

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

Monday, November 5, 2018, 7:00 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order: Mayor Maurer called the Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of former Mayor Dr. Robert O. Johnson, Jr, who passed away October 25, 2018. Bob served as Ward 1 Alderman from 1985 to 1993, and Mayor from 1993 to 1994. He then served as Ward 2 Alderman in 2011, and as Mayor from 2011 to 2016.

All rose to recite the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Roll Call: Present: Aldermen Benjamin, Eiker, Heller, Hillier, Mahar, Myers, and Naslund; Mayor Maurer, Treasurer Bivens, Attorney McCoy, Chief of Police Poyner and Acting City Clerk Wilt. **Absent:** Alderman McGovern. Also in attendance: Mr. Ben Burgland of Blucker, Kneer & Assoc, Mr. Chad Morse of Porter-Hay Insurance, Mr. Jared Hawkinson, Mr. Jared Poplett, and three members of the press.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of Minutes: Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve the Minutes of the October 15, 2018 City Council Meeting; Alderman **Mahar seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

GENERAL REPORTS

None.

INFORMATION ITEMS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Finalize TIF 224 E Main St:** The Economic Development Group has verified that Developer Pete Alfano is eligible to receive a grant for \$14,455.14, which is 75% of the eligible project costs for 224 E Main St. Alderman **Myers moved** to approve the grant. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. 2017-2018 Annual Audit Report:** Mr. Ben Burgland with Blucker, Kneer, & Associates presented the annual 2017-2018 audit report. He reported that the City uses generally accepted accounting principles and found all accounts in order. He noted an

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\$80,000.00 increase in the Town Fund, and a net cash increase of \$205,000.00 in the proprietary funds.

2. **Property/Casualty Insurance Renewal:** Chad Morse of Porter-Hay Insurance presented a renewal quote from IML for \$69,606.00 and one from previous insurer ICRMT for \$88,935.00. The policy from IML does not include coverage for auxiliary police offices if they were to discharge a weapon. To be covered, they would need to complete 40 hours annual training before the policy could take effect. Last year IML made an exception on this point, but they will not do that this year and they do not offer any additional coverage to allow for it. By general consensus, the renewal was tabled until the November 19, 2018 meeting.
3. **Report of Zoning Board of Appeals 10-30-18:** Mayor Maurer reported that this meeting could not officially take place as there was not a quorum present. There are currently two open spots on both the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Commission. Council members cannot sit on either group as they are advisory committees. Mayor Maurer suggested combining the groups and letting the member number reduce to seven through attrition, but Attorney McCoy advised that there could only be seven members on a board. One groups would simplify the process and would help with scheduling. Mayor Maurer will discuss alternatives with both groups at their next meetings.
4. **Appoint Zoning Board of Appeals Members:** See above. No action taken.
5. **City Citation Proposed Change:** Police Chief Poyner had suggested the following changes to the City Citation form: addition of cannabis violations, addition of the City address, and replacement of missing verbiage. Alderman **Myers moved** to approve Ordinance 2018-16, Approved Format for Administrative Warning Ticket. Alderman **Naslund seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.
6. **MidCentury Fiber Request for Purchase of Property:** MidCentury Fiber is in the process of boring to place their fiber to the downtown area now. They request to purchase land near the downtown area to build a small building to house equipment. They would start with a 4x4 to 4x10 ft building, and may wish to expand to a larger size later. They have requested part of the City owned lot on North St north of Big Catz BBQ. The Mayor will suggest to them the former Locke's Roofing on Main St, the former Howe's Overhead Door on Galesburg Rd, and the empty lot east of Hurd-Hendricks Funeral Home on the South Public Sq.
7. **Close City Hall at 12:00 pm on November 23, 2018:** Alderman **Myers moved** to close City Hall at 12:00 pm on November 23, 2018, the day after Thanksgiving. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.
8. **Resolution 2018-48 – Christmas Parade:** Alderman **Naslund moved** to approve Resolution 2018-18, requesting closure of part of State Route 150 for the annual

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Christmas Parade at 1:00 on December 1. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent. (The agenda had the incorrect Resolution number 2018-47, which the City Clerk corrected.)

Mayor's Report:

- The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, November 19, 2018 at 7:00 pm.
- The Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Old Courthouse to discuss a possible merger of the ZBA and the Planning Commission, plus a possible TIF request from the Fire Department.
- The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Old Courthouse to discuss a solar energy farm ordinance and to discuss a possible merger of the ZBA and the Planning Commission.
- The FY2018 annual TIF report is available at City Hall.
- Petitions for the April 2, 2019 Consolidated Election are available at City Hall.
- The Economic Development Group has drafted a document to rescind the redevelopment agreement Mr. Elias Sahyouni has with the City for 222 E. Main St.
- Two residents have shown interest in the lead line replacement program.
- Museum Associate Vicky Mundwiler has requested to be included in the City's 457(B) Retirement Plan. The plan is currently only for full time employees, and Vicky is a part time, year round employee, working 20 hours per week.
- Five golf carts were inspected on November 4 by Alderman Myers. Those citizens will then need to come to City Hall to finalize their registration.
- A letter from Mrs. Penny Flesner, 450 Broad Ave was circulated. She is opposed to farm stock style fencing.

Committee Reports

- **Water and Sewer:** Alderman Mahar reported that the pumps at the lift station need to be cleaned periodically and since the City does not own a hoist, the work has to be contracted out for approximately \$500.00 per session. The City could purchase a hoist for \$3500.00. Also, there have been three water main breaks during the boring process for the MidCentury Fiber project.
- **Sanitation:** Alderman Naslund reported that the transmission on the garbage truck is in the process of being repaired. A new garbage truck may need to be purchased next year.

Adjourn: At 8:15 PM, Alderman **Hillier moved** to Adjourn the Meeting; Alderman **Myers seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

Submitted by:

Leslie Wilt
Acting City Clerk