

Dennis Estok, Mayor

Jeff Berg, Council Member

Don Kring, Council Member

Ron Parker, Council Member

Bill Gustafson, Council Member

Sherry Cowen, Council Member

ATTEST:

Cyndi Kidder, Clerk-Treasurer

Jeff Berg made a motion, seconded by Ron Parker to approve Resolution #2021-RE4. The motion passed with a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: RESOLUTION 2021-RE5 – AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE BLIGHT CLEARANCE PROGRAM APPLICATIONS TO OCRA

RESOLUTION #2021-RE5

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOX, INDIANA,
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE BLIGHT CLEARANCE PROGRAM 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 Council of Knox, Indiana that:

- 1. The Mayor is authorized to prepare and submit an application for grant funding to address clearance of the blighted structure at 115 N. Main Street 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 fifteen thousand two hundred ninety-eight dollars (\$15,298), in the form of cash from the city’s EDIT Fund, as matching funds for said program, such commitment to be contingent upon receipt of Blight Clearance funding from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Knox, Indiana this 8th day of June 2021,

SIGNATURES:

_____	_____
Dennis Estok, Mayor	Jeff Berg, Council Member
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Don Kring, Council Member	Ron Parker, Council Member
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Bill Gustafson, Council Member	Sherry Cowen, Council Member

ATTEST: _____
Cyndi Kidder, Clerk-Treasurer

Jeff Berg made a motion, seconded by Bill Gustafson to approve Resolution #2021-RE5. The Motion passed with a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: BAKER TILLY – AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

Todd Samuelson with Baker Tilly explained the American Rescue Plan’s rules and guidelines. He also informed the Council as the City’s consultant firm what they will handle for us. Jeff Berg made a motion to accept Baker Tilly as the City’s consulting firm for the American Rescue Plan. Ron Parker seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: RESOLUTION #2021-RE6 – TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS

RESOLUTION #2021-RE6

Transfer of Appropriations
Within the Funds
June 8, 2021

WHEREAS; the Clerk-Treasurer has advised the Common Council a Transfer of Funds is now required in the General, Motor Vehicle Highway and Cumulative Capital Fund.

BE IT RESOLVED; by the Common Council of the City of Knox that the Clerk-Treasurer is hereby allowed and directed to make the following Transfer of Appropriations:

GENERAL FUND:

Police Department	4,000.00 from 101005332-Postage and Travel
	2,000.00 to 101005221-Supplies
	2,000.00 to 101005338-Training and Ammo

MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY FUND:

MVH	2,000.00 from 201009229-Supplies
	2,000.00 to 201009228-Signs and Posts

CUMULATIVE CAPITAL FUND:

CCD	7,500.00 from 402018332-System Repair SO
	7,500.00 from 402018336-Equipment Repair SO
	15,000.00 to 402018443-Sidewalks

Dennis Estok, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cyndi Kidder, Clerk-Treasurer

Jeff Berg made a motion approving Resolution #2021-RE6, seconded by Bill Gustafson. The motion passed with a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder informed the Council that the 2020-2021 Community Crossing Grant is completed and closed. She also informed the Council that the city has received our June draw.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

1. We need more participants for the Parade on July 3rd. Applications are in the Mayor's office, due by June 25, 2021.
2. COVID19 Round 3 Applications are due by June 25, 2021, only 3 have been turned in for all City businesses.
3. Next movie in the park is Wednesday June 23rd at 8:30 PM, Karaoke from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM.
4. Farmer's Market, organized by the Main Street United, will be in front of the Moose Building. Contact person is Kailey Hart at 574-249-8098.
5. Fun Day in the Park is July 3, 2021. Duck Race will be ran by the Main Street United. They will be selling tickets in advance.
6. Mayor introduced Richard June with the Main Street United who was in attendance. He will update the Council when he attends future meetings.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Council Member Sherry Cowen asked a few questions about the Blight Clearance for the Moose.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

The following properly files vouchers (See Voucher Docket, APV #30743 through #30800) 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: _____
Cynthia Kidder, Clerk-Treasurer