

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session at the Knox City Hall on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at 5:00 P.M. CST with the following members present: Mayor Dennis Estok, Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder, Council Members Jeff Berg, Sherry Cowen, Bill Gustafson, Don Kring, and Jaime Gruszczynski.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES 8/12/25

Copies of the previous meeting's minutes were mailed to the Council prior to the meeting for their review. Jeff Berg made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Sherry Cowen and was passed by a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – CITY/SCHOOL PROMOTIONAL VIDEO

A funding request from the Knox School System for help with a promotional video. The video will promote both the City and the Schools. A long discussion was held. Jeff Berg made a motion approving \$10,000.00 in funding for the Promotional Video. The motion was seconded by Jaime Gruszczynski and passed by a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – KNOX MAIN STREET UNITED

A funding request from Knox Main Street United for the Knoxtober Fest/BBQ Cook Off was presented to the Council by Mayor Estok. Sherry Cowen made a motion to donate \$2,500.00 for the Knoxtober Fest. The motion was seconded by Don Kring and passed with a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CLERK TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder reminded the Council about all the signatures needed for official minutes and vouchers. She also told the Council that the required State Board of Accounts part of the ILMCT Conference in French Lick was very informational on the new legislation and the new SB#1.

RE: MAYORS REPORT

1. Planning Commission having public hearing on changing ordinance for chickens and rabbits on September 2, 2025, at City Hall at 5 PM.
2. Sunnyside Estates Subdivision Phase 2 – The RDC offered for sale 24 lots. Bids were opened at their meeting on August 20th; two developers' had put in bids. Allen Edward Homes put in a bid for 20 lots and Fornelli Homes put in a bid for 4 lots. Final sales on these lots are pending approval of the purchase agreements.
3. Splash pad will be closed after Labor Day, weather pending. For shelter rentals there is no guarantee that the slash pad will be open after September 1st.
4. Fall Bash and the Knox Alumni Reunion will be on Saturday, September 6th at 4 PM. Point'n Fingers Band from 4:30 PM – 7 PM. And Blammo Band from 8 PM – 10 PM. The Knox Alumni Committee will continue the class attendance challenge at this event. The KHS class with the most attendees will receive the Indian Plaque with their class year engraved on it.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (See Voucher #38349-38407) 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