

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

Tuesday, September 18, 2017, 7:00 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order: At 7:00 PM, Mayor Maurer called the meeting to order. All rose to recite the **Pledge of Allegiance:**

Roll Call: Present: Aldermen Hillier, Benjamin, Heller, Mahar, Myers, Naslund, Eiker; Mayor Maurer, Treasurer Bivens, Attorney McCoy, Chief of Police Poyner and Deputy City Clerk Wilt. **Absent:** Alderman McGovern, City Clerk Gruner. Also present were Keith Vaughn, Tim Eagle, Roger Klump, Pete Alfano, Michelle Wilder, Trent Shores, Shirley Shores and one member of the media.

Public Comments: Roger Klump 773 US Hwy 150 East related several area events that he has attended that he feels Knoxville could adopt to promote tourism, such as an Oktoberfest, an Irish Fest, street art on sidewalks, and street performers. Mayor Maurer referred Mr. Klump to the Knoxville Action Team, which meets next on Sept 19.

Approval of Minutes: Alderman **Eiker moved** to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2017 City Council Meeting; Alderman **Mahar seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

GENERAL REPORTS

Attorney Report: None

Engineer Report: Mayor Maurer reported for Engineer Kevan Cooper that the new lift station is up and running.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bivens reported that she has discovered an error that had been in the report since before she became Treasurer. There was a Sanitation CD for approximately \$75,000.00 that was listed twice, once in Capital Improvements and once in Operations. The duplicate in Operations was removed.

City Clerk Report: None

Payment of City's Bills: Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve payment of the City Bills as presented; Alderman **Benjamin seconded** the motion with **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Purchase of Real Property North of Pioneer Plaza** – Keith Vaughn owns the property Old Settlers Addition Lot 1, Parcel #10-28-327-020 and he had countered the non-compete clause of the purchase agreement since the last meeting by stating that the property cannot be used business or commercial purpose which derives more than 25% of its gross revenue for the sale of hardware, ice cream, or candy in aggregate or separately for a period of 25 years. If Mr. Vaughn's Knoxville Mercantile were to go out of business, this restriction would be null and void, but if the business is sold and was continued by someone else, the restriction would remain in place. Alderman Myers moved to approve Ordinance 2017-16 to allow the purchase of the property for \$35,000.00, with a closing date of October 9, 2017.

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NEW BUSINESS

1. **3rd Annual Big Blue Bullet Blitz 5K Color Run** -- Michelle Wilder addressed the Council on this event, a fundraiser for Mable Woolsey Elementary School, to be held Saturday, September 30, 2017 at 7:30am. She and her committee have the crossroads and intersections along the route manned by volunteers to protect the runners. She requested she be allowed to hold this event. **Alderman Naslund moved** to allow the BBBB 5K Color Run on September 17, to allow the corner of Walnut and Gilson Streets to be blocked for a short time for the run finish line, and to allow a run banner to be placed at the West Main Street triangle. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.
2. **Tom Myers Retirement Request** – Supervisor of Public Works Myers submitted a letter announcing that he is retiring on January 9, 2018. His last day to work will be November 3, 2017. He has been with the City for 33 years, and offered to stay on in a part time capacity for projects if the Council desired it. Tim Rossell, City Mechanic, has been learning the Supervisor job from Tom.
3. **Establish Halloween Observance** – **Alderman Eiker moved** to observe Trick or Treat hours on Tuesday, October 31, from 6:00-8:00 pm. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.
4. **Resolution 2017-39 for Christmas Parade** – **Alderman Myers** moved to approve this resolution to hold the Annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at 1:00. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent. Mayor Maurer reported that Dee Hurd will still put the parade together, but that she will not be in town on the day of the parade so someone else will be needed to help with that.
5. **207 E North St Property Strategy**– This home has been secured for demolition, but since it is a two-story building, the City employees will not be able to demolish it. Attorney McCoy gave the following two options: sell the house as is with the stipulation that it has to be torn down or tear it down and sell the lot. We are not required to have sealed demolition bids as the cost would be under \$20,000.00. Alderman Myers knows of a party interested in tearing down the structure, and Mayor Maurer directed him to ask for a bid. No further action was taken.
6. **Planning Commission Recommendation for TIF Request** – Pete Alfano owns the former Mauer Barbershop at 224 E Main St. and has applied for a \$23,000.00 TIF grant. He plans to return the building to the original brick façade and repair the windows and transoms. He has already removed an interior wall to enlarge the space and has had requests from groups who wish to use it when completed. The Planning Commission met on September 13, and has recommended approval. **Alderman Naslund moved** to approve the TIF request. Alderman **Myers seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration – Benjamin: No Report

Cemetery – Hillier: No Report

Community and Economic Development – McGovern: No Report

Parks – Eiker: No Report

Police – Myers: No Report

Sanitation – Naslund: No Report

Streets – Heller: No Report

Water/Sewer – Mahar: Alderman Mahar reported that work is starting on the Hidden Hills Winery. They want to install a 2” lateral water line and the City is trying to encourage a 3” line.

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Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Maurer reported that earlier this evening Chief Poyner and the Knoxville Police Department received a One of a Kind Award from Knoxville School District 202 for their collaboration and support given to the school district and the community.
- Mayor Maurer reported that the **monthly report from BOCK** for the wastewater treatment plant, the monthly City water report, and the City building and cemetery permit lists are available
- The request for paying for the lift station replacement from TIF funds has been submitted to the Economic Development Group.
- The **next City Council Meeting** will be held on **Monday, October 2, 2017**.

Future Agenda Items: 207 E North St Property

Adjourn: At about 7:50 PM, Alderman **Hillier moved** to Adjourn the Meeting; Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Leslie Wilt, Deputy City Clerk