

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

**Monday, October 15, 2018, 7:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Maurer called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM. All rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call: Present:** Aldermen Benjamin, Hillier, Heller, Mahar, Myers; Mayor Maurer, Treasurer Bivens, Chief of Police Poyner, Attorney McCoy, Engineer Cooper, Water Superintendent Johnson, and Acting City Clerk Wilt. **Absent:** Aldermen Eiker, McGovern and Naslund. Also in attendance: Mr. Jared Poplett, and two members of the press.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** Aldermen **Hillier moved** to approve the Minutes of the October 1, 2018 City Council Meeting; Alderman **Benjamin seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with two abstentions.

**GENERAL REPORTS**

**Attorney Report:** No report.

**Engineer Report:** Engineer Cooper reported that the tower painting contractor may start the project this fall if weather allows, otherwise they will start in the spring. They will begin with the North Tower.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Bivens presented a paper copy of her monthly report and said that all CD dates and interest rates have been updated. She asked for input on the current loan on the Street Sweeper. There is \$28,000.00 left to pay at 2.85% interest, which is paid out of the Sanitation Fund. The consensus was to continue to make payments instead of paying it off.

**City Clerk's Report:** None.

**Payment of City Bills:** Alderman **Myers moved** to approve payment of the City Bills; Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion which **passed** with five (5) Yes votes and three (3) Absent.

**Information Items:**

- Mayor Maurer noted that the Annual TIF Joint Review Board meeting was held at 6:00 just prior to the Council meeting. Steve Kline had presented information on the 2016-2017 fiscal year. The current TIF ends in 2026, payable in 2027.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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1. **Draft Ordinance – Solar Energy Systems:** Mayor Maurer reported that at their October 10, 2018 meeting, the Plan Commission approved recommending the proposed Solar Energy Ordinance, but with the addition of landscaping requirements.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. **Report of Plan Commission 10-10-2018:** Mayor Maurer reported that the Plan Commission currently has two open positions, and has no chairman or secretary. The group did not want to elect a chairman, so Mayor Maurer presided over the meeting, and John Anderson served as secretary. Besides the Solar Energy Draft Ordinance approval noted in Old Business Item #1, the TIF requests for 201 E Main St and 205 E Main St were also approved. The Plan Commission was also interested in combining the Plan Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mayor Maurer will research this combination.
2. **TIF Application – 201 E Main St:** Mayor Maurer stated this is the former George’s Restaurant, owned by Pete Alfano. Extensive work needs to be done on this building, including tuck pointing, which has already started. A preliminary estimate submitted is \$66,547.00, of which 75% is \$49,910.00, above the maximum of \$40,000.00. Alderman **Benjamin moved** to approve the TIF application for 201 E Main St. Alderman **Mahar seconded** the motion, which **passed** with five (5) Yes votes and three (3) Absent.
3. **TIF Application – 205 E Main St:** Mayor Maurer stated this is the current Great Outdoors building, owned by Pete Alfano. The work on this building is not as extensive as the one next door at 201 E Main. A preliminary estimate submitted is \$24,198.00, of which 75% is \$18,150.00. Alderman **Benjamin moved** to approve the TIF application for Pete Alfano for 205 E Main St. Alderman **Mahar seconded** the motion, which **passed** with five (5) Yes votes and three (3) Absent.
4. **Possible Lead Line Water Replacement Incentive:** Water Superintendent Johnson addressed the Council concerning options for individuals who would like to replace lead water lines. The City currently provides parts for customers installing new service lines. The City would continue to pay for parts, and the homeowner would pay for the labor to install the line. Alderman **Myers moved** to approve the Lead Line Water Replacement program as outlined, including using plastic pipe and reducing street cut fees by one half. Alderman **Benjamin seconded** the motion, which **passed** with five (5) Yes votes and three (3) Absent. The program will be limited to 5 households per year on a first come, first served basis.
5. **Ordinance 2018-14 - Prohibiting Cannabis Possession:** Attorney McCoy reported that there was no reference to cannabis possession in the current ordinance Chapter 16. The passage of this ordinance would allow the fines for an administrative warning ticket for cannabis possession to be paid to the City. Alderman **Myers moved** to approve

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6. **Ordinance 2018-15 – Revise Chapter 16 -Truancy:** Chief Poyner said that the school district had contacted him about this matter which allows the City to work with the school district on matters of truancy, plus it gives the school the ability to issue and administrative warning ticket on their own. Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve Ordinance 2018-15 – Truancy. Alderman **Myers seconded** the motion, which **passed** with five (5) Yes votes and three (3) Absent.
7. **Waive Solicitor Permit Fee for MidCentury Fiber Project:** Mayor Maurer reported that on October 10, MidCentury Fiber held a community meeting for businesses interested in contracting with them for internet and phone service. MidCentury will be soliciting both businesses and residences promoting their services. Alderman **Myers moved** to waive the solicitor’s permit fee for MidCentury. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissention.

**Mayor’s Report:**

- The next Council meeting will be on Monday, November 5, 2018 at 7:00 pm.
- The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Old Courthouse. They will review the solar energy ordinance and discuss combining the Plan Commission with the ZBA.
- The Plan Commission asked the Council to consider banning the use of farm stock fencing in residential areas, and prohibiting multiple non-running vehicles on properties.
- The Sit N Knit TIF reimbursement is scheduled for payment, and the America’s Best Value Inn TIF reimbursement is pending.
- The Economic Development Group will issue a letter to release Elias Sahyouni from his redevelopment agreement at 222 E Main St. This will leave a path for the proposed new owners to apply for their own agreement.
- The BP station on Hwy 9 has been closed for over a week. Owner Mr. Kataria had told the Mayor that he would like to apply for TIF grant now, but the Mayor informed him that it was too late as the work has already been completed months ago, and the Council was not interested in backdating an application.
- The Action Team is still looking for a site on the north side of town for a Welcome to Knoxville sign.
- BlueStem Energy, mentioned at the last Council meeting, will be contacted for further information on an energy feasibility study.
- The Mayor attended the October 2, 2018 meeting of the Public Library Board to update them on building concerns. Contractor Kenny Reid has agreed to view the building.
- A meeting with Chad Morse of Porter-Hay Insurance is scheduled for October 16, 2018 to discuss renewal of property/casualty insurance options with both ICRMT and IML.
- Alderman Myers will be performing golf cart inspections at the Knox County Fairgrounds on Sunday November 4, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Chief Poyner will order the vehicle stickers.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Administrative – Benjamin:** None.

**Cemetery – Hillier:** None.

**Community & Economic Development – McGovern:** None.

**Parks – Eiker:** None.

**Police – Myers:** None.

**Sanitation – Naslund:** None.

**Streets – Heller:** None.

**Water/Sewer – Mahar:** None.

**Future Agenda Items:**

- **City Audit 2017-2018**

**Adjourn:** At about 8:19 PM, Alderman **Myers moved** to Adjourn the Meeting; Alderman **Benjamin seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

Submitted by:

Leslie Wilt, Acting City Clerk