

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

Monday, April 16, 2018, 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 Benjamin, Eiker, Hillier, Heller, Naslund, Mahar, and Myers; Mayor Maurer, Treasurer Bivens, Chief of Police Poyner, Water Superintendent Mike Johnson, Attorney Rob McCoy and Deputy City Clerk Wilt. **Absent:** Aldermen McGovern, City Clerk Gruner. Also in attendance: Neil Smith with Bruner, Cooper, and Zuck, Candy Webb with Status Networks, and two members of the press.

Public Comments: none

Approval of Minutes: Aldermen **Hillier moved** to approve the Minutes of the April 2, 2018 City Council Meeting; Alderman **Benjamin seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

GENERAL REPORTS

Attorney Report: None

Engineer Report: Neil Smith with Bruner, Cooper, & Zuck reported that the water tower inspection is in the works and that the lid on the lift station was replaced.

Treasurer's Report: None. Alderman Heller asked if the City could join a credit union to try to secure higher interest rates. Attorney McCoy will check.

City Clerk's Report: None

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. **City Hall Internet/Phone Service:** Candy Webb from Stratus Networks presented a new proposal that included the Police Station and Water Department, and matched the previous price quoted for the other City buildings. She stated that Stratus offers commercial service only. Mayor Maurer reported that he had spoken with Mid-Century, and while they plan on installing fiber in small communities and eventually offering both residential and commercial service, they currently have no infrastructure in Knoxville. After discussion, the Council asked Mayor Maurer to invite a Mid-Century representative to the May 7 meeting.
2. **Library Windows:** Mayor Maurer had contacted both First Glass and Glass Specialty to request bid options to replace the Library windows, plus provided them with historical photos to show what the original windows looked like, but has not had a response from either

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business yet. The windows are 4x13 feet, but they could potentially be partially bricked to bring them down to a standard size.

3. **Weight Limits on City Streets:** Attorney McCoy presented draft ordinance 2018-04 Restricting Weight Limits on City Streets. The ordinance makes provisions for fines for ordinance violation. Alderman **Myers moved** to approve **Ordinance 2018-04** Restricting Weight Limits on City Streets. Chief Poyner is in favor of the ordinance, but if adopted, the City would need updated signage on every street that is an entrance to town. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Employee Compensation:** At the recommendation of the Administrative Committee, annual employee compensation would increase by \$0.60 for supervisors, \$0.50 for full time employees, and \$0.40 for part time employees, effective May 1. Alderman **Myers moved** to approve these raises for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.
2. **Resolution 2018-05 Hire Police Officer Shawn Keith:** Alderman **Myers moved** to hire Shawn Keith full time at \$15.50 per hour, contingent on Mr. Keith passing the pre-employment drug screen and physical. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent. Mr. Keith will need to go through Police Training, and will need to sign the hiring contract.
3. **Purchase Police Car:** Chief Poyner reported that the transmission has gone out on the 2013 Chevy, and it is no longer cost effective to continue to repair it. He has selected a 2018 Ford Taurus with all-wheel drive at Yemm Ford for \$28,503.08, less a \$5,000.00 trade-in for the 2013 Chevy. As there are funds appropriated for the purchase of a car in the current fiscal year, the purchase should be made before April 30. Alderman **Myers moved** to purchase a 2018 Ford Taurus for \$23,503.08, to be paid out in fiscal year 2017-2018. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, with **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.
4. **East North St Sewer:** Neil Smith with Bruner, Cooper, and Zuck reported that the videos of the sewer on East North St between Ontario St and Gilson St show that the main is collapsing, which in turn is damaging the residents' laterals. It will be the City's responsibility to repair the laterals as well. He provided a map showing six spots that need immediate excavation and repair. As the damage is 13 feet below ground, the City does not have the proper equipment or manpower to make the necessary repairs. Mr. Smith got a quote from Laverdiere Construction for \$32,800.00 for labor and equipment only. The City would provide rock at approximately \$8,000.00, plus trucking and parts. Total estimate for the project is \$45,000.00 to \$50,000.00. Alderman **Mahar moved** to approve the East North St repairs without going through the bidding process. Alderman **Benjamin seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent. Alderman **Naslund moved** to contract with Laverdiere Construction for the

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repairs to East North St, totaling \$50,000.00 for the project. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.

- 5. Change to Employee Policy re: Personal Days:** At the recommendation of the Administrative Committee, the employee policy should be amended with regard to personal days. New employees would be allowed four (4) hours of personal time for each quarter remaining in the fiscal year: 1st qtr – 16 hrs, 2nd qtr – 12 hrs, 3rd qtr – 8 hrs, 4th qtr – 4 hrs. Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve the pro-rating of personal days earned upon the hire of a new employee. Alderman **Benjamin seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

Mayor's Report:

- The Mayor reminded the Council that the next meeting will be on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 7:00 pm.
- The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on Thursday, April 26 to consider two items – 1. To consider a variance to build a garage larger than 1000 square feet at 807 Swedenburg Road, and 2. To consider rezoning 302 & 304 Madison St to construct a two-family residence.
- Vicky Mundwiler, Museum Associate, is off of work indefinitely for health reasons. Volunteers are covering the museum hours.
- BNSF Railroad will soon be repairing the section of crossing at Henderson Rd near Casey's. The road will be closed for three days. When date is set, an all call will go to the residents.

Executive Session: At 8:00 PM, Alderman **Heller moved** to go into Executive (closed) session, pursuant to Section 2 (c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1)), for purposes of discussing the discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee of the City. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.

Regular Session Resumes: At 8:05 PM, the Regular Session of the City Council Meeting resumed.

Roll Call: Present: Aldermen Hillier, Benjamin, Heller, Mahar, Myers, Naslund, Eiker; Mayor Maurer, Deputy City Clerk Wilt, Chief of Police Poyner, Attorney Rob McCoy. **Absent:** Alderman McGovern, City Clerk Gruner, City Treasurer Bivens

Adjourn: At about 8:10 PM, Alderman **Myers 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