

CITY OF KNOXVILLE

Regular Council Meeting

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

Monday, July 2 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 Hillier, Benjamin, Heller, Mahar, Myers, Naslund and Eiker; Mayor Maurer, Attorney McCoy, Chief of Police Poyner, Public Works Superintendent Tim Rossell. **Absent:** Aldermen McGovern, Treasurer Margaret Bivens and Acting City Clerk Leslie Wilt. Also in attendance: Mrs. Briget Mayfield, Mr. Jim Rutledge, Mr. Scott Anderson and two members of the press.

Public Comments: Mr. Scott Anderson requested that the City Council review the idea of allowing ATV's and golf carts to be driven on the City roadways. He presented a petition with signatures and shared some information on other larger cities that allow ATV's and golf carts to be driven on city streets. The Council stated they would review the idea and have it on the July 16th agenda for further discussion.

Mr. Jim Rutledge and Mrs. Briget Mayfield expressed their concern on having Swedenburg Rd and Division St looked at for repairs and have them on the oil and chip map for next year since this year's oil & chip project has already been established. They expressed their concern of not being able to walk on the street or ride a bicycle due to the oil bleeding so badly in the area. Mayor Maurer thanked them for making the City aware of the situation and will keep it in mind for next year.

Approval of Minutes: Alderman **Benjamin moved** to approve the Minutes of the June 18, 2018 City Council Meeting; Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

GENERAL REPORTS

Attorney McCoy shared that he may be preparing an Ordinance on regulating small wireless facilities. A state law has passed that allows these newly inhibited small facilities, which can provide up to 5G wireless service, in City or Village ROW. The City has very little control over the installation of such devices. The City has until the end of August to come up with a permit fee and some regulations. If we miss that deadline we have no control or permit fee. The units would go on existing light poles. The advantages will be increased speed and eliminate dead areas because they would be smaller units more spread out in the area.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Mayor Maurer noted that a letter of resignation was received from Library Assistant Megan White effective June 25, 2018.

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OLD BUSINESS

1. **Create new part time position for Painting Employee:** With the Historic Sites and City Buildings in need of some painting; the Council expressed the need of hiring a part time painter that would be under the supervision of the Public Works Director Rossell. Alderman Myers shared that Marty Sterr, son of retired painter George Sterr whom has done work for the City in the past, was very interested in the position. The position would be an average of 32 hours per week on a part time basis and Mr. Sterr requested at \$15/hour. It was discussed that the City would supply the paint and the equipment needed for the job. A job description for the part time painting position will be created by the City and presented to the council at its next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Using TIF to purchase equipment:** Mayor Maurer reported that he had a conversation with Gwen Crawford from the Economic Development Group and she stated that using the TIF for the purchase of equipment would be an appropriate use of funds. The requirement would be to not use more than 1/3rd of the funds toward the equipment. Mayor Maurer will submit a request for \$20,000 which is 1/3rd of the price of \$60,000 to the Economic Development Group to purchase a 1 Ton F350 truck for the Street Department and have the request to purchase placed on the July 16th agenda.
2. **Lead Water Line Survey:** Mayor Maurer presented a list of residents that have lead lines within the City of Knoxville that was provided by Water Superintendent Johnson. The list consists of 141 residents having lead lines. The list came from service cards at the Water Department and it was stated that there could be more or less residents with lead lines. The Lead Line Water Service Replacement Project was discussed regarding a 20 year loan for \$600,000, with half of the loan to be forgiven. Mayor Maurer stated that it would be about \$4,000 per home for the replacement. Alderman Myers suggested charging residents \$2,000 to have their lead lines replaced. It was agreed by the Council to send out an informational letter to the residents on the list.
3. **Community Bible Church Building Permit Architectural Drawing Waiver:** Alderman Eiker shared on behalf of the Community Bible Church that they are having a carport installed over an entrance of the building to help members get into the building a little easier when weather does not fare. Mayor Maurer stated that public structures require architectural drawings and asked the Council if they would like to waive that requirement for the Community Bible Church. Alderman Myers **moved** to approve the waiver, Alderman Hillier **seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

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4. **City Garage Addition Building Permit Architectural Drawing Waiver:** with no discussion Alderman **Eiker moved** to approve the waiver, Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote.

Mayor's Report:

- The public notice for the Appropriation Public Hearing was published June 29th in the Register Mail with the Public Hearing meeting to be held on July 16th at 6:30pm at the Knoxville Police Dept.
- The Oil and Chip project that was scheduled to begin, July 3rd, 2018 has been postponed to Monday, July 9th, 2018.
- The Vacuum Truck for the Water Department will be at the Water Department on Friday, July 6th, 2018 from 9:30am to 2:00pm to be viewed by the Council members.
- Acting City Clerk Wilt received an email from Historic Sites President Margaret Bivens that the Historic Sites has arranged for and will pay for the cost of repair and maintenance to the Log Cabin exterior by Silver Fox Timber Frames. Cost is about \$6,000. They are on the schedule but no definite date of the work to take place.
- Big Bang Brain Trivia netted \$641 toward the Fireworks Fund
- 4th of July Celebration will be this Wednesday, July 4th at James Knox Park and Council member volunteers would be greatly appreciated to go around for donations.
- The Knoxville Mercantile will be serving ice cream, hot dogs and drinks on their property at St. Mary's Chapel instead of the pavilion. They will stop serving once the fireworks commence.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative – Benjamin: Shared that the Big Bang Brain Trivia went well. Benjamin and Alderman Hillier both attended the event. The event does need to have better advertising because there were several comments of people not knowing about it.

Cemetery – Hillier: Received a 3rd compliment about how nice the cemetery looks since May. She would like to thank the Cemetery crew for their work.

Community & Economic Development – McGovern: None.

Parks – Eiker: None

Police – Myers: Thanked the police for working long hours and stated they are doing a good job on the recovery of some stolen items. Alderman Myer mentioned the sidewalk damage at 204 W. Main St. where a home was recently demolished. Alderman Myer would like something in the ordinance requiring proof of insurance for demolition contractors. Ruts in the terrace at the location also had to be filled in.

Sanitation – Naslund: Thanked the guys for their work in the heat.

Streets – Heller: Alderman Heller asked what the status was for Mr. Sahyouni's TIF funded redevelopment agreement. Mayor Maurer stated that Mr. Sahyouni has not made any TIF fund reimbursement requests.

Water/Sewer – Mahar: South Tower is still on hold due to a control panel malfunction. They can't drain the south tower properly. The water doesn't go to where it is supposed to go and it seems to fill up the Main Tower and overflows it. Gasvoda will be in some time to look at the

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problem. Mahar also stated that the manhole on Bayard Ave. needs to be attended to in the near future.

Future Agenda Items:

- **Street Department Truck purchase (make it known to FS now that we plan on purchasing)**
- **Street Department Addition**
- **Sidewalk Replacement at 204 W. Main St.**

Adjourn: At 8:03PM, Alderman **Eiker moved** to Adjourn the Meeting; Alderman **Myers seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Melanie Tuthill
Deputy City Clerk