

CITY OF KNOXVILLE
Regular Council Meeting
Knoxville Police Station, 215 N. Hebard St., Knoxville
Monday, August 7, 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: There were none.

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

GENERAL REPORTS

There were none.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- **CSUD 202 – IDOT Approval of Street Closings for Homecoming Parade Friday, September 29, 2017.** Information only; copies of the letters from IDOT and to the Principal were provided on the on-line City Council Package.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Library Appropriations Request:** Mr. David Wilt, Treasurer for the Library recited a list of accomplishments and new programs initiated by the library, including a new website, Book Mobile and regular visits to the Knox County Nursing Home and Courtyard Estates. The Library Funding Request is in the Amount of \$10,000. Alderman **Naslund moved** to approve the request for \$10,000; Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Knox County Scenic Drive Report and Funding Request – Dawn Hutchison:** Ms. Dawn Hutchinson reported that the number of vendors at the Knoxville Stop of Scenic Drive had doubled over the previous year. She pointed to a number of activities connected to the event and a proposal to have a shuttle bus service between downtown Knoxville and the County Fair Grounds. There is not sufficient parking in the downtown area and the shuttle would allow visitors to park at the Fair Grounds and more conveniently move between the two areas. Hutchinson also mentioned that many of the vendors wanted to be allowed to have their tents remain up in the park during the week between the two Scenic Drive weekends. Council Members discussed the problems involved with the tents being up through the week. One issue is the location of some of the tents may interfere with visibility for pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Another issue is the potential damage done to property if the wind were to blow tents into cars, traffic or adjacent windows. Hutchinson said that she would see that the tents are placed further back to allow for visibility of traffic. A waiver of liability document will be presented at the next Council Meeting. The waiver will hold the city “blameless” for any liability because of the tents being up during the week. It will have to be signed by each vendor along with his application. The vendor (or vendor’s insurer) will be responsible for any liability. Hutchinson asked for funding of \$1,500 for the Knoxville Stop of Scenic Drive. Alderman Myers moved to approve the

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funding of \$1,500; Alderman Hillier **seconded** the motion which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.

2. **Chad Morse – Porter-Hay Insurance – City Liability Insurance Presentation:** Chad Morse of the Hayes Agency introduced Bob Spring of IPMG (Insurance Program Managers Group) who outlined some of the features of the insurance program. Basically, it is a loss control program to help reduce losses and injuries. Reduced losses mean lower cost to the insurer and is reflected in lower premiums. Reduction of injuries also reduces costs but additionally saves people from pain, suffering or death. Renewal of the policy is not due until December 1, 2017 which will give the Council Members time to review the materials that Bob Spring had distributed.
2. **Reimbursement for Sanitation Department Error:** Alderman **Hillier moved** to reimburse the property owner \$75.00 for the loss of her planter, plant and flag and accompany the payment with a letter of apology from the city; Alderman **Naslund seconded** the motion which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative – Benjamin: No Report

Cemetery – Hillier: No Report

Community & Economic Development – McGovern: In the absence of Alderman McGovern, Mayor Maurer indicated that there are two TIF applications that may be coming with requests for funding. One will be for the Mobil Station and the other will be for the building that had housed the Mauer Barber Shop. They will have to go through the Planning Commission before they come to the City Council.

Parks – Eiker: No Report

Police – Myers: No Report

Sanitation – Naslund: Alderman Naslund asked if there have been any applicants for the position available in the Sanitation Department. Mayor Maurer replied that there have been some applicants for the position that have been interviewed. The immediate problem is the need for applicants with a current, valid CDL.

Streets – Heller: Alderman Heller asked the status of the oil & chip project that the County has contracted to complete. Mayor Maurer spoke to Engineer Cooper and was told that the job would start on August 7, 2017 (today) or next week. Since it doesn't seem to have started today we expect it next week.

Water/Sewer – Mahar: Alderman Mahar reported that the new water valve has been installed but is letting in too much water. Water Department Supervisor Johnson is working to correct it. Internet service is up and running at the Water Department. Alderman Mahar also noted that the new wiring has been completed and invited Council Members to go to the Water Department to see the results.

Mayor's Report:

- **Alice Uhlmann Retirement:** Alice Uhlmann submitted a letter of resignation effective July 29, 2017. She has worked at the Knoxville Library for at least twenty-five years. Our best wishes to her.
- **Parking on North Public Square from the Post Office around the corner on Market Street:** The Market Street Mall is being worked on. The sidewalk has been blocked off and several parking spaces have been taken over for the project. The City will keep track of the progress to insure that the streets and sidewalks are not blocked off for an extended period of time.
- **Water Department Internet Connection has been installed and is working:** As reported by Alderman Mahar, the Internet Connection to the Water Department is complete and operational.
- **City Hall Technology Installation set for August 9th:** OSI is working on the project.
- **Service Line Warranty – as of July 24th, 199 external water line warranties, 4 external sewer line warranties and 2 in-home plumbing warranties, working on local plumber vetting process:**
- **Oil & Chip Project has been pushed back to the week of August 7th:**
- **Next City Council Meeting on August 21st.**

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- **Keith Vaughn** has taken the **Pit Stop** off the market and indicated that he will be renovating the building. He has suggested that he may apply for a TIF grant to complete the job. Council Members discussed the need for a building inspection and evaluation before approval of the grant.

Future Agenda Items:

- **Liability Waiver / Scenic Drive Tents:**
- **Truck Parking – South Side of Main Street, East of Line, East of the Bank:**

Adjourn: At about 8:00 PM, Alderman Heller moved to Adjourn the Meeting; Alderman Hillier seconded the motion which passed by voice vote with no dissent.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Charlie Gruner, City Clerk