

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday, April 22, 2025, in the Knox 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 4/8/25

Copies of the previous minutes were mailed to the Council prior to the meeting for their review. Don Kring 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: STARKE COUNTY YOUTH CLUB

The Starke County Youth Club's Executive Director Irene Szakonyi updated the Council. SCYC has over 300 children enrolled throughout Starke County. The curriculum that SCYC uses helps with skill building, accountability and helps develop kindness and empathy. They have several programs throughout the school year, plus a summer program. Friday May 2nd is their annual SCYC Radio-thon from 10 AM to 4 PM on WKVI.

RE: CLERK TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder presented to the Council a request for approval for a new Conflict of Interest for furnace work to be completed at the Water Plant by Arctic Air. Don Kring had to abstain from the vote. Jef Berg made a motion to approve the Conflict of Interest for the furnace work. The motion was seconded by Sherry Cowen and passed by a vote of Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays. Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder also requested approval for the payment of the invoice for Arctic Air. Don Kring had to abstain from the vote. Sherry Cowen made a motion approving the payment of the invoice. The motion was seconded by Bill Gustafson and passed by a vote of Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Dumpster Days are April 26th from 8 AM – 5 PM and April 27th from 11 AM – 5 PM behind Wythogan Park by the Sewer Plant.
2. Spring Leaf Pickup is the first week of May.
3. City Golf Cart Registrations are good through May 31st. The City Police will be doing in person new year registration on Saturday May 10, 11, 17 from 10 AM - 2 PM. May 18th from 10 AM – 2 PM.
4. Chicken Survey should be in the June 1 water bill, or a form will be available at City Hall in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.
5. Our Fun Day in the Park for the 4th of July Celebration will be Saturday July 5th. The 2nd round of mailers has gone out including a parade application. It is a celebration for the 4th of July so all parade entries must be decorated.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Council person Sherry Cowen has a few questions about signage on Henry Drive. A short discussion was held. Sherry also asked all Council Persons about donating to SCYC as the Knox City Council. Shery Cowen made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the SCYC for their Radio-Thon, May 2nd on WKVI. The motion was seconded by Bill Gustafson and passed by a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (See Voucher Docket, APV #37771 - #37819) 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