

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

Monday, December 18, 2017, 7:00 PM

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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 and Eiker; Mayor Maurer, Attorney McCoy, Engineer Cooper, Chief of Police Poyner and City Clerk Gruner.
Absent: Aldermen McGovern and Naslund.

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: Mayor Maurer asked that the approval of the minutes be postponed until they can be corrected. They were submitted with errors that had not been changed. Alderman **Myers moved to Table** the Approval of the Minutes of the Knoxville City Council Meeting of December 4, 2017 until the next meeting (January 2, 2018) when the corrected version can be presented; Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

GENERAL REPORTS

Attorney Report: None

Engineer Report: None

Treasurer's Report: None

City Clerk Report: City Clerk Gruner reported that he had been unable to do much work for the City recently. He asked that Members of the Council consider finding a replacement. If he is unable to finish out his term Gruner would like to be able to make an orderly turnover of his duties to his replacement.

Payment of City Bills: Alderman **Myers moved** to approve the payment of the City's bills' Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and two (2) Absent.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Mayor Maurer pointed out that these reports are in the City Council package, available for review. He asked if there were any questions on any of the Informational reports. There were none:

- **Bock, Inc. Report for November, 2017:**
- **Water Department Monthly Report for November, 2017:**
- **Cemetery Report for November, 2017:**
- **Building Permit List for November, 2017:**

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Liability Insurance – Chad Morse of Porter-Hay Insurance Agency:** Mr. Morse explained that IML's Liability product did include coverage for medical to all the volunteers and auxiliary officers but did not provide those individuals with liability coverage unless they met the training requirements. Those requirements were just raised to 480 hours of training. Mr. Morse met with IML and worked with them to include up to \$1,000,000 in liability coverage for the auxiliary and volunteer officers as long as they

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are not granted (by the City) full police powers. This modification applies only to the City of Knoxville. With some minor clarification, there were no objections raised by Council Members to staying with the IML product.

2. **2017 Tax Levies:** Mayor Maurer told the Council that he had this item on the Agenda in case there was a need to re-discuss the 2017 Tax Levies. If the City Council decided to modify the choice of liability insurance vendors it would have required modifying the Tort Liability appropriation. He asked that the item be skipped over and go onto the next Agenda Item.
3. **Street Light Request for Lewis Lane:** Allison Atwater was not present to represent her request to have the street light installed at the end of Lewis Lane. A representative from Ameren Julie Cone, had set the cost of installation of a light at \$2,028 with a monthly charge of from \$6.25 to \$8.94 depending on the particular light chosen. A Council Member pointed out that there are not many options of where the light could be installed and it would also involve additional expense to remove at least one or two trees in the area. There is already a light at the intersection of Lewis Lane and Ann Street. Treasurer Bivens pointed out that the original plan for having street lights in the City was to have them light up the business district and, for safety considerations to have lights at intersections only. After discussion of the issue, Alderman **Mahar moved to deny** the request for a street light at the end of Lewis Lane; Alderman Eiker **seconded** the motion which passed with six (6) Yes votes and two (2) Absent.
4. **Planning Commission Recommendation on TIF Requests:** City Clerk/Planning Commissioner Gruner reported that the Planning Commission had tabled the issue of the TIF requests from the Ghada Company until the issue of the façade had been resolved. Gruner referred to the Draft Minutes of the meeting for specific reasons. Mr. Lou Sahyouni, a Ghada Company representative was told that he would have to change the color of the façade to fit in with the requirements of the Historic District. Then Mr. Sahyouni can bring his request back to the Planning Commission for their review. Mayor Maurer also mentioned that the Economic Development Group would not approve funding for the 222 E. Main Street location until December of 2018 because TIF funding had been paid for previously completed work done in 2013. The City Council could offer a redeveloper's agreement for interior renovations that otherwise would not qualify under the other TIF grants offered by the city.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance 2017-21 – Sexual Harassment Policy:** Attorney McCoy explained that the State of Illinois mandated that all local governmental units prepare and implement policies regarding protection from sexual harassment by early 2018. The provisions of the Ordinance must be communicated to all employees, full-time or part-time, as well as all elected officials. Alderman **Myers moved** to approve Ordinance 2017-21, the Sexual Harassment Policy; Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and two (2) Absent.

Mayor's Report:

- The next meeting of the Knoxville City Council will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.
- City Employee, Tyler Kirgan has received his commercial driver's license.
- Mayor Maurer was asked about the property on North Street. The building was demolished. Attorney McCoy indicated that the bids for the property would be opened at the January 15th City Council meeting.
- Asked about another building, Attorney McCoy replied that the owner indicated that he would demolish the offending building. There were additional questions regarding time-

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frame. Mayor Maurer and attorney McCoy indicated that timing was flexible but limited to a “reasonable” period. Attorney McCoy said he would suggest limiting it to just a few (one to three) months.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative – Benjamin: No report but Alderman Benjamin asked about scheduling the Saint Patrick’s Day Parade. She suggested that Saturday, March 17, 2018 is Saint Patrick’s Day and would be appropriate. City Clerk Gruner asked that the date be sent to him so that he could provide IDOT with the appropriate documentation to receive the necessary permit.

Cemetery – Hillier: None

Community & Economic Development – McGovern: None

Parks – Eiker: A complaint was registered with City Hall that some components of the skateboard park were stolen and need to be replaced. Alderman Eiker was not aware of anything being stolen from the park and said that he would check into it.

Police – Myers: None

Sanitation – Naslund: None

Streets – Heller: None

Water/Sewer – Mahar:

- A damaged fire hydrant on the County Fair Grounds has been replaced.
- A water leak at the cemetery has been repaired.
- Work on the waste treatment plant pump will start soon.

Future Agenda Items: Saint Patrick’s Day Parade schedule (tentatively, March 17, 2018).

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