

CITY OF KNOXVILLE

Regular Council Meeting

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

Monday, July 16, 2018, 7:00 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order: Mayor Maurer called the Appropriations Public Hearing to order at 7:00 PM. All rose to recite the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Roll Call: Present: Aldermen Benjamin, Eiker, Hillier, Heller, Mahar, McGovern, and Myers; Mayor Maurer, Treasurer Bivens, Attorney McCoy, and Acting City Clerk Wilt. **Absent:** Alderman Naslund. Also in attendance: two members of the press.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. **Appropriations – 2018-2019:** Mayor Maurer reminded all present that the details were discussed at the July 2, 2018 City Council Meeting and that the Appropriations Ordinance 2018-07 had been posted at City Hall for at least ten (10) days. He asked for questions, comments, or changes. Treasurer Bivens asked that the maximum amount be levied for the Library. Attorney McCoy stated that adjustment could be made at tax levy time.

Adjourn: With no further comments from the public, Mayor Maurer closed the Public Hearing at 6:45 pm.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Call to Order: Mayor Maurer called the Regular City Council Meeting to order.

Roll Call: Present: Aldermen Benjamin, Eiker, Hillier, Heller, Mahar, McGovern, and Myers; Mayor Maurer, Treasurer Bivens, Chief of Police Poyner, Attorney McCoy, Engineer Cooper, and Acting City Clerk Wilt. **Absent:** Alderman Naslund. Also in attendance: Mr. Mark Wilson, Mr. William Munson, Mr. Bernard Mates, Mr. Jim Rutledge, Mr. Scott Anderson, Mr. Marty Sterr, and two members of the press.

Public Comments: Mr. Jim Rutledge of 811 Swedenburg Rd thanked the Council for the oil and chip work done recently on Swedenburg Road.

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

GENERAL REPORTS

Attorney Report: None.

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Engineer Report: Engineer Cooper reported that the oil and chip work was completed the week of July 9. The south water tower repair project will be completed later in July. There was an issue with the controls that affected draining the tower, causing delays in the work.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bivens reported that the June monthly report was available in the online Council packet.

City Clerk's Report: Acting City Clerk Wilt reported that Dylan Griffith, summer intern through the Upward Bound program, will have his final day on July 31. He has been an asset to City Hall.

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.

Information Items: Mayor Maurer pointed out that the monthly departmental operating reports were available in the online Council packet.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **2018-2019 Appropriations:** A Public Hearing was held at 6:30 pm prior to the Council meeting. The Appropriations Ordinance has been on display at City Hall since July 2, 2018. Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve Appropriations Ordinance 2018-07. Alderman **Benjamin seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.
2. **Water Line Survey:** Mayor Maurer circulated a draft letter to be sent to homeowners with identified lead water lines. The project could cost about \$4000.00 for each of the 141 homes. The City could obtain a loan from the IEPA, of which half would be forgiven, which would bring the cost down to about \$2000.00. Deadline on the response by residents is July 30. The results will be presented at the August 6 meeting. If the City decided to go ahead with the project, the work would go out for bid. By general consensus, the Council approved sending the letter with minimal changes.
3. **Job Description for Part Time Painting Employee:** Mr. Marty Sterr introduced himself to the Council. He has 20 years experience painting commercial and residential buildings, as well as automobiles and airplanes. He has previous experience painting several Historic Sites buildings with his father. He currently holds a part time position with the Postal Service, but would be available to work for the City in his spare time. Alderman **Myers moved** to create a part time painter position. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent. Alderman **Hillier moved** to hire Marty Sterr as a part time painter for \$15.00 per hour, pending pre-employment screening. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent. A job resolution will be prepared for the August 6 meeting.

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NEW BUSINESS

1. **Street Department Truck Purchase:** The Street Department needs a new truck as the current truck is 18 years old. Bob Ridings Fleet Sales of Taylorville, IL, has a 2019 Ford F350 Truck that will meet the City's needs for \$58,947.00. Mayor Maurer had contacted Gwen Crawford of the Economic Development Group and the City is approved to use TIF funds for one third of the cost of the truck (\$19,649.00). The cost of the truck has been added to the Appropriations. Alderman **Heller moved** to purchase the truck, using TIF funds for one third of the cost. Alderman **Myers seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.

2. **Street Department Building Addition:** Additional work space and protection for City vehicles is needed in the Street Department building at 208 N Line St. This project has been added to the Appropriations. Alderman **Myers moved** to contract with West Central FS to add on to the Street Department Building for \$39,800.00. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with (6) Yes votes, one (1) Absent, and one (1) Abstention.

