

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday April 10, 2018 in the Knox City Hall at 7:00 PM CST with the following members present: Mayor, Dennis Estok; Clerk-Treasurer, Jeff Houston; Councilmembers, Don Kring, Bertha Blue, and Jeff Berg. Councilmember Ron Parker, Tim Manns and City Attorney, Leslie Baker were absent.

RE: AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

Jeff Berg made a motion to add "Annexation of Property owned by J. W. Hicks" and "Vacation by Tim Miller of Starke Street" to the agenda. Motion was seconded by Bertha Blue. Motion passed with Three (3) ayes and NO (0) nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were mailed to the Councilmembers prior to the meeting for their review. Don Kring made a motion, seconded by Jeff Berg to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY J.W. HICKS

Mayor Estok noted that the proposed annexation of the piece of property that J. W. Hicks owns is a voluntary annexation for proposed improvements. The Councilmembers were given a petition outlining the proposed change. The zoning change has already been done.

Jeff Berg made a motion to enter it into the minutes that a petition to annex was presented to the Council and to advertise for a public hearing on the matter. Don Kring seconded the motion. Motion passed with Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: PETITION TO VACATE STARKE STREET – TIM MILLER

Tim Miller came before the Council to ask for a vacation of Starke Street because the new business he wants to build would be in violation of the set back rules. He wants access to Bozarth Street.

Mayor Estok said that he thought the petition to vacate was supposed to be only a portion of the easement. If the City would completely vacate the easement there would be no access to the one acre lot owned to the West. Mr. Miller said he might be interested in buying that property also. A general discussion took place about legal requirements. Mr. Miller stated that he has been trying to get zoning changed and working with the City to get this building started for a couple of months now.

Mayor Estok stated that the quickest path for him would be to ask for a variance to build closer to easement than is normally allowed.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer, Jeff Houston reported that in accordance with State statutes his department sent out 16 letters to homeowners of past due sewer and sanitation bills owned to the City. His department filed liens on Nine (9) properties for a total of \$2,729.04.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Estok reported that the Water Street Project has begun. Replacement of the curbs and sidewalks are a part of last year's Community Crossings Grant. The City is getting ready to apply for this year's grant. Three projects are already lined up.

The Neuter Scooter is coming to Knox. The City has not been able to get a separate agreement with the Humane Society. People will have to go on line and register for the service. 100 female cats and 72 males are already registered. The City is also looking at bringing in the Pet Rescue Organization to trap strays and try to find homes for the animals.

The Big Band Dance is Saturday from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Nancy J. Dembowski Community Center.

June 9th is the Port-A-Pit Chicken fundraiser for the fireworks.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (see Voucher Docket, Voucher #25392 - #25462 inclusive) were presented and approved. Voucher

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

Dennis Estok, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jeffery J. Houston, Clerk-Treasurer