

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday, May 13, 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 Jaime Gruszczynski.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING 4/22/25

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 Jeff Berg and passed by a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CITIZENS COMMENTS

Keith Bailey, a citizen of the City, requested to address the Council. Mr. Bailey voiced his concerns to the Council about the trains that pass through the City, how loud the horns are and how often they are blown. Mr. Bailey and his wife have an Autistic daughter; the horns really bother her and don't allow her or her parents much sleep. A discussion was held. The Mayor and Council informed Mr. Bailey that they will check into the different choices available through the railroad to help their situation.

RE: PUBLIC HARING – JW HICKS, LLC – VACATION OF THE RIGHT-OR-WAY (FILED PETITION)

Mayor Estok opened the Public Hearing. Two representatives of JW Hicks spoke to the Council about the petition to vacate part of the Indiana Ridge right-of-way. It is only 10 feet on the east side. Mayor Estok closed the Public Hearing. Jaime Gruszczynski made a motion approving the right-of-way vacation. The motion was seconded by Sherry Cowen and passed by a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder presented to the Council a request for approval for a new conflict of Interest for eight police vehicles to have in-car video systems installed by Signal 10 Equipment and Installation LLC. The estimate is for installing labor totaling \$2,915.17. Signal 10 Equipment is owned by Kenny Pfof, our Fire Chief and Deputy Chief of Police. Sherry Cowen made a motion to approve the Conflict of Interest for the labor for installing in-car video systems. The motion was seconded by Bill Gustafson and passed by a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays. Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder also requested approval to pay the invoice upon completion for Signal 10 Equipment. Jeff Berg made a motion approving the payment. The motion was seconded by Jaime Gruszczynski and passed by a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Town wide yard sale is May 15, 16, and 17. Maps will be available at City Hall.
2. The Knox Redevelopment Commission is having a meeting on May 21 for the overlapping taxing units for the annual TIF Report presented by Baker Tilly.
3. Sponsorship for the Fireworks are due by June 1 to meet the advertising deadline.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Don Kring asked about the Fireworks malfunction last year. Mayor Estok said the fireworks company will make it up this year with a bigger grand finale!

Bill Gustafson asked if there was still a possibility of the hotel coming into Knox. Mayor Estok said it is probably a dead issue at this time. A short discussion was held.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (See Voucher Docket, APV #37820 - #37907) 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