

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday, April 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, Donald Kring, and Bill Gustafson, Jamie Gruszczynski and City Attorney Autumn Ferch. There were no amendments to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 3/12/24

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 Sherry Cowen and passed by a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: ORDINANCE 2024OR#1-PROHIBITING THE MAINTAINING OF PORTABLE TRAILER STORAGE CONTAINERS – 1ST READING

Mayor Estok presented Ordinance 2024OR#1 to the Council for the 1st Reading. Jeff Berg made a motion approving the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2024OR#1. The motion was seconded by Bill Gustafson and passed by a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: TIF REPORT

Mayor Estok presented the 2024 for 2023 TIF Report to the Council. Each Council person received a copy of the report, this is a new requirement from the State of Indiana.

RE: DISCUSSION OF TRASH REMOVAL CONTRACT

Mayor Estok passed out paperwork for the Council to review for the Republic Trash Removal Contract Renewal. A short discussion was held. No motion was made at this time.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder informed the Council that the Blight Elimination Program bank account has a balance of \$63,523.95. It has been dormant for years and waiting for the completion of the closeout audit. We are transferring \$53,523.95 from BEP back into the Edit Fund, which is where it came from to begin with when the program started. We are now going to use that bank account for the Everbright Account.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

1. The water is on in both parks now.
2. The Wythogan Entrance Rock Wall needs more painted rocks in it. There will be rocks available to the public just north of the rock wall.
3. The 50/50 sidewalk program applications are available for pickup at City Hall before May 10, 2024.
4. Townwide Yard Sale May 16, 17, 18 from 8 – 4. No yard sale permit is required. If you want to be added to the list and map, call the Mayor's Office. Knox and Hamlet coincided and will be having their town wide yard sales at the same time.
5. Fun Day in the Park will be July 6th. Volunteers are needed. The 2nd round of sponsorship paperwork are going out mid-April.
6. The City's 3rd Annual Pay Concert in the Park is July 13, 2024. Performers will be Creed Fisher, Nate Venturelli and Jim Post. Tickets are available on the City's website at Eventbrite.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Mayor Estok introduced the new Council Person Jamie Gruszczynski to the citizen's gallery.

RE: CITIZENS COMMENT

Georgi Morar, president of the Main Street United spoke to the Council about the 3k/5k Space Run on May 4th. The fun starts at the City Seal at the intersection of Main St and Lake Street. The run continues through Wythogan Park on the walking trail.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (See Voucher Docket, APV #35920 - #35994 and #35995 - #36046) 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