3. **Sidewalk Replacement 204 W Main:** The sidewalk at 204 W Main St was damaged by the contractor when the house was demolished recently. Heavy equipment was driven over the sidewalk, and there was nothing in the demolition contract addressing the situation. Alderman Myers suggested that the City send the contractor a letter stating that we are dissatisfied with the way the sidewalk was left. The sidewalk will eventually need to be replaced as it is a safety hazard, but no one is claiming responsibility at this time. Treasurer Bivens pointed out that the City could replace the sidewalk and place a lien against the property. Sidewalk condition will need to be addressed in future demolitions.

4. **Ordinance 2018-09 Prohibiting Use of Groundwater from within a Designated Area as a Potable Water Supply:** The City has received notice that the IL EPA has denied Knoxville Ordinance 2012-04 because it does not explicitly include the City in the restriction. This ordinance from 2012 refers to the underground tanks at 319 E Main St. Attorney McCoy drafted Ordinance 2018-08 to correct the wording on the original ordinance which will close the open case with the IEPA. Alderman **Heller moved** to approve Ordinance 2018-09 Prohibiting Use of Groundwater from within a Designated Area as a Potable Water Supply. Alderman **Myers seconded** the motion with **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.

5. **Ordinance – Allowing Golf Carts on Public Streets:** Attorney McCoy had prepared a draft ordinance allowing golf carts and other non-highway vehicles, pending a vehicle inspection and with an annual permit fee of \$50.00. Residents Bernard Mates 238 Westview Dr, William Munson 100 Willow Ln, and Mark Wilson 107 Willow Ln all made comments against the impending ordinance. Mr. Scott Anderson of 403 Jefferson St spoke for the ordinance, and offered to make all inspections. Attorney McCoy

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reminded the Council that a non-employee could not make inspections. Chief Poyner was asked for his opinion, and he is opposed to the ordinance due to safety issues including difficulty crossing state highways and unauthorized children and those with revoked driver's licenses driving the vehicles. Alderman **Myers moved to table** the discussion until the August 6, 2018 meeting. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

6. **Ordinance 2018-10 Small Wireless Facilities:** A new law in Illinois allows that additional telecommunication hardware may be added to structures in the public right-of-way as wireless carriers. Attorney McCoy presented the ordinance to give the City some authority as to the size of these facilities on existing and new poles. The City cannot control if these come in on the right of way so an ordinance needs to be in place to be able to charge permit fees of \$650.00 on using existing poles and \$1000.00 if a new pole is placed. Permits are good for 5 years. Alderman **Myers moved** to approve Ordinance 2018-10 Establishing a Small Cell Wireless Facilities Code. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.
7. **Resolution 2018-42, Hire Part Time Police Officer Randy L. Wilson:** Alderman **Myers moved** to hire Randy L. Wilson at \$15.00 per hour. Mr. Wilson is already certified in Police work. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.

Mayor's Report:

- The next Council meeting will be on Monday, August 6, 2018 at 7:00 pm.
- Thank you to Aldermen Myers, Hillier, and Benjamin for collecting donations during the fireworks, which raised \$505.30. The Big Bang Brain Trivia night raised \$641.00. The Mayor will appoint a July 4 committee to plan future events, such as placing donation cans at businesses, take care of details, and to research how other communities handle their fireworks.
- Debbie Nichols and Brian Wright have filled the two open positions on the Library Board.
- An email was received from a resident asking if the City-owned lot at 610 S. Division St was for sale. Mayor Maurer responded to the resident that it was not currently for sale, but asked the Council to make a decision as to what to do with the property.
- A thank you note from the Terry Mauer family thanking the City for the memorial donation to the Public Library, plus a note from the Library acknowledging the donation, were circulated.
- The Action Team meets on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 5:30 pm at First Midwest Bank.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative – Benjamin: None.

Cemetery – Hillier: None.

Community & Economic Development – McGovern: None.

Parks – Eiker: None.

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Police – Myers: The new 2018 Taurus squad car has arrived.

Sanitation – Naslund: None

Streets – Heller: None.

Water/Sewer – Mahar: The new vacuum truck has arrived and has already been used.

Future Agenda Items:

- **Lead Water Line Survey**
- **Sidewalk Replacement 204 W Main St**
- **Allowing Golf Carts on Public Streets**
- **Status of City-owned property at 610 S Division St**

Adjourn: At about 8:15 PM, Alderman **Heller 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