

CITY OF KNOXVILLE

Regular Council Meeting

Knoxville Police Station, 215 N. Hebard St., Knoxville

Monday, May 21, 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 Eiker, Hillier, Heller, Mahar, McGovern, and Myers; Mayor Maurer, Treasurer Bivens, Chief of Police Poyner, Attorney Rob McCoy and Deputy City Clerk Wilt. **Absent:** Aldermen Benjamin, Naslund. Also in attendance: Richard and Maureen Carlson, Gary and Lynne Goudie, Irene Sherman, and one member of the press.

Public Comments: none

Approval of Minutes: Aldermen **Hillier moved** to approve the Minutes of the May 7, 2018 City Council Meeting; Alderman **Mahar seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

Appointment of Acting City Clerk: As former City Clerk Charlie Gruner resigned effective May 1, Alderman **McGovern moved** to appoint City Collector Leslie Wilt as Acting City Clerk. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent. Mayor Maurer swore in Mrs. Wilt. She will cover this position until a full time replacement can be found.

GENERAL REPORTS

Attorney Report: None.

Engineer Report: Mayor Maurer reported that Engineer Cooper will attempt to determine the status of the City's application with the State of Illinois for lead water line replacement.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bivens reported that she had confirmed with Attorney McCoy that the City cannot invest with a credit union.

City Clerk's Report: None.

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

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. City Hall Internet/Phone Service:** Mayor Maurer reported that the grace period with Comcast for City Hall internet service expires on May 31. As both Stratus and Mid-Century cannot accommodate this deadline, we will now work with Comcast for a short term solution to keep internet service. For the long term, Stratus has said they cannot meet Mid-Century's pricing, plus Stratus offers commercial service only. Mayor Maurer will tell Mid-Century

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that the City is very interested in moving forward with both commercial and residential service. A franchise agreement would be involved.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Presentation of 1st Wheel Tax Sticker for 2018-2019:** Mayor Maurer presented the #001 2018-2019 Wheel Tax sticker to Gary Goudie, owner of The Old Shell Station, which is depicted on the sticker. Mr. Goudie was recognized for his efforts to beautify the southeast corner of Main and Broad Streets, and for his attention to historical detail in his refurbishing.
- 2. TIF Request – Sit N Knit Shop, 236 E Main St:** Mayor Maurer reported that the Planning Commission had met on May 9 to consider this TIF request for replacing the front window and repair and repaint portions of the building, and that the Planning Commission had voted to approve the application. Richard and Maureen Carlson, owners of the Sit N Knit shop, were in attendance for questions. Alderman **Heller moved** to approve the Sit N Knit Shop TIF request for \$3,963.53, which is 75% of the total estimate of \$5,284.71 for the project. Alderman **Myers seconded** the motion, which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and two (2) Absent. Mayor Maurer directed the Carlsons to submit copies of paid receipts as the work on the building is completed.
- 3. Ordinance 2018-05 – The Keeping of Livestock & Poultry within City Limits:** Attorney McCoy had found little guidance about livestock in Chapter 6 of the Municipal Code. He proposed passages that, among other things, define livestock, plus add a requirement for a 100 foot distance from adjoining properties for livestock and a 30 foot distance for poultry and rabbits Alderman **Myers moved** to approve Ordinance 2018-05. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, with **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and two (2) Absent. Alderman McGovern asked about enforcement of the new ordinance, and Attorney McCoy said that infractions would use the standard warning system currently in place.
- 4. Poppy Day Proclamation:** Mayor Maurer read aloud and then presented the 2018 Poppy Day Proclamation to Mrs. Irene Sherman of the American Legion Auxiliary.
- 5. North Street Property Fencing Project:** Alderman Myers received quotes for installing a chain link fence on the City property on North St north of Big Catz BBQ and on the property on Hebard and Ann Streets west of the Police Station. This fencing would allow area sports groups to use the green space while protecting the neighboring properties. Howe's Overhead Doors and Brent Wilson Construction submitted bids for 580 feet of 6 foot and 8 foot high chain link fence for both projects. Both bids for the 6 foot high fence were in the range of \$8,500.00. The project was tabled and will be discussed at a future meeting.

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Mayor's Report:

- The Mayor reminded the Council that the next meeting will be on Monday, June 4, 2018 at 7:00 pm. The Council should begin thinking about annual appropriations. Acting City Clerk Wilt will provide the annual report for 2017-2018 by the June 4 meeting.
- The results of the Worker Comp audit for the 2016-2017 year were received and show that the City is due \$31.00.
- The Service Line Warranties of America have been contacted, and they will proceed with a second citizen campaign the week of June 4 with a reminder going out the week June 18.
- Thank you notes from Jim Eastwood, Fishing Derby Chair, acknowledging the support by the City, and the Bill Greene Family and the Guardian Angels, acknowledging the donation in memory of Bill Greene, were circulated.
- The Fishing Derby, held on May 5, was well attended. There was a lot of food left over that was donated to the Rescue Mission. Next year, the Mayor would like to form a committee to assist Mr. Eastwood.
- Vicky Mundwiler, Museum Associate, is off of work indefinitely for health reasons. Volunteers are covering the museum hours. Historic Sites President Peg Bivens acknowledged that the museum is reaping the benefits of regular scheduled hours of operation, including adult and children tour groups.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative – Benjamin: None.

Cemetery – Hillier: Alderman Hillier reported that the items stolen on Apr 30th from the cemetery shed had been replaced.

Community & Economic Development – McGovern: Alderman McGovern had no report, but stated that his job requirements keep him from attending Council meetings, and he would step aside as First Ward Alderman if a replacement could be found.

Parks – Eiker: Alderman Eiker stated that Supervisor of Public Works Rossell is ordering blue and gold paint for the skatepark. Eiker also asked that a no parking zone on North St north of Orange St be placed on a future agenda for consideration, as emergency vehicles have difficulty getting through.

Police – Myers: Alderman Myers reported that he found a source to purchase two new AED's at a deep discount for police squad cars. Each car is required to have one, and while the current ones need replacing due to age, they are functional. Also, all officers have completed Narcan training, a narcotic blocker used to treat overdoses. Myers also reported that all Historic Sites buildings need painting and suggested that someone could be hired part time as needed just for painting. He knows an experienced painter who would perhaps do this on his own time. There needs to be a prioritized painting list. Myers requested this issue be placed on the next agenda.

Sanitation – Naslund: None

Streets – Heller: Alderman Heller reported that the Street Department has been busy patching streets damaged by winter weather.

Water/Sewer – Mahar: Alderman Mahar asked if the section of East North Street that was recently repaired was on the tar and chip schedule for this coming year. It is, but the gravel

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would need to settle first, so it may not be able to be done until next year. He also stated that the South Water Tower inspection was coming up.

Adjourn: At about 7:52 PM, Alderman **Eiker moved** to Adjourn the Meeting; Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Leslie Wilt, Acting City Clerk