

The Common Council of the City of Knoxville met in regular session Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 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, Sherry Cowen, Travis Schieber, Donald Kring. City Attorney Autumn Ferch was absent. Bill Gustafson was absent.

RE: AMENEMENT TO THE AGENDA

Jeff Berg made a motion to add Resolution 2024-RE1 to the agenda. Don Kring seconded the motion and the motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 12/27/23

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: ELECTION OF 2024 COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMP

Mayor Estok opened the nominations. Sherry Cowen nominated Jeff Berg for Council President. Mayor Estok closed the nominations. Jeff Berg received unanimous votes and will be Council President for 2024.

RE: COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Redevelopment Commission (2) – Don Kring nominated Jeff Berg and Nathan Bradley. Both candidates received unanimous votes and will be on the RDC for 2024.

Plan Commission (3) – Jeff Berg nominated Don Kring, Sherry Cowen, and himself. All three candidates received unanimous votes and will serve on the Plan Commission for the length of their elected terms.

Starke Council Economic Development Foundation (1) – Sherry Cowen nominated Jeff Berg. The candidate received unanimous votes and will serve on SCEDF for 2024.

Starke County Solid Waste (1) – Jeff Berg nominated Bill Gustafson. The candidate received unanimous votes and will serve on the Starke County Solid Waste for 2024.

RE: MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

2024 MAYORAL APPPOINTMENTS
YEARLY APPOINTMENTS:

- CITY ATTORNEY – AUTUMN FERCH
- POLICE CHIEF – CHAD DULIN – EFFECTIVE 1/24/24
- DEPUTY CHIEF (PD) – KENNY PFOST
- STREET DEPT. – JEFF BORG
- WATER SUPT. – TIM LINDEWALD
- WASTEWATER SUPT. – JASON CLEMONS
- DIRECTOR OF RECREATION – DENNIS FORNELLI
- PARK SUPERINTENDENT NOMINATION – BOBBY TRUSTY
- FIRE CHIEF – KENNY PFOST
- DIRECTOR OF BUILDING AND CODE COMPLIANCE – LONNIE BOLEY
- PLANNING ADMINISTRATOR NOMINATION – LONNIE BOLEY
- STARKE COUNTY BEVERAGE BOARD – BILL GUSTAFSON
- KIRPC – OPEN
- KNOX REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
 - MARCIA HAYES
 - MARSHA BOGGS
 - MIKE ESTOK
- BOARD OF WORKS
 - STEVE DODGE
 - JIM COLLINS

FOUR YEAR TERMS:

- PLAN COMMISSION
- JIM BROWN (NEW APPOINTMENT) TERM ENDING 12/31/27.
- RON PARKER (NEW APPOINTMENT) TERM ENDING 12/31/27.

- BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
- MIKE SKINNER - REAPPOINTMENT TERM ENDING 12/31/27.

- PARK BOARD
- AUTUMN FERCH - REAPPOINTMENT TERM ENDING 12/31/27.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING – KNOX PLANNING GRANT

Mayor Estok opened the Public Hearing for the Utility Planning Grant. Shawn Cain with KIRPC explained the grant to the Council and Citizens in attendance. The grant is \$90,000.00 with a \$10,000.00 match. Mayor Estok closed the Public Hearing.

RE: RESOLUTION 2024-RE1 – APPROVING KNOX MASTER UTILITY PLAN

Jeff Berg made a motion approving the final study document for the master Utility Planning Grant. The motion was seconded by Sherry Cowen and passed by a vote of Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder informed the Council that her office is working on year's end, W-2's and 1099's. Clerk-Treasurer Kidder also handed out to the Council Members new updated City of Knox "Code of Ordinance" Books. She also presented to the Council the old outstanding checks report, they will be receipted back into the City's general fund. The report totaled \$843.08.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Mayor Estok presented Fire Chief Kenny Pfost's Annual Fire Report to the Council.
2. Police Chief Harol Smith will be retiring effective January 23, 2024. There will be an Open House for Harold on Friday January 19th from 6PM – 11PM at the Knox Community center.
3. January 18th Surf Internet Workshop at the Knox Library from 4PM – 7PM.
4. Starting January 12th Freeze Warning for all City Wate Customers. Residents should leave water running from one bathtub faucet (pencil lead size) until further notice.
5. Protect your pets! With the extreme cold don't forget to take care of your pets.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (See Voucher Docket, APV #35535 - #35618) 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