

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday, August 27, 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 08/13/24

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 Bill Gustafson and passed by a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: SCEDF – MIKE STOGSDILL

Janice Hernandez President of SCEDF introduced the new Executive Director of the Starke County Economic Development Foundation to the Council.

RE: FUNDING FOR KNOXTOBER FEST 2024

Mayor Estok informed the Council about the donation requested for the 2024 Knoxtoberfest. The Fest is put on by the non-profit organization, Main Street United. A motion was made by Bill Gustafson to donate \$2,500.00 to help support the Knoxtober Fest. The motion was seconded by Don Kring and passed by a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: RESOLUTION 2024-RE7 – ELECTRONIC COUNCIL MEETINGS – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING AND ADOPTION

Mayor Estok presented Resolution 2024-RE7 to the Council. A motion was made by Don Kring approving the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and Adoption. The motion was seconded by Jeff Berg and passed by a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder informed the Council that the City received their renewal bid for the City employees health insurance. The bid only has a 3% raise and no policy changes for 2025. Clerk-Treasurer Kidder also expressed the importance of the Council Members' attendance at both September Council Meetings due to the 2025 Budget's Public Hearing and Adoption.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

1. The funding for the hotel project we did not get it.
2. Trunk or Treat in Wythogan Park will be on Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup> from 2PM – 5PM. This is for Starke County Businesses and non -profits. There will be no personal/residents or politics set-ups. Please be set up by 1PM.
3. City of Knox Trick or Treat will be Thursday October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 PM – 7 PM.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Jeff Berg informed the Council about his upcoming eye surgery. Sherry Cowen Inquired about 6 N Main pop-up store applications. Three apps have been received so far. A selection Committee will be reviewing and giving their recommendation to the RDC. A short discussion was also held about phase 1 of the Sunnyside Subdivision.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (See Voucher Docket, APV #36645 - #36716) 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cyndi Kidder, Clerk-Treasurer