

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

Monday, May 20, 2019, 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, Gruner, Hillier, Howard, Myers, Naslund; Mayor Maurer, Treasurer Bivens, Chief of Police Poyner, Attorney McCoy, Water Superintendent Johnson, City Clerk Wilt. **Absent:** None. Also in attendance: Mr. Dan Eiker, Mr. Tony Plack, Mr. Jared Poplett, Mr. Keith Vaughn, Ms. Elise Quarterman.

Mayor Maurer administered the Oath of Office to Dan Eiker, re-elected as Ward 4 Alderman.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of Minutes: Aldermen **Myers moved** to approve the Minutes of the May 6, 2019 City Council Meeting; Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

GENERAL REPORTS

Attorney Report: No report.

Engineer Report: Mayor Maurer reported for Engineer Cooper that the North Tower painting has been completed and the tower should be back on line this week following water testing.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bivens passed out 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 seven (7) Yes votes.

Information Items: Alderman Gruner reported on the municipal law seminar he attended on May 11, 2019, hosted by Miller, Hall & Triggs.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Proposed Liquor Ordinance – Outdoor Events for CR License Holders:** Mr. Keith Vaughn spoke to the draft ordinance, which adds Subclass 2 to Section 4-1-6, and requested the allowance of the sale of alcohol at outdoor events for Class CR liquor license holders. The subclass would be for tent events, but Mr. Vaughn does plan on building a permanent structure in the future. Also, he had previously requested only serving beer and wine, but would now like the option to serve hard liquor as well.

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Attorney McCoy stated that wording could be amended as part of a motion. Alderman **Naslund moved** to approve Ordinance 2019-05 Allowing the Sale of Alcohol at Outdoor Events for Holders of a Class CR Liquor License, as amended. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Committee Chair Assignments:** Mayor Maurer announced the following committee chairmen: Administration – Myers, Cemetery – Hillier, Water/Sewer – Gruner, Street – Eiker, Police – Naslund, Economic Development – Benjamin, Parks – Howard, Sanitation – TBA Ward 2 Alderman. Alderman **Myers moved** to accept the committee chair assignments. Alderman **Howard seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.
2. **Request to Close Portion of North St June 1 for Fire Department Event:** Tony Plack from the Knoxville Fire Department requested the closure of a small section of North St directly behind the Fire Station on June 1, 2019 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm for a training session. Alderman **Howard moved** close North St for this event. Alderman **Benjamin seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.
3. **Council of Churches Sign Posting Request:** Mrs. Peg Bivens, on behalf of the Knoxville Council of Churches, requested posting a banner on the terrace at the southwest corner of Division St and Route 150, to advertise the Vacation Bible School for Knoxville churches, for three weeks prior to the event on June 24-27, 2019. Alderman **Myers moved** to allow the signage. Alderman **Naslund seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.
4. **Appoint Tim Eagle to Zoning Board of Appeals:** Alderman **Gruner moved** to appoint Tim Eagle to the open seat on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.
5. **Mid-Century Communications Franchise Agreement:** As there was no MidCentury representative available to attend the meeting, Alderman **Eiker moved** to table the discussion until the June 3, 2019 meeting. Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.
6. **Mid-Century Communications Property Purchase:** Mayor Maurer reported that the appraisal for the Ann St. lot west of the Police Station is \$15,000.00. Bruner, Cooper, and Zuck has re-surveyed the lot in preparation for subdividing it. Alderman **Naslund moved** to offer MidCentury Communications the option to either purchase the eastern half of the lot for \$7500.00, or to purchase the eastern quarter of the lot for \$5000.00. Alderman **Myers seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.

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7. **Create Street Department Full Time Utility Worker Position:** The qualification of painter will be added to this job description. The Street Utility Worker description could be adjusted each time someone is hired, depending on the skillset required. There will be a resolution for this position at the June 3, 2019 Council meeting.

Mayor's Report:

- A bid was received from Dower's Roofing for \$1600.00 to repair the awning in the alleyway of the Library. This item will be discussed at the June 3, 2019 Council meeting.
- Armour Roofing has submitted two estimates to either repair or replace the City Hall roof. This item will be discussed at the June 3, 2019 Council meeting.
- The property at 220 W Ann St has been sold to Nate Gibbs. The City has reversed its demolition proceedings on this property. Mr. Gibbs will be required to demolish the buildings.
- The next Council meeting will be on Monday, June 3, 2019 at 7:00 pm.
- The Action Team will meet on June 18, 2019.
- Fireworks Trivia night will be June 15, 2019.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative – Myers: None.

Cemetery – Hillier: None.

Community & Economic Development – Benjamin: None.

Parks – Howard: None.

Police – Naslund: None.

Sanitation: None.

Streets – Eiker: None for Streets, but he brought a request from his wife Jane Eiker to hold Praise in the Park in July again this year. This request will be discussed at the June 3, 2019 Council meeting.

Water/Sewer – Gruner: None.

Adjourn: At about 7:54 PM, Alderman **Gruner moved** to Adjourn the Meeting; Alderman **Benjamin seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

Submitted by:

Leslie Wilt, City Clerk