

Knox Redevelopment Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 18, 2022 @ 4:30pm

Call to Order:

The Knox Redevelopment Commission met in regular session at Knox City Hall May 18, 2022 with the following members present: Board Members Jeff Berg, Marcia Hayes, Nathan Bradley, Marsha Boggs, Mike Estok. Others present: Mayor Estok. Members Absent: Marylynn Ritchie

Amendment to the Agenda and approval of minutes for 4/20/22:

No amendment to the agenda

Approval of minutes from April 20, 2022, a motion was made by Marcia Hayes and second by Nathan Bradley, motion passed.

Discussion for funding of two new police vehicles was had. Mayor Dennis Estok discussed that the city has to be competitive to attract police officers, they need to be able to take home the police cars- those used for police officers in the county only. We could use funding from TIF Industrial District, two cars would cost \$43,000.00 each (SUV Tahoes). They hold their trade in value and hold up better to wear and tear.

Mike Esok made a motion to purchase the two new vehicles for \$86,000.00 total price, using funds from the TIF Industrial District, second by Nathan Bradley.

Facade Program:

Application from Collins Insurance Agency was approved, estimated project cost to be \$14,884.24 according to Steve Guy, contractor.

Discussion about Sabre building:

JPS Investments LLC expressed interest to lease. They will be at our next meeting on Wednesday May 25, 2022 at 4:30pm. Sabre building has several issues, including leaking roof. TCS offered the City of Knox, \$200,000.00 to purchase property, we all agreed it was too cheap, we will discuss later on. The city does not want to keep the building.

Downtown Tree Program:

Very heated discussion was held regarding the tree program in reference to Mitch Thompson- no documentation, no invoices, check was issued to Mitch Thompson without invoices and Clerk Treasurer, Cindy Kidder, issues the check for the full amount- never pay for 100% of project. The cost of the trees were way under what was paid to Mr. Thompson. There was no spade brought in to plant the trees, shovels were used, no 1000 pound root balls and trees were not as described. There was no clean up of sidewalks, we do not have the warranty (3 years). The commission is very disappointed, feels the city got a bad deal and needs to go after Mr. Thompson. There are three trees still at Jeff Berg's. City to remove

two weeping cherry trees from MBS Fitness (north side) and plant them in the park. City needs to plant the remaining trees before it is too late.

Next meeting to be held will be a Special Meeting on Wednesday May 25, 2022 to continue discussion of the Tree Program and Sabre building.

Meeting adjourned: Nathan Bradley motioned, Mike Estok second.