

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

Monday, December 17, 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, Eiker, Hillier, Heller, Mahar, Myers; Mayor Maurer, Treasurer Bivens, Chief of Police Poyner, Attorney McCoy, and Acting City Clerk Wilt.

Absent: Aldermen McGovern and Naslund. Also in attendance: Officer AJ Avery, Mr. Bill Munson, Mr. Jared Poplett, four Boy Scouts and two Scout leaders from Boy Scout Troup 220.

Public Comments: Scout Kevin Brush of Boy Scout Troup 220 informed the Council that the Scouts were there to learn about Council proceedings, and were earning a merit badge.

Approval of Minutes: Aldermen **Eiker moved** to approve the Minutes of the November 19, 2018 City Council Meeting; Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent. The meeting scheduled for December 3, 2018 was cancelled by Mayor Maurer due to lack of business.

GENERAL REPORTS

Attorney Report: Attorney McCoy asked if the Council wished to proceed to demolish 220 W. Ann St, a property that has previously cited as a nuisance. By general consensus, the Council asked Attorney McCoy to do a lien search, and to continue with demolition procedures.

Engineer Report: Engineer Cooper reported that he looked into utilizing solar power at the waste water treatment plant, but after a discussion with a solar company, the project is not feasible due to not enough open space for solar panels. The sludge bed area is still used as a back-up. The landowner of the property adjacent to the plant will be asked about selling or donating the land.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bivens presented a paper copy of her monthly report.

City Clerk's Report: No report.

Payment of City Bills: Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve payment of the City Bills; Alderman **Benjamin seconded** the motion which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and two (2) Absent.

Information Items: None

OLD BUSINESS

None

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NEW BUSINESS

1. **Christmas Bonuses for City Employees:** Alderman **Myers moved** to approve the employee Christmas bonuses of \$100.00 for full time employees and \$50.00 for part time employees. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and two (2) Absent.

2. **Appointments to Zoning Board of Appeals:** Mayor Maurer reported that he is reappointing Ken Lockwood and Randy McCoy to the Zoning Board of appeals for another term. He is also appointing Tom Hoehn and John Anderson, members of the disbanded Planning Commission, to fill the two vacant seats on the Zoning Board. Alderman **Hillier moved** to accept the Mayor's appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and two (2) Absent.

Mayor's Report:

- The next Council meeting will be on Monday, January 7, 2019 at 7:00 pm.
- The Mayor wrote a grant requesting \$25,000.00 for sidewalk work at James Knox Park.
- The Mayor will get a group together in 2019 to work with Jim Eastwood on the Fishing Derby.
- The Mayor informed Don Moffitt with the Knoxville Fire Department that their TIF request would result in an intergovernmental agreement.
- Notes were read from the Knoxville First Responders thanking the City for the donation in memory of George Hurd, and from Mrs. Patricia Johnson, and from the Knoxville Community Fund, both thanking the City for the donation in memory of former Mayor Dr. Robert O. Johnson, Jr.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative – Benjamin: None.

Cemetery – Hillier: None.

Community & Economic Development – McGovern: None.

Parks – Eiker: None.

Police – Myers: Alderman Myers noted that the City requires pre-employment drug screening, but not random drug testing. Attorney McCoy will look into this matter for a future agenda item. Alderman Myers also introduced Officer AJ Avery, who has been with the department since August 2018. Officer Avery will begin his state training in February 2019.

Sanitation – Naslund: None.

Streets – Heller: None.

Water/Sewer – Mahar: The step screen at the wastewater treatment plant is in need of repairs, which will begin in the spring.

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Adjourn: At about 7:30 PM, Alderman **Hillier moved** to Adjourn the Meeting; Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

Submitted by:

Leslie Wilt, Acting City Clerk