

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

There was no amendment to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 9/27/2022 REGULAR MEETING

Minutes of the previous meeting were mailed to the Council Members prior to the meeting for their review. Don Kring made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, the motion was seconded by Jeff Berg and passed by a vote of Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: ORDINANCE 2022-OR13 – ABOLISHING KNOX CITY COURT 1ST READING

Mayor Estok presented the Ordinance to the Council. A discussion was held. Judge Hasnerl honorably requested that the Ordinance be tabled until he has time to meet with the Mayor, Council, Judge Hall, and County Officials. Former Clerk-Treasurer Jeff Houston spoke personally in favor of closing City Court. City Court has been in the red for many years and several other cities have abolished city courts due to money loss.

Jeff Berg made a motion approving the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2022-OR13. The motion was seconded by Ron Parker and passed by a vote of Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Fall leaf pick up starts October 17th.
2. The R/R Crossing on 35 will be completed by the end of day Wednesday October 12th.
3. Hydrant flushing continues until October 21st.
4. The Park is sponsoring a Trunk or Treat on October 27th in the Wythogan Park from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM.
5. The City's Trick of Treat is on Halloween, October 31st from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM and Abate will have a costume judging contest at the Knox Community Center following Trick or Treat.
6. The Skill Center is again helping the elderly/handicap with leaf raking this year. Contact the Mayor's Office to get on the list.
7. Blue Grass Jam is Friday October 21st at the Knox Community Center from 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Jeff Berg formally announced he will not be seeking re-election to office of Precinct 3 representative on the City of Knox Common Council during the municipal election cycle next year.

Don Kring complimented the Water Department on the new fire hydrants on John Street.

RE: CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Marty Bedrock asked the Council and Mayor about the demolition of the house across from his office. City Attorney Autumn Ferch informed Mr. Bedrock that the owner has appealed the City's order to demolish in court. The court has denied her appeal.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

The following properly files vouchers (See Voucher Docket, APV #33260 through #33331) 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: _____
Cynthia Kidder, Clerk-Treasurer

