

CITY OF KNOXVILLE

Regular Council Meeting

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

Monday, June 4, 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, Mahar, and Myers; Mayor Maurer, Treasurer Bivens, Attorney McCoy, Chief of Police Poyner, Water Superintendent Johnson, Acting City Clerk Wilt. **Absent:** Aldermen Hillier and Myers. Also in attendance: Mrs. Barbara Brody, Tom Myers, and two members of the press.

Public Comments: Mrs. Barbara Brody, representing the Area Wide Vacation Bible School, requested that her group be allowed to put up a banner at Division and Main Streets advertising Vacation Bible School to be held June 25-29. Alderman **Naslund moved** to approve the banner request. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

Approval of Minutes: Aldermen **Eiker moved** to approve the Minutes of the May 21, 2018 City Council Meeting; Alderman **Mahar seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with two (2) abstentions.

GENERAL REPORTS

None

INFORMATION ITEMS

Mayor Maurer noted that a letter of resignation was received from Grounds Maintenance Worker Daniel Hendrickson effective June 1, 2018.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. City Hall Internet/Phone Service:** Mayor Maurer reported that he and Acting City Clerk Wilt had met on June 1 with three representatives from MidCentury to discuss bringing fiber to Knoxville. MidCentury is offering phone and internet service only, no video. They would begin working with City Hall, then other City buildings, move to businesses, and then work on signing up residences. They had requested an address list from the City so that they could pre-populate a website to make it easier for residents to sign up. The town would be divided into neighborhoods and a percentage of homes within the neighborhood would need to commit to the service before they would begin to lay the fiber. MidCentury representative Aaron Buck will attend the June 18 Council meeting to discuss easements.

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NEW BUSINESS

1. **2018-2019 Appropriations:** Acting City Clerk Wilt provided the Council with the 12 month report for the 2017-2018 fiscal year plus a copy of the 2017-2018 Appropriations Ordinance. Mayor Maurer encouraged all to view their specific accounts, and to move appropriations between line items, but not change any totals. Time was allowed for this process. As Council members made changes, Mayor Maurer kept track of the changes to be placed into the new Appropriations Ordinance.
2. **Knoxville Car Cruise Funding Request/Permission to Use Central Park:** Tom Myers requested \$500.00 for Car Cruise advertising, plus requested to use Central Park for the event on Aug 25, and to be allowed to place banners in the park and at the corner of Division and Main Streets to advertise the event. Alderman **Naslund moved** to grant \$500.00 for Car Cruise advertising, and to allow the use of Central Park and allow the use of banners. Alderman **Benjamin seconded** the motion, which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and two (2) Absent.
3. **Sale of Food at James Knox Park on July 4:** Mayor Maurer reported that the Knoxville Mercantile had requested to sell ice cream and hot dogs at James Knox Park on July 4. They would give a donation towards the fireworks for this privilege. The Mayor also stated that he had checked with the Fire Department to see if they were interested in selling food at that time, but they have not decided. By general consensus, the Council decided to allow Knoxville Mercantile to sell ice cream and hot dogs at James Knox Park on July 4 if no other not for profit group shows interest. The Mayor noted that the Big Brain Trivia Night will be held June 30 at the American Legion, with all proceeds going towards the Fireworks fund. Also, aldermen are asked to collect donations prior to the fireworks display.
4. **Knoxville High School Press Box Building Permit Fee Waiver:** The Knoxville School District has requested a permit to build a new baseball field press box. Alderman **Heller moved** to waive the building permit fee of \$80.00 for the press box. Alderman **Benjamin seconded** the motion which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and two (2) absent.
5. **Status of TIF agreement with Knoxville School District:** The \$200,000 TIF track agreement with the Knoxville School District will be complete after the final payment is made this month. The agreement could be extended by mutual agreement. Discussion ensued about whether or not the school district would still need the funding. By mutual consent, the matter is tabled unless new information comes before the Council.
6. **Possible Extension of TIF District Agreement:** The current TIF district expires in 2026. Per the Economic Development group, the district could be extended, and they would assist in the process. The Economic Development Group will be asked to provide options at the next scheduled TIF Board of Review meeting.

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7. **Purchase Vacuum Truck for Water Department:** Water Superintendent Johnson gave information on a refurbished 2004 Vacuum Excavation truck with 35,000 miles that Coe Equipment is selling for \$127,500.00. This truck could service our needs for about 15 years, and would be helpful to clean out manholes and storm sewers. Coe Equipment would bring the truck for the Council to view, if desired. The general consensus was that the Council feels that the truck would be an asset to the City, but that they were unsure about how to pay for it.

8. **Prevailing Wage Ordinance 2018-06:** Alderman Naslund moved to approve Prevailing Wage Ordinance 2018-06. Alderman Eiker seconded the motion, which passed with six (6) Yes votes and two (2) Absent. Attorney McCoy will file the Ordinance with the IL Dept of Labor.

Mayor's Report:

- The next City Council meeting will be on Monday, June 18, 2018 at 7:00 pm.
- The annual oil and chip project is scheduled to begin the week of July 2.
- Engineer Cooper and Water Superintendent Johnson will discuss the Lead Waterline Replacement Program developed by the State of Illinois.
- Zoning Board of Appeals member Rod Dennis has resigned from that position.
- The contractor has started the house demolition process at 204 W Main St.
- Annual City Wide Yard Sales will be held June 8-9.
- The Water Department will start flushing the town hydrants beginning June 11.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative – Benjamin: None.

Cemetery – Hillier: None.

Community & Economic Development – McGovern: None.

Parks – Eiker: None

Police – Myers: Chief Poyner reported that he had spoken with JC&R Power Equipment, 306 E Main St, about their merchandise taking up space in the alley, but there was no resolution.

Sanitation – Naslund: None

Streets – Heller: None

Water/Sewer – Mahar: None

Future Agenda Items:

- **No Parking on East North St, East of Orange St**

Adjourn: At about 8:30 PM, Alderman **McGovern moved** to Adjourn the Meeting; Alderman **Benjamin seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Leslie Wilt, Acting City Clerk