

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday, December 13, 2022 in the Knox City Hall at 6:00 P.M. CST with the following members present: Mayor Dennis Estok; Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Shari Spaid; Council Members Jeff Berg, Ron Parker, Sherry Cowen, Bill Gustafson, Don Kring and City Attorney Autumn Ferch.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 22, 2022

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

RE: ORDINANCE 2022-OR13 – ABOLISHING KNOX CITY COURT

City Attorney Autumn Ferch informed the Council that there is a draft drawn up of a contract between the City of Knox and Starke County. She was not comfortable with some things and made some changes to logistical details. There also were some dates that were wrong. She is still waiting for the County to get back with her. Motion was made by Council Member Berg to table Ordinance #2022-OR13. Motion was seconded by Council Member Parker and was passed by a vote of Five (5) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

The City has been awarded the Community Crossings Grant in the amount of \$356,655.33.

The Opioid settlement has been received in the amount of \$53,616.14. Restricted portion is \$37,531.30 and the unrestricted portion is \$16,084.84. We will continue to receive an allotment over a period of 18 years.

The City hired a company to give a report on the historical bridge on Water Street. The condition it is in now the safe capacity is 25 people. INDOT now has 80-20 grants which we will apply for next year. If it is awarded we will not get it until 2028-29. If we paid for repairs ourselves it would be \$100,000.00. We have to warn of the capacity that needs to be put up.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Council Member Gustafson complimented the city employees on the Christmas decorations in town.

Council Member Parker asked about the burnt building on Main Street. Mayor Estok said that the contractor was supposed to start last week but is waiting for a part to repair his excavator. He has not heard from him this week. Council Member Kring asked about the utilities and the Mayor said they were retired the day of the fire.

Council Member Cowen asked about the skating rink in the park. Mayor Estok told her there was a leak and the lining had to be replaced.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

The following properly files vouchers (See Voucher Docket, APV #33531 through #33673) were presented and approved.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time the meeting upon motion was duly adjourned.

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Dennis Estok, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shari Spaid, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer