

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday, July 27, 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, Don Kring, Sherry Cowen and City Attorney Autumn Ferch.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 7/13/2021

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 Don Kring to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Five (5) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING 7/113/2021

Minutes of the special meeting were also mailed to the Council Members prior to the meeting for their review. Ron Parker made a motion, seconded by Jeff Berg to approve the special minutes as presented. Motion passed with five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: ORDINANCE 2021-OR4 AMENDING USER FEES FOR GARBAGE REMOVAL SERVICES – 1ST READING

Mayor Dennis Estok presented the Ordinance to the Council. Bill Gustafson made a motion to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance #2021-OR4 as presented. Don Kring seconded the motion. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder informed the Council that last Tuesday, July 20th, they had their budget workshop with Kurt Ott of the DLGF. They went over the budget numbers, and they all look good. The max levy is about \$300.00 under. The public hearing for the 2022 budget is Tuesday August 24th at the Council Meeting. The budget adoption is Tuesday September 14th at the Council Meeting. Cyndi told the Council that it is very important that all Council Members are in attendance for both meetings.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

1. If the Council would like to have a budget work session/special meeting that can be arranged.
2. Half of ARP has been received. The 2nd half will be here next July 2022. Baker Tilly has been notified. Small grants are available from CDBG to add to the ARP Money to help projects get completed.
3. Blight Clearance Grant has delayed the awarding till September 9, 2021, and they have added a 2nd round.
4. New garbage and recycling totes are being delivered on the east side of town now. East side garbage pickup will now be on Fridays. Since there will be all day stretch between pick ups extra bagged trash will be allowed this time. After a month or so of the new service the company will allow citizens to request smaller 65-gallon totes.
5. Next Farmer's Market is August 7, please don't forget they need everyone's support to continue.
6. Last movie in the park for the kids is tomorrow July 28th. Arctic Dogs.

RE: COUNCIL COMMENTS

Bill Gustafson asked about new pick-up calendars for trash and recycling. Mayor Estok let Bill know they will be inside of the new totes. Bill also asked Mayor Estok if the city ever considered buying their own garbage truck? Mayor Estok said the trucks are very expensive and it's also expensive for the extra laborers and maintenance. Ron Parker asked about extra bags of trash or can people use their own garbage cans. Mayor Estok said no, not at this time.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

The following properly files vouchers (See Voucher Docket, APV #30972 through #31029) 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