

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

Monday, January 7, 2019, 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 Benjamin, Eiker, Heller, Mahar, Myers, and Naslund; Mayor Maurer, Treasurer Bivens, Attorney McCoy, Chief of Police Poyner, Water Superintendent Johnson, and Acting City Clerk Wilt. **Absent:** Aldermen Hillier and McGovern. Also in attendance: Mr. John McCarthy, Mr. Jared Poplett, and one member of the press.

Public Comments: Mr. John McCarthy, 204 Division St, requested stop signs on Division Street at the corner of Division and Grove Streets, to attempt to slow down traffic. This request will be placed on the January 21, 2019 agenda.

Approval of Minutes: Alderman **Benjamin moved** to approve the Minutes of the December 17, 2018 City Council Meeting; Alderman **Mahar seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with one abstention.

GENERAL REPORTS

Attorney Report: Attorney McCoy noted that there will be a public hearing on January 16, 2019 for the Zoning Board of Appeals to consider a special use permit for Love's Truck Stop to build a solar garden at 1405 Knox Hwy 9. Items to be addressed are landscaping, fencing, and decommissioning. An ordinance will then be prepared for the January 21, 2019 Council meeting.

Engineer Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: No report

City Clerk's Report: No report.

INFORMATION ITEMS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Random Drug Testing for City Employees:** Attorney McCoy prepared an updated drug free workplace policy, especially addressing new federal requirements for CDL

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

license holders and for medical marijuana users. Other items to consider are frequency of testing, inclusion of all employees or only employees in safety positions, and authority to send an employee for testing on demand. This item will be placed on the January 21, 2019 agenda.

2. **Subdivision Ordinance Revision – Notification Period:** Attorney McCoy provided an ordinance amending Section 25-9-1 of the Municipal Code which clarifies the public notice requirement for subdivision requests. Alderman **Myers moved** to adopt Ordinance 2019-01. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and two (2) Absent.

Mayor’s Report:

- The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, January 21, 2019 at 7:00 pm.
- The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Old Courthouse to discuss requests for a subdivision plan for a cell tower and for a special use permit for a solar garden.
- The Mayor will attend the January 10, 2019 meeting of the Knoxville Fire Protection District to discuss a Governmental Agreement for building improvements.
- Following up on a request from the last meeting, a resident must reside in a ward for one year before seeking election to the City Council.
- MidCentury Fiber will be hosting an informational meeting for residents at Hurd’s Fellowship Center on either January 31 or January 28.
- An email from Matthew Muir with CABT was received by several council members. He is opposing longer and heavier semi-trucks, and would like to meet with City officials.

Committee Reports

- **Water and Sewer:** Water Superintendent Johnson addressed the Council about 206 Newman St. The homeowners have water service line issues, and a new line will be bored soon. While it has been determined to not be a City issue, the homeowners have addressed the City several times, and Superintendent Johnson is cooperating with them.
- **Parks:** Alderman Eiker will be meeting with Jim Eastwood soon to start discussion for the annual Fishing Derby.

Adjourn: At 7:39 PM, Alderman **Benjamin 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