

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday, July 26, 2022, in the City Hall at 6:00 PM CST with the following members present: Mayor Dennis Estok; Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder; Council Members Jeff Berg, Bill Gustafson, Sherry Cowen, Ron Parker, Donald Kring and City Attorney Autumn Ferch.

RE: AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

Jeff Berg made a motion to add 4a. Resolution 2022RE5-Master Utility Plan, 4b. Sponsorship – Starke Tank to the agenda. Bill Gustafson seconded the motion and motion passed by a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 7/12/22

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 Jeff Berg and passed by a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING – CDBG MASTER UTILITY PLAN

Mayor Estok opened the public hearing. Edwin Buswell with KIRPC explained to the Council the purpose of the CDBG Master Utility Planning Grant. One requirement for this grant is a survey of citizens, the survey can be found at www.cityofknox.net. Mayor Estok closed the public hearing.

RE: RESOLUTION 2022-RE5 – CDBG UTILITY PLANNING GRANT

Edwin Buswell explained the requirements for this resolution as it pertains to the Master Utility Planning Grant. Ron Parker made a motion approving Resolution 2022-RE5. The motion was seconded by Sherry Cowen and passed by a vote of Five (5) ayes and NO (0) nays.

RESOLUTION 2022 – RE 5

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOX, INDIANA AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE CDBG PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION TO THE INDIANA OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND RURAL AFFAIRS AND ADDRESSING RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, the City Council of Knox, Indiana recognizes the need to stimulate growth and to maintain a sound economy within its corporate limits: and

WHEREAS, THE Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, authorizes the Indiana office of Community and Rural Affairs to provide grants to local units of government to meet the housing and community development needs of low-and moderate-income persons and/or the elimination of blight; and

WHEREAS, the City of Knox, Indiana has conducted or will conduct public hearings prior to the submission of an application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, said public hearings to assess the housing, public facilities and economic needs of its low-and moderate-income residents:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Knox, Indiana that:

1. The City Council President is authorized to prepare and submit an application for grant funding to address the completion of a Master Utility Study and to execute and administer a resultant grant including requisite general administration and project management, contracts and agreements pursuant to regulations of the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.
2. Knox, Indiana hereby commits the requisite local funds in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$9,700) in the form of cash, as matching funds for said program, such commitment to contingent upon receipt of CDBG funding from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

Adopted by the Knox City Council on this 26th day of July 2022, at 6:00 pm.

SIGNATURE:

Dennis Estok, Mayor

Jeff Berg, Council President

Ron Parker, Member

Don Kring, Member

Bill Gustafson, Member

Sherry Cowen, Member

ATTEST: _____
Cyndi Kidder, Clerk-Treasurer

RE: SPONSORSHIP – STARKE TANK

Bill Gustafson made a motion approving the Platinum sponsorship of \$1,000.00 for the Starke Tank. Jeff Berg seconded the motion and motion passed by a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER’S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder informed the Council that her office has their Zoom 2023 Budget Meeting with the DLGF on Thursday the 28th of July at 9:15 AM. The 2023 Budget Public Hearing is set for September 13, 2022 at 6 PM during the Council Meeting and the 2023 Budget Adoption is scheduled for September 27, 2022 at 6PM also during the Council Meeting.

RE: MAYOR’S REPORT

1. The Utility Planning Grant Survey is on the City’s website, www.cityofknox.net.
2. The Moose demo bid award is tomorrow July 27 during the Board of Public Works meeting at 9:30 AM. Demo starts August 1.
3. The splash pad was hit by a storm last Saturday, it blew the control panel and other parts. The parts are on order.
4. The railroad called and they are wanting to close the alley crossing just South of the Dollar General.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

1. Don Kring asked if it was fiber being buried North of town. Mayor Estok believes it’s fiber line not sure for what though.
2. Ron Parker asked if there are any updates for the building destroyed in the downtown fire? The Public Hearing for that building is August 24th during the next Board of Public Works Meeting.
3. Sherry Cowen commented that many citizens have said to her how excited they are for the Frank Foster Concert.
4. Jeff Berg informed the Council that the Planning Commission Meeting is now August 8th at 6 PM.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (See Voucher Docket, APV #32809 - #32891) 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