

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

Monday, October 2, 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, Mahar, Myers, Naslund and Eiker; Mayor Maurer, Treasurer Bivens, Chief of Police Poyner and City Clerk Gruner. **Absent:** Aldermen McGovern and Heller.

Public Comments: Mr. Derek Powell asked why local businesses are not allowed to bid on city jobs. As the owner of a stump grinding business he would like to be able to bid on stump grinding projects for the city. After making his remarks, Mr. Powell passed his business cards around.

Approval of Minutes: Alderman **Eiker moved** to accept the Minutes of the September 18, 2017 City Council Meeting as presented; Alderman **Benjamin seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

GENERAL REPORTS

Attorney Report: Attorney McCoy was not present. Mayor Maurer said that he has a new client, the Village of Victoria, which is where he is this evening.

Engineer Report: None

Treasurer's Report: None

City Clerk Report: None

Payment of City's Bills: There were no City Bills to be paid at this meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS

None

OLD BUSINESS

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- 1. 207 E North St Property:** Alderman Myers reported that he had made a visual inspection of the property from the outside. The City will not have access until October 21, 2017. Alderman Myers expects to have a firm price for demolition of the building after the City has full access and will report on it at the November 6, 2017 City Council Meeting. Mayor Maurer mentioned that the legal fees involved will also have to be added to other expenses for a final, overall cost. Mayor Maurer also suggested that, after the City as the final ownership of the property the City can dispose of it any way the Council sees fit. He proposed the possibility that it be sold to someone who might like to “flip” the home after acquiring it, based on the assumption that the building is structurally sound.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Cell Phone Allowance for Melanie Tuthill:** Billing Specialist Tuthill is the contact point for city emergencies requiring notifications to various City Departments as well as being the contact point on the All-Call System. Alderman **Myers moved** to make the normal phone reimbursement to Tuthill; The motion was **seconded** by both Aldermen **Hillier and Eiker** (simultaneously) and passed with six (6) Yes votes and two (2) Absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative –Benjamin: The Action Team met and is preparing to do a survey relating to their proposal to improve sidewalks in Knoxville. There will be a public meeting held at the Hurd Community Center on October 17, 2017 from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM. The sidewalk survey will be handed out at that time to all that attend.

Parks – Eiker: Alderman Eiker has received a number of requests for a larger “half-pipe” for the skateboard park. Alderman Eiker will look into what adding this feature would cost and report back to the Council at a future meeting

Water/Sewer – Mahar:

- Alderman Mahar reported that there is sometimes a problem with plastic bags bursting when filled with pressed waste from the step screen at the sewage treatment plant. They are going to try changing the schedule for picking up the waste so that the bags will be the last things loaded rather than the first.
- There are several problems reported related to the water line feeding to the Winery.

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Police – Myers: Alderman Myers reported that there are at least two (2) other homes that appear to be abandoned in the City that are becoming a nuisance. We will need to get the addresses of each and contact the City Attorney.

Mayor’s Report:

- Closing on the lot north of Pioneer Plaza will take place on Wednesday, October 4, 2017.
- The BP Station on North Henderson Street is closed while new gasoline tanks are installed.
- Personnel changes need to be made because of the Supervisor of Public Works (Tom Myers) imminent retirement and other issues. They should be decided at the next City Council Meeting.
- The next City Council Meeting will be held on Monday, October 16, 2017.

Future Agenda Items:

- Two (2) “abandoned” buildings:
- Personnel Changes:

Adjourn: At about 7:40 PM, Alderman **Hillier moved** to Adjourn; Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Charlie Gruner, City Clerk