

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session at the Knox City Hall on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. CST with the following members present: Dennis Estok, Mayor; Jeffrey Berg, Sherry Cowen, William Gustafson, Donald Kring, Councilmembers; Shari Spaid, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer. Council Member Jaime Gruszczynski arrived at 6:05.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES

Copies of the previous meeting's minutes were mailed to the Council prior to the meeting. Councilmember Kring made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Berg and was passed by a vote of Four (4) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING -VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF STATE ROAD 35

Mayor Estok opened the public hearing. There was no one present to make comments. The public hearing was closed.

RE: ORDINANCE 2024-OR4 – VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION – 1<sup>ST</sup> SOURCE BANK F/NA HAMLET STATE BANK – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING

There was no discussion by the Council. Mayor Estok asked for a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2024-OR4 for the voluntary annexation of 1<sup>st</sup> Source Bank f/na Hamlet State Bank. A motion was made by Council Member Gustafson. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cowen and was passed by a vote of Five (5) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: ORDINANCE 2024-OR5 – VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION – JR WEAVER LLC – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING

There was no discussion by the Council. Mayor Estok asked for a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2024-OR4 for the voluntary annexation of JR Weaver LLC. A motion was made by Council Member Gustafson. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cowen and was passed by a vote of Five (5) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: RESOLUTION 2024-5 – RESOLUTION ADOPTING A DEFINITIVE POLICY AND WRITTEN ANNEXATION FISCAL PLAN (STATE ROAD 35 ANNEXATION)

Nick Otis, Attorney explained to the Council that a fiscal plan for annexation is required by state law. Mayor Estok asked for a motion to approve Resolution #2024-5 to approve the annexation fiscal plan for the annexation of State Road 35. A motion was made by Council Member Berg. Motion was seconded by Council Member Cowen and was passed by a vote of Five (5) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: ORDINANCE 2024-OR2: USER FEES FOR GARBAGE REMOVAL SERVICES – 2<sup>ND</sup> READING AND ADOPTION

Mayor Estok asked for a motion to approve the second reading and adoption of Ordinance 2024-OR2. A motion was made by Council Member Gustafson to approve Ordinance 2024-OR2 for garbage removal services. The motion was seconded by Council Member Berg and was passed by a vote of Five (5) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

ORDINANCE NO 2024-OR2

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOX, INDIANA  
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 2021-OR4, AND CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE III OF THE  
KNOX MUNICIPAL CODE TO AMEND USER FEES FOR GARBAGE REMOVAL  
SERVICES IN THE CITY OF KNOX

WHEREAS, the City of Knox, Indiana is responsible for setting fees for garbage removal services provided by the City of Knox; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council desires to have the revenue collected for garbage pickup reflect the cost of garbage pickup services to the city; and

WHEREAS, the City needs to adjust garbage pickup fees so as to collect sufficient revenues to pay the costs incurred by the City of Knox for providing and said services;

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

**Section 1.** That Ordinance No 2021-OR4 in the Code of Ordinances, City of Knox, Indiana, is hereby amended to

read as follows:

**Fee – Amount.**

The fee amount which a user shall pay for garbage removal service provided by the City’s designated garbage pickup company shall be increased over three years at a rate per month as outlined below:

Rates Effective After Passage <u>Aug 2024</u>	<u>Jan 2025</u>	<u>Jan 2026</u>
\$16.64 per month	\$17.31 per month	\$18.00 per month

The monthly service fee shall be due and payable effective as soon as August 2024, following the adoption of this ordinance, with each monthly payment due by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month and of each month thereafter, unless this article is amended or modified. This payment for garbage collection service shall be made monthly and the City shall not be required to give service to any user who has not so paid for the service.

**Section 2.** This ordinance shall become effective and be in full force and effect after its passage and approval by the Mayor and upon its publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED, PASSED AND ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOX, INDIANA, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.

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Jeff Berg, Council President

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Don Kring, Council Member

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Sherry Cowen, Council Member

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Bill Gustafson, Council Member

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Jaime Gruszczynski, Council Member

Approved by the Mayor this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024

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Dennis Estok, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cyndi Kidder, Clerk-Treasurer

**RE: MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Estok reported to the Council that the water department will be working on a water main in Parkview on Thursday starting at 9:00 A.M. for about 4 or 5 hours. Advisories will need to be followed.

Also \$100,00.00 was received from the Indiana Finance Authority for the lead service line inventory.

The first Movie in the Park will be next Wednesday. We are in need of sponsors.

Street paving began from last year’s bid process.

For 6 N. Main – those that are interested can start putting a business plan together.

**RE: COUNCIL ITEMS**

Don Kring has noticed Bright Speed doing aerial service around town. He would like to see either the repairing of or the cleaning up of broken land line pedestals.

Sherry Cowen asked about the Henry Drive water line extension. Mayor Estok said that it is moving forward. They are accepting bids currently. So far 2 bids have been received.

Jeff Berg thanked Nick Otis for being in attendance tonight and for a good job done.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following filed vouchers (See Voucher Docket, APV #36189-36238 inclusive) were presented and approved.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time the meeting upon motion was duly adjourned.

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Dennis Estok, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cynthia Kidder, Clerk-Treasurer