

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday, January 11, 2022, 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, Sherry Cowen, Don Kring and City Attorney Autumn Ferch. Ron Parker was absent.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 12/28/21

Copies of the meeting minutes were mailed to the Council prior to the meeting. Council Member Don Kring made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Council Member Sherry Cowen and was passed by a vote of Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

A BZA Appointment is open, and Jeff Berg nominated David Metz, Mayor Estok closed the nomination. David Metz is appointed to the BZA passed by a vote of Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

Two Redevelopment Commission appointments are open, Jeff Berg nominated Nathan Bradley and Don Kring nominated Jeff Berg. Mayor Estok closed the nominations. Nathan Bradley and Jeff Berg were appointed to the Redevelopment Commission passed by a vote of Four (4) ayes and no (0) nays

Three Plan Commission appointments are open, Sherry Cowen nominated Jeff Berg, Don Kring and Ron Parker. Mayor Estok closed the nominations. Jeff Berg, Don Kring and Ron Parker were appointed to the Plan Commission passed by a vote of Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

One Starke County Economic Development Foundation appointment is open, Bill Gustafson nominated Jeff Berg. Mayor Estok closed the nomination. Jeff Berg was appointed to the Starke County Economic Development Foundation passed by a vote of Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

One Starke County Solid Waste appointment is open, Jeff Berg nominated Bill Gustafson. Mayor Estok closed the nomination. Bill Gustafson was appointed to the Starke County Solid Waste passed by a vote of Four (4) ayes and (0) nays.

RE: MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

City Attorney – Autumn Ferch
 Street Superintendent – Jeff Borg
 Water Superintendent – Tim Lindewald
 Wastewater Superintendent – Jason Clemons
 Director of Parks and Recreation – Karl Swihart
 Fire Chief – Ken Pfost
 Director of Building and Code Compliance – Ken Pfost
 Police Chief – Harold Smith
 Planning Administrator – Ken Pfost
 Starke County Beverage Board – Bill Gustafson
 KIRPC – Jeff Berg
 Knox Redevelopment Commission – Marcia Hayes, Marsha Boggs and Mike Estok
 Board of Public Works – Jim Collins and Steve Dodge

RE: ELETION OF 2022 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Sherry Cowen nominated Jeff Berg for Council President 2022. Don Kring closed the nominations. Jeff Berg was elected 2022 Council President. With a vote of Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: STARKE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION – LISA DAN

Lisa Dan, Executive Director of the Starke County Economic Development Foundation thanked the Council for another year of support. Lisa Dan informed the Council of the 2021 highlights of their annual report and an update on what their working on now for 2022. Lisa also told the Council she will be attending a council meeting once every quarter in 2022.

RE: ORDINANCE #2022OR1 TO ESTABLISH AND AUTHORIZE A SPECIAL PARK NON-REVERTING FUND

Ordinance No. 2022 OR 1

ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AND AUTHORIZE A SPECIAL PARK NON-REVERTING FUND

WHEREAS, the City of Knox's Park Department conducts certain activities which generate revenues, and

WHEREAS, in order to generate those revenues expenses are incurred, and

WHEREAS, the revenues collected by the Park Department should be maintained in an independent non-reverting fund for the purposes of allowing the Park Department to utilize revenues it generates for maintenance and operation of special programs and events that are beneficial to the residents of the City of Knox, and

IT IS THEREFORE ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Knox as follows:

1. Establishment of Special Park Non-Reverting Fund. The Special Park Fund is hereby created pursuant to I.C. 36-10-3-20 and 36-10-3-22 and any other applicable state statute and assigned Fund Number #2211.
2. Receipts into the Special Park Non-Reverting Fund. All recreational programming revenues generated by the Park Department, with the exclusion of all shelter and band shell rental revenues shall be placed in an independent non-reverting fund. That the source of these revenues shall include but are not limited to admission fees and rental of equipment for softball tournaments, pickleball tournaments, cornhole tournaments, ice skating rink, basketball tournaments, and other special events related to the Park Department. That these proceeds shall be placed in a non-reverting fund that shall henceforth be known as

the "Special Park Department Non-Reverting Fund"

3. Expenditures from the Special Park Non-Reverting Fund. Proceeds from this fund may be used for the following purposes:
 - (A) To pay salaries and related expenses incurred for recreational programs developed by the Park Department.
 - (B) To purchase and maintain equipment related to recreational programs generated by the Park Department,
 - (C) For expenses related to the recreational programs including contracts entered into by all organizations with the Park Department,
 - (D) Provided the expenditure is for these purposes, the Clerk-Treasurer is authorized to pay claims from this fund without further ordinance.
4. Special Park Non-Reverting Fund Authority. To the extent permitted by Indiana law, this fund shall be under the control and management of the Mayor and the Park Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOX, STARKE COUNTY, INDIANA, THIS 11th DAY OF JANUARY 2022.

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOX:

Jeff Berg, Council President

Don Kring, Council Member

Sherry Cowen, Council Member

Bill Gustafson, Council Member

Ron Parker, Council Member

Approved by the Mayor this 11th day of January 2022.

Dennis Estok, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cyndi Kidder, Clerk-Treasurer

Mayor Estok presented the ordinance to the Council. Don Kring made a motion to approve Ordinance #2022-OR1. The motion was seconded by Jeff Berg and passed by a vote of Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk Treasurer Cyndi Kidder informed the Council that the State Auditor is still on site performing the annual audit and is expected to be finished by January 20th.

Cyndi asked the Council to fill out the nepotism and the contracting paperwork and return it to her as soon as possible.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

1. The pre-bid meeting for the Moose with Territorial Engineering and the contractors will be Wednesday January 12 at 9:30 AM at City Hall.
2. The Community Center will be paid off and the bonds will be retired January 15, 2022.
3. The State Treasurer's final rule on the ARP money has been passed. (copies were handed out)
4. We need to have a discussion soon and make some decisions on the spending of the ARP. For example, new heating/cooling system in City Hall.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Jeff Berg informed the Council that Mr. James Johnson is interested in being on the Planning Commission.

RE: CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Anita Goodan with WKVI informed the Council that she loves the new Ice Rink! She also asked about skate rentals. Mayor Estok informed her they will be rented out of the Concession Stand on weekends.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (See Voucher Docket, APV #31735 - #31801 3) 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