

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday, October 24, 2023, in the City Hall at 6:00 P.M. CST with the following members present: Mayor Dennis Estok; Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder; Council Members Jeff Berg, Bill Gustafson, Sherry Cowen, Donald Kring, Ron Parker and City Attorney Autumn Ferch. There is no amendment to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 10/10/23

Copies of the previous minutes were mailed to the Council prior to the meeting for their review. 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: ORDINANCE 2023-OR5 - ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – 2ND READING AND ADOPTION

Mayor Estok presented Ordinance #2023-OR5, regarding parking and fees pertaining to recreational vehicles, to the Council. Bill Gustafson made a motion approving the 2nd reading and adoption of the Zoning Amendment Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Sherry Cowen and passed by a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

ORDINANCE 2023-OR5

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING ORDINANCE,
TITLE X111 SECTION 10 IN ITS ENTIRETY
BY ADDING / CHANGING LANGUAGE
AND ASSIGNING PERMIT FEES

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Knox has jurisdiction to regulate the standards of the parking, storage, and or use of recreational equipment within the City of Knox and the Knox Zoning Boundary,

WHEREAS there is a need to update the standards by which the parking, storage, and or use of recreational equipment is regulated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOX, STARKE COUNTY, STATE OF INDIANA:

Section 10. Parking, storage, or use of recreational equipment.

For purpose of this ordinance, major recreational equipment is defined as including boats and boat trailers, trailers, pick-up campers, or coaches (Designed to be mounted on automotive vehicles), motorized dwellings, tent trailers and the like, and cases or boxes used for transporting recreational equipment, whether occupied by such equipment or not. No major equipment shall be parked or stored on any lot in a commercial, manufacturing, industrial except:

1. In the A agriculture, RR rural residential, C-2 general commercial, M-1 light or M-2 heavy manufacturing districts if a special use permit for outside display has been approved.
2. In an enclosed building; or
3. In a residential district where recreational equipment is stored on property owned or rented and occupied by the owner of the recreational equipment. Recreational equipment must be stored twenty (20) feet from the edge of the roadway and ten (10) feet from the alleyway. Total of three (3) recreational equipment on property owned by the same person, including property that is connected. No two recreational equipment shall be of the same type.

Example of types:

1. Used for sleeping.
2. Boat w/trailer
3. Open trailer
4. Enclosed trailer

No such major recreational equipment shall be used for living, sleeping, or housekeeping purposes when parked or stored on a residential lot or in any location not approved for that use.

A temporary permit, valid for a period of nine (9) days, may be obtained at the office of the City of Knox, Clerk- Treasurer's Office. This permit may only be obtained two (2) times in one calendar year, a minimum of thirty (30) days must separate the two permits. It is a violation for wastewater to be discharged within city limits without inspection prior to water and sewer connection.

Inspection is required for the following,

1. To ensure that water supply lines are drinking water safe.
2. To ensure that wastewater connection is secure, and no chemicals will be discharged into the City's sanitary sewer system.

Permit Fees for connections:

1. Recreational vehicles permit without sewer ...\$5.00.
2. Recreational vehicles permit w/sewer \$25.00

ADOPTED, PASSED AND ORDAINED, BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOX, INDIANA, this 24th day of October 2023.

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOX

Jeff Berg, Council President

Don Kring, Council Member

Sherry Cowen, Council Member

Bill Gustafson, Council Member

Ron Parker, Council Member

Approved by the Mayor this 24th day of October 2023.

Dennis Estok, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cyndi Kidder, Clerk-Treasurer

RE: ORDINANCE 2023-OR8 – PENALTY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – 1ST READING

Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder presented Ordinance 2023-OR8 to the Council for the 1st reading. Jeff Berg made a motion approving the 1st reading of the Penalty Amendment Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Ron Parker and passed by a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: ORDINANCE 2023-OR9 – CAPITAL ASSET – 1ST READING

Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder presented Ordinance 2023-OR9 to the Council for the 1st reading. Jeff Berg made a motion approving the 1st reading of the Capital Asset Ordinance. 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

Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder informed the Council that the State Board of Accounts Audit is complete. There will be an exit conference tomorrow afternoon with the auditing team.

RE: MAYOR’S REPORT

- 1. The Peppermint Parade is November 2nd. Applications are available in the Mayors office and online at cityofknox.net.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Sherry Cowen reminded citizens the Parks Trunk or Treat is Sunday October 29th from 2PM – 5PM at Wythogen Park.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (See Voucher Docket, APV #35157 - #35214) 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