

**CITY OF KNOXVILLE**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
Knoxville Police Station, 215 N. Hebard St., Knoxville  
**Monday, May 1, 2017, 7:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**Regular Council Meeting**

**OUTGOING COUNCIL**

**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, Benjamin, Heller, Mahar, Myers, Naslund and Eiker; Acting Mayor Maurer, Treasurer Whitney, Attorney McCoy, Chief of Police Poyner and City Clerk Gruner. Absent: Alderman McGovern.

**Approval of Minutes:** Alderman **Myers moved** to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2017 City Council Meeting; Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

**Swearing in of New Council:** All newly elected or re-elected officials stood and recited the Oath of Office. They each have two (2) copies of the Oath to be notarized. One copy is to be returned to City Hall for City Records and the other is to be kept for themselves. The new Council Members are: First Ward Alderman Hillier; Second Ward Alderman Benjamin, Third Ward Alderman Myers, Fourth Ward Aldermen Naslund and Eiker, Mayor Maurer and City Clerk Gruner. Treasurer Bivens was absent and will complete her Oath later.

**Adjourn Sine Die:** At about 7:10 PM, Alderman Myers moved to Adjourn the Meeting **Sine Die**; Alderman Eiker seconded the motion which passed by voice vote with no dissent.

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**INCOMING COUNCIL**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Maurer called the Meeting to order at about 7:10 PM.

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**Roll Call: Present:** Aldermen Hillier, Benjamin, Heller, Mahar, Myers, Naslund and Eiker; Mayor Maurer, City Attorney McCoy, Chief of Police Poyner and City Clerk Gruner. **Absent:** Treasurer Bivens.

### Public Comments:

- **Former Treasurer Whitney** suggested that Council Members who haven't been to the BP Station recently should pay the station a visit. He said that the entire facility has been cleaned and improved. He said that the owner has spent a lot of money on renovations and is making it a far better facility than it was before he bought it.

### GENERAL REPORTS

- **Attorney McCoy** reported that there is progress being made on the building at 207 East North Street. A suit has been filed to have the building demolished and it should be resolved by the end of the month.

### OLD BUSINESS

- **North and South Water Towers – Clean and Maintain:** Alderman Mahar distributed the Estimate for cleaning the North Water Tower. Council Members discussed the problems associated with both towers and the possible need for repainting. Alderman **Mahar moved** to accept the estimate of the National Wash Authority, LLC. To have the North Tower washed at a cost of \$5,200; Alderman **Myers seconded** the motion which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.
- **457-B Employee Retirement Plan – Contract – Whitney:** Former Treasurer Whitney went through the entire summary of the Contract, but detailing six (6) items that he had highlighted. He pointed out that the City can amend the plan at any time. Whitney will be working with Chief of Police Poyner on certain long-term, part-time Police Officers to see if accommodations can be made for them. The entire contract is available at City Hall for anyone who wants to read it. Graham & Associates will schedule meetings with the affected employees.

### NEW BUSINESS

- **George Bandle's Retirement:** Mayor Maurer reported that Mr. Bandle had retired on the first of February but had not informed anyone at City Hall about it. Attorney McCoy

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said that the Council would not have to take any action on the retirement other than being informed. Supervisor of Public Works Myers may be looking for a replacement in the near future.

- **Resolutions 2017-04 through 2017-36 Salary Increases:** The Salary increases had been approved by the Council earlier. The specific resolutions are for each individual and are listed by employee name in an attachment in the City Council Package. Alderman **Myers moved** to approve Resolution 2017-04 through 2017-36; Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.
- **Sunday Liquor Sales Restrictions:** Mayor Maurer stated that he and City Clerk Gruner had researched the County's regulations and some of the local areas. All but Knoxville allow for serving alcohol beginning at 7:00 AM on Sunday morning. Knoxville's Municipal Code permits serving alcoholic beverages from 6:00 AM on all morning during the week except Sunday. For consistency within the Knoxville Municipal Codes, Alderman **Naslund moved** that Attorney McCoy prepare an Ordinance to allow serving alcoholic beverages beginning at 6:00 AM every morning of the week, including Sunday; Alderman **Heller seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with one (1) dissenting vote.
- **Extend Trash Pick-Up to Kreigh Lane & Vicinity - Naslund:** Council Members discussed surveying residents outside of the City Limits of Knoxville, in the Kreigh Lane area to see if there is any interest in using the City's Trash Collection services. Alderman Naslund suggested a survey of the residents outside the City Limit, extending from the end of East Meyer, along Fox Road to Kreigh Lane to the end of Kreigh Lane;
- **Independence Day Fireworks – Tuesday, July 4; Rain-Date Wednesday, July 5:** Alderman **Myers moved** to approve the Fireworks Display for Independence Day on the Tuesday, the Fourth of July, 2017, with the Rain Date of Wednesday July 5, 2017; Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.
- **CUSD 202 Request Approval for Sign – Student Elected State Officer Olivia Bates – Letter to IDOT:** Alderman **Naslund moved** to approve the sign in honor of Olivia Bates and to have City Clerk Gruner send a letter to that effect to Superintendent of CUSD 202; Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Administrative –Benjamin:** None

**Cemetery – Hillier:** None

**Community & Economic Development – McGovern:** None

**Parks – Eiker:** Two trees are available. Alderman Eiker will be coordinating with Supervisor of Public Works Myers to get them planted.

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**Police – Myers:** None

**Sanitation – Naslund:** None

**Streets – Heller:** No report but Alderman Heller asked if the recent rains have caused any water related issues. The Knoxville City Water Department is monitoring the situation.

**Water/Sewer – Mahar:** G. A. Rich is completing the work for the Water Department that they were unable to do at the end of last year, before they receive their final payment.

**Mayor’s Report:**

- A section of 4” drain tile had been crushed during work last year. That caused some of the problems that occurred on the Henderson Road area. The Water Department has fixed the broken tile and they will be monitoring the results as the area dries out.
- Mayor Maurer asked for an informal straw-poll to determine what support there is for asking Attorney McCoy to prepare an ordinance amending the Municipal Codes for Alcoholic Beverages to allow the BP Station to offer gaming in their facility. The Council seemed to be about evenly divided. Attorney McCoy will prepare a draft ordinance to be considered.
- The law firm of Miller, Hall and Triggs, LLC will be having a seminar for elected/appointed Municipal Officials on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at Illinois Central College in East Peoria. All elected or appointed Officials with the City are invited/encouraged to attend.
- The Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2017. The pond at James Knox Park has been stocked. A fish fry is scheduled before the event.
- The Action Team will be meeting on Tuesday, May 16, the day after the next City Council Meeting.

**Future Agenda Items:**

- Retirement program – Elected/Appointed Officials – Adjust wages – Myers:
- Revisions to Liquor License Ordinance:

**Adjourn:** At about 7:50 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