

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

RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Don Kring made a motion, seconded by Jeff Berg to move Citizen Comments before Ordinance #2022-OR13 and add funding of the demolition of 18 S Main Street. Motion passed by a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 10/11/22 REGULAR MEETING

Minutes of the previous meeting were mailed to the Council Members prior to the meeting for their review. Jeff Berg made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, the motion was seconded by Bill Gustafson and passed by a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Judge Hasnerl spoke to the Council; he respectfully asked the Council to table Ordinance #2022-OR13 until a meeting can be held with County Officials and Judge Hall. Mayor Estok spoke to the Council about the financial part of City Court. The City is providing a second court for the County at the City taxpayers' expense.

Mr. Gary Dulin spoke to the Council complimenting the Mayor, Council, Ms. Ferch and Park Employees on all the work they do in our three city parks. Mr. Dulin said our parks are fabulous. Mr. Dulin also wanted to commend Officer Ashley Vandemark on how she took the time at Sandy Acre's Park to allow the kids to check out her squad car and explain to the kids all its functions.

RE: DEMOLITION OF 18 S MAIN – BURNT BUILDING

Mayor Estok spoke to the Council about Funding the demolition of the burnt building at 18 S Main Street. Currently the unsafe building Fund doesn't have enough money to support the demolition. Mayor Estok asked the Council to approve the additional funds come from CEDIT. Sherry Cowen made a motion to approve the CEDIT Funds to be used, the motion was seconded by Ron Parker and passed by a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: ORDINANCE #2022-OR13, ABOLISHING KNOX CITY COURT – 2ND READING

Don Kring made a motion tabling the vote on Ordinance #2022-OR13. The tabling motion was seconded by Sherry Cowen and passed by a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: ORDINANCE #2022-OR14 – 2023 SALARY ORDINANCE 1ST AND 2ND READINGS AND ADOPTION

Mayor Estok presented the Ordinance to the Council. Ron Parker made a motion to approve the 1st reading of the Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Sherry Cowen and passed by a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays. Jeff Berg made a motion to suspend the rules, the motion was suspended by Bill Gustafson and passed by a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

Jeff Berg made a motion to approve the 2nd reading and adoption of Ordinance #2022-OR14. The motion was seconded by Ron Parker and passed by a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

1. Trunk or Treat Thursday October 27, 4 PM – 5:30 PM.
2. City Trick or Treat, Monday October 31, 5:30 PM – 7 PM.
3. Daylight Saving Time, clocks fall back an hour on November 6th.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

1. The Park Master Plan that is completed every 5 years is once again due. There is a survey that needs completed by citizens of the City. It can be done on the City's website. Cityofknox.net

RE: COUNCIL'S ITEMS

Don Kring asked the Mayor if the Disc Golf is being utilized at the Park. Mayor Estok said yes, several people are using it. We are hoping to start a league and put more signs up for each hole.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

The following properly files vouchers (See Voucher Docket, APV #33332 through #33410) 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