

CITY OF KNOXVILLE
Regular Council Meeting
Knoxville Police Station, 215 N. Hebard St., Knoxville
Monday, June 5, 2017, 7:00 PM

MINUTES

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

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

Public Comments: Dennis Neuhaus said that he had been cited with a Nuisance Violation under Section 15-1-3, Paragraphs J and T. He claimed that he had no control of the situation of water runoff and that the property grade had been set by engineers for the property. He requested that an engineer look into the matter. Mayor Maurer said that he would contact the City Engineer and ask about it.

Approval of Minutes: Alderman **Heller moved** to approve the Minutes of the May 15, 2017 City Council Meeting; Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with one abstention and no dissent.

GENERAL REPORTS

There were none

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. **IDOT MFT Approval:** The letter form IDOT is included in the on-line package and is only for information.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance 2017-08, Liquor Service hours of operation:** Alderman **Myers moved** to approve Ordinance 2017-08 to be consistent with the County and the City of Galesburg; Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent. City Clerk Gruner was directed to send letters to each of the Liquor License holders advising them of the changes.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Report of the May 31 Meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals:** There were two actions brought to the ZBA:
 - a. The changes to the Sign Ordinance had been approved. City Clerk Gruner stated that the Ordinance approved was not the same as the one approved by the Planning Commission. Because there was some confusion in that the material had been presented to the Planning Commission and the ZBA was not coordinated. Attorney McCoy said that the requirement that both organization review and report on it was met, both versions of the Ordinance could be presented at the next City Council Meeting and the Council could decide between them City Clerk Gruner was directed to present both version to the City Council on June 19.
 - b. The Variance to the Bryan Conley - Covered Porch/Seating Area at Garage. Will be presented at the City Council Meeting on Monday, June 19.

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2. **Knoxville Fire Department – Sell Hot Dogs, Glow Sticks and 3D Glasses at the 4th of July Celebration at James Knox Park – Ryan:** Alderman Naslund moved to approve the Fire Department’s request to sell Hot Dogs, Glow Sticks and 3D glasses at the 4th of July Celebration at James Knox Park; Alderman **Benjamin seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.
3. **End of Fiscal Year Financial Report:** Included in the City Council Package is a report of Expenses Over Appropriations. The overages were either for small amounts or for unplanned emergency situations. Mayor Maurer told the Council that the reports were to enable then to prepare for the next appropriations and that, since the Council voted not to increase the tax levy over last year, amounts may have to be moved from one account to another. He asked that Council Members keep that in mind as they review the reports and prepare for the next round of Appropriations.
4. **2017 – 2018 Fiscal Year Appropriations:** Alderman Mahar reported that the Water Department has been generation additional revenue from Ameren for their construction activities. The water being used is being take from the City wells, therefore there is no additional expense for water from Galesburg and the Water Department is excercising the wells at the same time.
5. **Car Cruise Committee – Request \$200 for Advertising:** Chief of Police Poyner reported that the Car Cruise had always asked for and been approved for \$700 for advertising but that they had never used that much. He said that this year the Car Cruise is asking for only \$200 for advertising because it more accurately reflects what is actually spent. Alderman **Naslund moved** to approve the \$200 request; Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.
6. **Purchase of Tiller for Case-IH Tractor:** Alderman Myers explained that the tiller is needed to help even the ground where work is being done or has been done. He told the Council that it is currently being done by hand and that this would save a lot of labor. He also said that the tiller would be attached to the Case-IH tractor when needed and that several of the City Departments would use it, including Streets, Water and Cemetery. Alderman **Heller moved** to approve the purchase of the tiller and to have the costs split between the Street and the Water Departments; Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative –Benjamin: None

Cemetery – Hillier: None. Alderman Eiker mentioned that he had seen five of the new trees in the Cemetery that have died. There was discussion of what trees may still be available from the Ameren project and questions about who planted the ones that died.

Community & Economic Development – McGovern: None

Parks – Eiker: The three trees planted in the Parks seem to be doing well.

Police – Myers: None

Sanitation – Naslund: Alderman Naslund asked the status of the Kreigh Lane and vicinity offer of garbage pick-up. Mayor Maurer responded that the letters have been sent out.

Streets – Heller: None

Water/Sewer – Mahar: Alderman Mahar reported that the work on cleaning the North Water Tower is to begin on Friday.

Mayor’s Report:

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- Mailing Dates for SLWA Campaign: Marketing Team mailing date for the initial campaign letter to be mailed: 6/7/2017. A reminder letter will then follow two weeks thereafter on 6/21/2017.
- The Representative of Graham and Associates held a meeting with nine full time employees to discuss the 457-B Retirement Program. Of those who attended there have already been seven who had the individual interview. Asked if Library employees were included, Mayor Maurer replied that full-time Library director was included.
- Mayor Maurer reported that three members of the Library Board have agreed to serve another term on the Board.
- Mayor Maurer will forward, by e-mail, an invitation to a webinar on the subject of disaster preparedness. Participation is free.

Future Agenda Items:

- Sign Ordinance 2017-06, both versions:
- Bryan Conley -Variance for Covered Porch/Seating Area at Garage:
- Prevailing Wages:
- Appropriations:
- Citations for Building Administrator Use:
- Neuhaus request regarding Nuisances, Sec. 15-1-3, J and T:
- Dog and Cat Licenses:
- Kreigh Lane Garbage Pick-up Offer:

Adjourn: At about 7:45 PM, Alderman **Mahar moved** to Adjourn the Meeting; Alderman **Naslund seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Charlie Gruner, City Clerk