

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session at the Knox City Hall on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 5:00 P.M. CST with the following members present: Dennis Estok, Mayor: Jeff Berg, Sherry Cowen, Jaime Grusczyński and Bill Gustafson, Council Members; Shari Spaid Deputy Clerk-Treasurer. Council Member Don Kring and City Attorney Justin Schramm were absent.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES

Copies of the previous meeting's minutes were mailed to the Council prior to the meeting for their review. Council Member Berg made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gustafson and was passed by a vote of Four (4) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: CITIZENS COMMENTS

Jim Brown from the Knox Planning Commission was present and spoke about the amendment of Ordinance #958. (See discussion below).

RE: GOLF CART LICENSE EXEMPTION REQUEST

A golf cart applicant, who had asked to come before the Council to request a license exemption from the City, was not present. After a short discussion, motion was made by Council Member Cowen to deny request for the golf cart license exemption until the applicant is present. Motion was seconded by Council Member Gustafson and was passed by a vote of Four (4) Ayes and No (0) Nays

RE: PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE #958 – PERMIT 700 SQUARE FOOT TWO STORY BUILDING AREA

Mayor Estok opened the public hearing

Jim Brown from the Knox Planning Commission and, also as a citizen of Knox came before the Council regarding Ordinance #958. He was against a 700 square foot home with a 300 square foot second story. He compared it to the smallest size mobile home made and, also to a 2 car garage as the first floor with 1 car garage as a second floor. He felt allowing homes this small in the City of Knox would devalue property. Mayor Estok explained to him that a 700 square foot home is a standard minimum first floor with a second story. A ranch home would have to be a minimum of 1000 square feet.

Keith Bailey is a Knox resident who lives in Parkview. He told the Council that smaller houses would be more affordable for people in this area and he would like to see them being built in Parkview.

Mayor Estok closed the public hearing.

After a short discussion was held Council Member Gustafson made a motion to approve 700 square foot minimum first floor building area with a second story. Motion was seconded by Council Member Grusczyński and was passed by a vote of Four (4) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Sunnyside Estates 2 – Lots need to be purchased by August 20 by 4:30 P.M.
2. Family Fun Day 2026 – Recommendation to set it for the week before (June 27). A lot of things are going on July 4. Maybe we can get more attendance. Pyrotechnics can do the fireworks for us about \$2,400.00 cheaper. Council Member Grusczyński made a motion to set the 2026 Family Fun Day for June 27. Motion was seconded by Council Member Cowen and was passed by a vote of Four (4) Ayes and No Nays.
3. New App to download City of Knox Website – August 20, 2025.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (See Voucher #38250-38348) 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: _____
Shari Spaid, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer