

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday, January 25, 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, Ron Parker and City Attorney Autumn Ferch. Don Kring was absent.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 1/11/22

Copies of the meeting minutes were mailed to the Council prior to the meeting. Council Member Sherry Cowen made a motion to approve minutes with the correction of the missing "Election of Council President" added to the minutes. Motion was seconded by Council Member Jeff Berg and was passed by a vote of Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: ORDINANCE #2022-OR2 – ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY SHARE DEDUCTIBLE FUND

Mayor Denis Estok and Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder presented the ordinance to the Council. Jeff Berg made a motion approving the 1st reading of Ordinance #2022-OR2. Motion was seconded by Bill Gustafson and was passed by a vote of Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

Jeff Berg made a motion to suspend the rules and vote on the second and final reading of Ordinance #2022-OR2. Motion was seconded by Sherry Cowen and passed by a vote of Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

Jeff Berg made a motion to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance #2022-OR2. Motion was seconded by Bill Gustafson 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 Audit is complete. The exit conference is scheduled for Thursday February 3, 2022, at 9:00 AM CST.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

1. The Public Hearing for the Fire Territory are as follows:
 - 1st-Wednesday February 2nd at 7:00 PM CST at the Knox Community Center.
 - 2nd-Tuesday February 8th at 6:00 PM CST at the Knox Community Center.
 - 3rd-Tuesday March 8th at 6:00 PM CST at the Knox Community Center.
2. The Council needs to establish a spending plan for the ARP money. The entire amount can be considered a revenue loss. The Mayor is considering an employee incentive program for those who have received or will receive the COVID Vaccine.
3. The Redevelopment Commission is going to be offering a business Facade Grant. This grant is for the downtown area and is for the owners of the property. The owners can apply for up to \$15,000.00 of the grant with a 20% match. The grant money can be used for awnings, paint, tuck pointing and glass.
4. The Redevelopment Commission's Downtown Tree Program will be having a public meeting soon to discuss different possibilities for replacement trees in the downtown area.
5. Daddy/Daughter Dance is scheduled for Friday, February 18th at 6:30 PM CST. We will have to review having this dance or not due to COVID in a couple weeks.
6. Snow Emergency Routes: citizens need to move their cars so streets can be plowed. Ken Pfof will be tagging vehicles in the way.

RE: COUNCIL'S ITEMS

Council President Jeff Berg gave some additional information to the Council about the tree program. The trees will be planted in phases, spring and fall. Also, beautification tree grates will be added. Council Member Bill Gustafson asked when Moose bids will be opened. Mayor Estok informed Bill and the Council it will be tomorrow January 26th at the Board of Public Works Meeting at 9:30 AM CST at the City Hall.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (See Voucher Docket, APV #31802 - #31882) 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