

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday, July 12, 2022, in the City Hall at 6:00 P.M. CST with the following members present: Mayor Dennis Estok; Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder; Council Members Jeff Berg, Sherry Cowen, Ron Parker, Donald Kring and City Attorney Autumn Ferch. Bill Gustafson was absent.

There is no amendment to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 6/28/22

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

RE: HOTEL FEASIBILITY STUDY FUNDING

Mayor Estok presented to the Council the paperwork for the Hotel Feasibility Study. A short discussion was held. Jeff Berg made a motion approving the \$12,000.00 for the Study. Sherry Cowen seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a vote of Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays. Mayor Estok informed the Council the funds will come from CEDIT.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder informed the Council that her office will have Budget Form #1's ready tomorrow for all department heads. The average growth quotient came in at a 5% increase. Our general fund will increase by \$67,000.00 in 2023.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

1. The Mayor gave a copy of an email to each of the Councilmembers, it was from a future Knox Citizen. That is why we continue to work hard on our downtown area and park areas.
2. The Alumni Reunion on Friday July 1 went very well. "The Magic Bus" was great.
3. Family Fun Day in the Park, fireworks and parade on Saturday July 2 went well. We had a lot of entries in the parade.
4. The band "Cody Ikerd and the Sidewinders" for this Friday July 15 had to cancel.
5. Working on a OCRA Master Utility Plan Grant for water, sewer, and storm water. The \$90,000.00 grant requires a 10% match. The Public Hearing is at the 26th Council Meeting.
6. Moose Update – OCRA has released the funds.

RE: COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Ron Parker asked about the cause of the downtown fire. Mayor Estok informed the Council that we haven't heard yet. A short discussion was held about ownership and insurance.

RE: CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

A citizen spoke to the Council about the City Police phone line 574-772-4122 not forwarding to dispatch after an incident at her residents.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (See Voucher Docket, APV #32741 - #32808) 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