

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday June 26, 2018 in the Knox City Hall at 7:00 PM CST with the following members present: Mayor, Dennis Estok; Clerk-Treasurer, Jeff Houston; Councilmembers, Jeff Berg, Don Kring, Ron Parker, Bertha Blue, newly installed Councilmember, William Gustafson and City Attorney, Leslie Baker.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were mailed to the Councilmembers prior to the meeting for their approval. Jeff Berg made a motion seconded by Bertha Blue to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING - NOTICE OF RESOLUTION DESIGNATING ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA - J.W. HICKS, INC

Mayor Estok opened the public hearing for the Notice of Resolution Designating an Economic Revitalization Area on newly annexed area belonging to J. W. Hicks. No public comments were made. The Mayor closed the meeting.

RE: RESOLUTION #967 - J.W. HICKS, INC/CONFIRMING DECLARATORY RESOLUTION ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA

John Hicks representing J.W. Hicks said about 15 new jobs are anticipated. The company plans to spend three million for the building and two million for equipment. They are planning on building a separate building for their headquarters. He explained the layout of the building and it's location on the lot. Bertha Blue made a motion, seconded by Jeff Berg to approve Resolution #967. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT

Public Sector Solutions Representative, Melinda Antell came before the Council to go over the proposed contract extension for waste and recycling services. She noted that initially she presented a five year contract to Mayor Estok, but he requested a shorter, three year contract extension. She noted that the rates are flat for the first year. There are then small increases in year two and three. Jeff Berg made a motion, seconded by Don Kring to accept the three year extension with Waste Management. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: PLAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION - ORDINANCE #958/PLANNING AND ZONING REGULATION - OMIT SECTION 4

Mayor Estok said that on the advice of the City Attorney he wanted to table the item because a public hearing was needed.

RE: AMEND ORDINANCE #914 – SECTION 9-447 – STREET SWEEPING ROUTES

Mayor Estok asked the Council to amend the street sweeping ordinance to ask for cars to be moved only the third Tuesday of the month instead of every Tuesday. Jeff Berg made a motion, seconded by Bertha Blue to amend the Street Sweeping Ordinance. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: SCEDF

Ron Gifford from Starke County Economic Development appeared before the Council to encourage the City to join in the Steller Communities Grant. He also presented an activity report to the Council for the month of May.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer, Jeff Houston, told Councilmembers that the budget process is currently underway. He noted that the first step is to balance out the books for the month of June. He then meets with the DLGF representative in the middle of July to present preliminary information such as revenue, expenses, debt and the budget calendar. He stressed that once the budget calendar is set it is important to stick to the dates listed due to requirements on advertising and deadlines set by the State.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Estok reported that the Pearl Street part of the Community Crossings grant has been dropped because it was determined that old water lines run beneath the street. He said they need to be replaced at some time in the future, and until then we should postpone the paving. Additional work and streets were added to make up the difference of that part of the project.

The parade for the 4th of July is July 7th with 12:00 PM line up at the school, the parade begins at 1:00 PM. The last day to apply for a place in the parade is June 29th.

There will be a movie in the park tomorrow night, (Smurf's The Lost Village).

RE: CITIZENS COMMENTS

Larry Wickert said he would like to have Linda Lewandowski from Kids Closet added to the next agenda.

Jacque Ryan asked what the target date was for finishing the mural. The Mayor said he hopes to hear back from the artist soon.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (see Voucher Docket, Voucher #25774 - #25833 inclusive) 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: _____
Jeffery J. Houston, Clerk-Treasurer