

CITY OF KNOXVILLE
Regular Council Meeting
Knoxville Police Station, 215 N. Hebard St., Knoxville

Monday, October 3, 2016, 7:00 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order: Acting Mayor Maurer called the Meeting to order at 7:00 PM. All rose to recite the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Roll Call: Present: Aldermen Olin, Mahar, Myers, and Eiker; Acting Mayor Maurer, Treasurer Whitney, Attorney McCoy, Chief of Police Poyner and City Clerk Gruner; **Absent:** Aldermen McGovern, Heller and Naslund; **Vacant:** A Ward 2 Alderman.

Public Comments: Acting Mayor Maurer recognized resident Todd Cramer. Mr. Cramer said that he had built a new garage at 202 S. West Street. Before he installs the driveway, he wants to have his driveway moved eight (8) feet to line up with the new garage. In order to do so, he needs to have the culvert offset to the new location. Council Members indicated that all Mr. Cramer will have to do is coordinate the changes with Building Administrator Rigg and Supervisor of Public Works Myers.

Approval of Minutes: Alderman **Myers moved** to approve the Minutes of the September 19, 2016 City Council Meeting; Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Move Dates for Approving Pension Funding - Whitney:** Treasurer Whiney made the case for moving the Pension Fund decision date to early December to be more in line with the calendar year. Alderman **Myers moved** to change the Pension Decision date to the first City Council Meeting in December; Alderman **Mahar seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent. Treasurer Whitney also mentioned that the Pension funds deposit will be made to Tomkins Bank. He also suggested that the Council look into possibly setting up a 403-B (similar to a 401-K, but for municipalities) to encourage employees to participate and contribute to the program for their benefit.
2. **Revision to Ordinance 2016-13:** a number of questions were raised about the revision to make the tracer wire mandatory on all new construction and on any construction, repair of maintenance of 80% or more of the pipe involved. Several scenarios were advanced and several different limits proposed. The issue is pended and Attorney McCoy will prepare a modification to be presented at the next Council Meeting.

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3. **Purchase/Replace Office Computer and Monitor:** Acting Mayor Maurer explained that the proposed new system is for the City Clerk's computer. The monitor, especially, is old and difficult to read. Chief of Police Poyner suggested that he could give the City Clerk a newer monitor from Police Department surplus and see if that would help. Alderman **Myers moved** to approve the expenditure of funds for the new system in case the monitor was not a sufficient fix to the problems; Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion which **passed** with four (4) Yes votes, three (3) absent and one (1) vacant.
4. **Dispose of Old Computer and Monitor:** Disposal of the old unit is tabled until City Clerk Gruner reports on the replacement monitor.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Replace Windows in Old Courthouse:** Alderman Myers reported that windows in the Old Courthouse have been falling onto the ground. The window frames are rotting. A quick fix of re-glazing the panes back into the existing frames would not suffice because the windows would still have to be replaced within a short time. There was some discussion about the impact of "Prevailing Wage". The fact that funding comes from the City, either directly or indirectly, mandates that the job be done at prevailing wage. The one bid currently in estimates the cost at \$100,000. There are two more bids expected.
2. **Halloween Hours:** Alderman **Olin moved** to set the Halloween Trick-Or-Treat hours from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Monday, October 31, 2016; Alderman **Myers seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.
3. **Street Closing for Christmas Parade – Set Date (Proposed – 1:00 PM, Saturday, December 3, 2016):** Alderman **Myers moved** to have the Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 3, 2016, beginning at 1:00 PM; Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent. City Clerk **Gruner** was **directed** to send the request to IDOT.
4. **Contribute to Scenic Drive Expenses:** Dawn Hutchinson, Coordinator of the Knoxville Stop of the Scenic Drive, reported that she was told that the Scenic Drive would have to pay a \$500 fee for removal of trash. She proposed that the City share in the expense. Hutchinson also questioned why vendors are required to take their booths down for the week and then put them up again the following week. As long as they can prove insurance against liability, they should be permitted to leave them up for the week between the two week-ends of Scenic Drive. Hutchinson then requested that the City contribute to the Scenic Drive organization to help defray expenses. Alderman **Myers moved** to contribute \$1,500 to the Knoxville Stop of Scenic Drive; Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion which **passed** with four (4) Yes votes, three (3) absent and one (1) vacant.
5. **Part Time Employment – Library Assistant – Resolutions 2016-45, 2016-46, 2016-47:** Acting Mayor Maurer explained that the Library Board had received a grant for the Library and that the funding for these positions would be from this grant. There is no cost to the City. The Library Board has approved the Part Time Employment of the following persons. City Council Members decided to take all three Resolutions together for one vote. Alderman **Olin moved** to approve all three

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Resolutions, 2016-45, 2016-46 and 2016-47; Alderman **Eiker** seconded the motion which passed with four (4) Yes votes, three (3) absent and one (1) vacant.

- **Resolution 2016-45 – Part Time Employment – Library Assistant – Joan Leedham:**
- **Resolution 2016-46 – Part Time Employment – Library Assistant – Marilyn Greenfield:**
- **Resolution 2016-47 – Part Time Employment – Library Assistant – Megan White**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative – : Acting Mayor Maurer reported that Peg Bivens has found a potential alternative for Liability Insurance for the City. Bivens has more facts to gather before presenting the alternative and should be added to a future Agenda.

Cemetery – Olin: None

Community & Economic Development – McGovern: None

Parks – Eiker: Looking for a Tree for the Park.

Police – Myers: None

Sanitation – Naslund: None

Streets – Heller: None

Water/Sewer – Mahar:

- Water Department Supervisor Mike Johnson has passed his Class D License for the Water Department.
- Mr. Lawson will no longer be needed for the Water Department.
- Sewer Plan Upgrades are underway and should be completed in about 2 to 3 weeks.

Mayor's Report:

- Ken Springer of the Knox County Area Partnership for Economic Development called about the Law Truck Repair Shop proposal. The proposed facility will be in the TIF district and may be eligible for some TIF Funding.
- The Fire Department's generator for the fire siren failed and may need to be replaced. The cost is estimated to be in the range of \$10,000 plus labor to install a new one.

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Future Agenda Items:

- Ordinance 2016-13 –changes to tracer wire requirements:
- Replace Window in the Old Courthouse:
- Liability Insurance Alternatives (Expect a call from Bivens before adding to the Agenda):
- Scenic Drive – Can booths/tents remain up during the week between Scenic Drive weekends?
- Wage Adjustment – Water Department Supervisor:
- Fire Department Generator:

Adjourn: At 8:10 PM, Alderman Mahar moved to Adjourn the meeting; Alderman Eiker seconded the motion which passed by voice vote with no dissent.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Charlie Gruner, City Clerk