

CITY OF KNOXVILLE
Regular Council Meeting
Knoxville Police Station, 215 N. Hebard St., Knoxville
Monday, July 3, 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, Eiker; Mayor Maurer, Treasurer Bivens, Attorney McCoy, Chief of Police Poyner and City Clerk Gruner. **Absent:** Aldermen McGovern and Naslund.

Public Comments:

- Mr. Steve Brody referencing Municipal Code Sec. 22.2.3, said that he has an above ground pool that he takes down each year at the end of the season. Swimming pools are not charged the sewage charge the first time the pool is filled but are in subsequent fills. Mr. Brody suggested that the ordinance be changed to eliminate the sewer charge for the fill each year. Mayor Maurer asked where he lived. It is out on the south west on Swedenberg Road. Mayor Maurer said that he had researched the situation because he was told about it earlier and that the City's sewer lines do not extend to that part of the town and therefore Mr. Brody is not being charged for sewer usage in any event. Mr. Brody suggested that the City might want to make the change in the Ordinance anyway to benefit others in the community who might have the issue.
- Mr. John Lorenz referred to the letter about water line damage being the responsibility of the property owner. The letter mentioned that ground movement could cause damage. Mr. Lorenz said that trucks are using Ann Street between Highway 150 and Henderson Road that are too heavy and that they would be the cause of any ground movement. He suggested that the weight limit be lowered on that stretch of Ann Street to minimize the risk of such damage. It will be put on the Agenda for the next City Council Meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Alderman Eiker moved to approve the Minutes of the June 19, 2017 City Council Meeting as submitted; Alderman Hillier seconded the motion which passed by voice vote with no dissent.

GENERAL REPORTS

There were none.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. **Public Notice – Prevailing Wage Ordinance.** A copy of the Public Notice of the Prevailing Wage Ordinance was included in the Package to inform Council Members that the Notice had been published as required. City Clerk Gruner asked if there is a requirement that Public Notices be published in the Register-Mail or if they could be published in the Knoxville Bulletin. Attorney McCoy said that the publication is

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supposed to be published in paper with general distribution in the County. After some discussion Attorney McCoy said that he would look into the question.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Water Department Internet:** Mayor Maurer presented a summary of the costs involved for the Water Department's Internet Service from Century Link. He will try to get costs from Comcast as well. It was also suggested that he look into the costs related to phone service and see if bundling the service would be advantageous.
- 2. FY 2018 Appropriations:** There were a number of suggestions for moving some of the funds around from those that were not well used last fiscal year to those that were over or close to the appropriated amount last year. Mayor Maurer will take the numbers given and will put them together for presentation at the next meeting (July 17, 2017).
- 3. City Network Backups:** Mayor Maurer distributed the complete costs associated with bringing the system backups in-house instead of being handled outside as it currently is. This would reduce costs. Alderman **Heller moved** to approve spending to do the backups in-house; Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and two (2) absent.
- 4. Economic Development Group – Authorization to use TIF Funds for Courthouse Windows:** Mayor Maurer reported that the Economic Development Group approved the use of TIF Funds to pay for the replacement windows in the Old Courthouse. Some of the money has been paid to the installers who have finished all or most of the windows. The work that remains to be done is mostly the exterior trim.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Knoxville High School Homecoming Parade – Street Closure:** Alderman **Myers moved** to approve the Street Closure for the Knoxville High School Homecoming Parade. Scheduled for Friday, September 9, 2017; Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative – Benjamin: None

Cemetery – Hillier: None

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Community & Economic Development – McGovern: None

Parks – Eiker: None

Police – Myers: None

Sanitation – Naslund: None

Streets – Heller: None

Water/Sewer – Mahar: Alderman Mahar reported that the upgrade to the alarm system at the South Water Tower remains to be completed.

Mayor’s Report:

- On June 20 the Action Team met about their vision of the “Walking Community”. They are looking for public input and want to hold a public meeting on the subject.
- On June 22 the Knoxville Business Association met and is getting organized. The next meeting is scheduled for July 20.
- The Knoxville Community Foundation is looking into grants.
- Volunteers are needed to help collect fund for the fireworks display for tomorrow’s Fourth of July Celebration.
- The run to benefit St. Jude is scheduled for Saturday, July 8.
- The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet at the Old Courthouse on July 12.
- The next City Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 17.

Future Agenda Items:

- Suggested Change to Municipal Code Sec. 22.9.3
- Weight Limit on Ann Street between Highway 150 and Henderson Road
- Public Notices

Adjourn: At about 8:00 PM, Alderman **Myers 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