

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday, July 23, 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, Bill Gustafson, Donald Kring, and Jamie Gruszczynski. There were no amendments to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 07/09/24

Copies of the previous minutes were mailed to the Council prior to the meeting for their review. Bill Gustafson 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: HEATING AND AC ESTIMATE FOR CITY HALL

Mayor Estok informed the Council about the need for new heating and cooling units at City Hall. Three contractors were contacted for estimates. Two bids were received. Standard Heating and Cooling, their bid was \$54,000.00 plus we must pay for all electrical work, roof cuts and new ducting separately. McGrath's bid was \$70,700.00 with all other work included. A motion was made by Don Kring approving the bid for McGrath for \$70,700.00. The motion was seconded by Sherry Cowen and passed by a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION FOR POLICY ON ELECTRONICALLY HELD BOARD MEETINGS

Mayor Estok presented to the Council a possible resolution establishing a policy which members of the Council may participate in by electronic means of communication. A short discussion was held. No action was taken at this time.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

1. With the recent storm, big kudos to our Street Department and City workers on their quick response and hard work getting everything cleaned up.
2. ARP money must be obligated for use by December 31, 2024. We must have plans/contracts/invoices etc. in place. Our plan is to use the fund total on infrastructure. One well needs to be replaced for the Water Department and then the balance will be used for a new Vac Truck down payment for the Sewer Department.
3. Ribbon cutting ceremony for 6 N Main Street is tomorrow at 11 AM.
4. The Creed Fisher concert went well!
5. Starke County Economic Development Foundation contract renewal is coming up. There will be an executive session before the next meeting to discuss this contract.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Jeff Berg as president of the Redevelopment Commission wants to thank everyone for their hard work on 6 N Main Street. Don Kring spoke about the small sign on stop signs, a citizen asked to make sure they are in place on all the new stop signs.

RE: CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Tiffany Balaszek spoke about the Towing Contract. Mayor Estok informed Mrs. Balaszek that such a contract is taken care of by the Board of Public Works. Mayor Estok referred them to his Assistant Peggy to be added to the next Board of Works meeting agenda.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (See Voucher Docket, APV #36473 - #36551) 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