

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday, September 28, 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, Don Kring, Bill Gustafson, Sherry Cowen and City Attorney Autumn Ferch. Ron Parker was absent.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 9/14/2021

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 Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: ORDINANCE 2021-OR6 – ADDING SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM STANDARDS TO PLANNING AND ZONING – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING

Mayor Estok presented Ordinance 2021-OR6 to the Council. A short discussion was held, Jeff La Point representing Hoosier Solar and Advantage Capital, recommended one change before adopting this ordinance.

His concern is with the way power lines and electrical substations were included in the ordinance. Jeff Berg made a motion, seconded by Sherry Cowen to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 2021-OR6.

The motion carried with a vote of Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays. City officials will have to check into the concerns before final adoption.

RE: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) – WATER AND SEWER

Mayor Estok informed the Council that the water department and sewer department applied for SWIF Grants for help with projects. Neither department were approved for the grant. Mayor Estok asked the Council to approve using some of the ARP Funds to support the projects.

The water project is estimated at \$140,000.00 and Tim Lindewald will be getting additional bids. The sewer department project low bid was already accepted by the Board of Works totaling \$103,825.00. Bill Gustafson made a motion approving ARP Funds to be utilized for 50% of each project. Sherry Cowen seconded the motion. Motion passed with a vote of Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

1. For the position of Director of Parks and Recreation, two applications were received. The position has been given to Karl Swihart. He begins Monday October 4<sup>th</sup>; this is a full-time position. I look forward to working with him.
2. Update of the Sabre Property, the paperwork is done. The next step is an approval from the owner Steve Adler and our City Attorney.
3. CCMG was not applied for this year. We are utilizing the grant match money for other needs. We can reapply in January 2022.
4. NIPSCO is replacing all street light bulbs with LED. The Park is done, it's very nice and bright.
5. Splash pad closed as of today September 28.
6. Reminder for trash pickup! Toters must be curbside! No alley pickups!

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Jeff Berg informed everyone that he will be attending a meeting for KIRPC on Thursday. Sherry Cowen asked the Mayor about the new basketball court start date? The Mayor let the Council know it may start this fall.

RE: CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

SCEDF Executive Director Lisa Dan thanked the City for the new LED Lights in her neighborhood. Lisa also gave a quick update on events for the SCEDF.

1. Manufacturers Job Fair, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 7:00 PM at the new Knox High School multipurpose room.
2. Manufacturers Day on October 7<sup>th</sup> and a luncheon.
3. Dunns Bridge Solor Project info meeting is Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at the All-Saints Catholic Church in San Pierre at 6:00 PM.
4. Mammoth North Solar groundbreaking event will be Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, at the Melody Drive In.
5. The North Judson Pitch Competition will be Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, at the NJSP High School auditorium.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

The following properly files vouchers (See Voucher Docket, APV #31279 through #31329) were presented and approved.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time the meeting upon motion was duly adjourned.

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Dennis Estok, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cynthia Kidder, Clerk-Treasurer