

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session Tuesday, July 13, 2021, 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, Bill Gustafson, Ron Parker, Don Kring and City Attorney Autumn Ferch. Sherry Cowen was absent.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 6/22/2021

Minutes of the previous meeting were mailed to the Council Members prior to the meeting for their review. Don Kring made a motion, seconded by Jeff Berg to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Four (4) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING 7/16/2021

Minutes of the special meeting were also mailed to the Council Members prior to the meeting for their review. Ron Parker made a motion, seconded by Jeff Berg to approve the special minutes as presented. Motion passed with four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: FUNDING FOR FRISBIE GOLF COURSE

A new activity will be installed in the Wythogan Park soon. 9-hole frisbee golf course. The funding needed to complete this is \$8,000.00 - \$9,000.00. The cost includes design, equipment, and install. The Redevelopment Commission and the City will split the cost. Bill Gustafson made a motion to help fund the project with \$4,500.00. The motion was seconded by Don Kring. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: DISCUSSION OF SOLID WASTE RATE INCREASE

A discussion was held about the solid waste rate increase. The Council discussed how best to implement the \$1.70 increase. Ron Parker made a motion to execute the increase over a Three (3) year plan. The increase for the 1st year will be .59 cents, second year .57 cents and the final increase will be .58 cents. The motion was seconded by Bill Gustafson and passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

The Clerk-Treasurer informed the Council that her office is working on the 2022 Budget process, and they met with the State Board of Accounts next Tuesday July 20. She also informed the Council that the Audit is going to be a 50/50 process, in office and virtual this year.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

1. The residents of Knox need to place empty recycle tubs out at the curb for collection no later than July 27th.
2. The Alumni Meet and Greet went very well on July 2. The band "Magic Bus" was lots of fun. The Family Fun Day on July 3rd went great! A big Thank You to all that helped the day go so smooth.
3. 2022 the Alumni Meet and Greet will be July 2, 2022, with the band Magic Bus again. July 2, 2022 will be the Family Fun Day in the Park.
4. There are 4 events left this year. Movie in the Park on July 28th "Arctic Dog". Drive in movie in the park on August 14 "Smokey and the Bandit". The Fall Bash will be September 11th, with craft beer vendors, cornhole tournaments and the band "Mason Dixon Line". December 5th is the City's Peppermint Parade bringing Santa to Town.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Bill Gustafson asked Mayor Estok about the status of housing projects in the city. The mayor replied that we are continuing improvements to the City's infrastructure for that purpose.

RE: CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Richard June with Main Street United, informed the Council that they would like to have an October Fest BBQ Cook Off on October 2, 2021 from 12:00 AM – 10:00 PM with a stage for the band "Seldom Told" to perform. We want to block off Main Street from the RR Tracks North to the Court House. The Mayor and Council agreed that they will need permission from each business on the 3 blocks of Main Street that they want to close. Richard also spoke about the Knox Farmer's Market every other Saturday through October 16.

Pete Callan with Republic Services informed the Council that the new garbage and recycle tubs will start being dropped off on July 26th. They are completing the calendar for pick-up days.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

The following properly files vouchers (See Voucher Docket, APV #30865 through #30971) 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: _____
Cynthia Kidder, Clerk-Treasurer