

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session at the Knox City Hall on Tuesday, September 23, 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 Kirng and Jaime Gruszczynski.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES 9/9/25

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 Jamie Gruszczynski and was passed by a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: ADOPTION OF THE 2026 BUDGET

There were no questions about the 2026 Budget. Jeff Berg made a motion approving the Adoption of the 2026 Budget. The motion was seconded by Jaime Gruszczynski and passed by a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: ORDINANCE 2025-OR6 – 2026 SALARY ORDINANCE FIRST READING

Mayor Estok presented Ordinance 2025-OR6 to the Council for the first reading. Jaime Gruszczynski made a motion approving the first reading of Ordinance 2025-OR6 – 2026 Salary Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Sherry Cowen and passed by a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Knox 2025 Trick or Treat is Friday October 31st. KHS Football Sectionals are that night and possibly at our home field. Should we change the day for trick or treat, the Mayor asked the Council. Sherry Cowen made a motion to change 2025 Trick or Treat to Saturday November 1st from 5:30 PM – to 7:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Don Kring and passed by a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.
2. Sunnyside Estates lots – the sold lots have not closed yet, maybe in November.
3. Burnt building lot at North of 18 S Main Street is being deeded over to the City. We are waiting for paperwork to move forward on plans; a public input meeting will be had.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Sherry Cowen had a few questions and concerns about the Hickory House Recovery on Edgewood Drive. A short discussion was held.

Don Kring asked about who's responsibility it is to maintain tall grass East of the RR Crossing on Heaton. Mayor Estok was uncertain who did but will do some checking.

Jeff Berg added the handrails needed on the west side of the RR Crossing on Heaton, which has been 4 years in the works with no contact from Norfolk yet.

Bill Gustafson asked about the visit from Keith Bailey (citizen), It was regarding Back to Basic for yard maintenance. Mayor Estok suggested to Bill and other Council Members attend the Board works meetings to see all the work that is done by them and ordinances to help get any basic yard maintenance done throughout the City. Council person Gustafson also passed on a "kudos" for the beautiful downtown area to the Council from a past resident who was here visiting family last week.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (See Voucher #38462-38515) 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