

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday, May 14, 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, Jamie Gruszczynski and City Attorney Autumn Ferch. Bill Gustafson was absent.

RE: AMENDMENT TO AGENDA

Don Kring made a motion to add Starke County Community Services request to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Jeff Berg and passed by a vote of Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 04/23/24

Copies of the previous minutes were mailed to the Council prior to the meeting for their review. Sherry Cowen made a motion to approve minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Jamie Gruszczynski and passed by a vote of Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: ORDINANCE 2024-OR2 – WATER FEES FOR GARBAGE REMOVAL SERVICES – 1ST READING AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT EXTENSION

Mayor Estok presented Ordinance 2024-OR2 and the Contract Extension to the Council for the 1st reading. Don Kring made a motion approving the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2024-OR2 and the Contract Extension. The motion was seconded by Jeff Berg and passed by a vote of Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: STARKE COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICE DONATION

Mayor Estok spoke to the Council about Community Services requesting an increase in our yearly donation from \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00. Sherry Cowen made a motion approving the increase request for donation to \$2,000.00. The motion was seconded by Jamie Gruszczynski and passed by a vote of Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: ORDINANCE 2024-OR3 – TAP CONNECTION FEES 1ST AND 2ND READING AND ADOPTION

Mayor Estok presented Ordinance 2024-OR3 to the Council for the 1st reading. Jeff Berg made a motion approving the 1st reading of Ordinance 2024-OR3. The motion was seconded by Don Kring and passed by a vote of Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays. Sherry Cowen made a motion to suspend the rules. The motion was seconded by Jeff Berg and passed by a vote of Four (4) ayes and No (0) Nays. Mayor Estok represented Ordinance 2024-OR3 for the 2nd reading and adoption. Jamie Gruszczynski made a motion to approve the 2nd reading and adoption of Ordinance-OR3. The motion was seconded by Don Kring and passed by a vote of Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder reminded the Council that the Town Wide Yard Sale starts Thursday May 16th and runs through Saturday May 18th. No yard sale permit is required and there are signs for .50 cents in the Clerk-Treasurer's office.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Slivers properties turned in their paperwork for their tax abatement to the State. They are in compliance.
2. The 50/50 sidewalk project is extended until May 24th.
3. Reminder the Splash Pad will open Saturday May 25th.
4. We are still looking for sponsors for Movies in the Park nights!
5. There has been extensive vandalism happening at the Depot and the Caboose lately. We are deciding what to do with the window openings.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Sherri Cowen asked about the progress of 6 N Main Street. Mayor Estok informed the Council that the flooring is almost complete, then it will be ready for interior doors. There is some plumbing to be completed also.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (See Voucher Docket, APV #36105 - #36188) 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