

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

**Monday, August 5, 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, Gruner, Hillier, Howard, Myers and Naslund; Mayor Maurer, Treasurer Bivens, Attorney McCoy, Chief of Police Poyner, Supervisor of Public Works Rossell, Water Superintendent Johnson, and City Clerk Wilt. **Absent:** None. Also in attendance: Mrs. Linda Neave and three additional people.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve the Minutes of the July 15, 2019 City Council Meeting and the Minutes of the July 22, 2019 Special Council Meeting. Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

**GENERAL REPORTS**

**Attorney Report:** Attorney McCoy presented a memo prepared by his firm Miller, Hall, and Triggs, LLC, for the purpose of giving information about the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act, signed into Illinois law in June 2019, to take effect January 1, 2020. Specific items to consider are zoning issues for cannabis business establishments and employment policies such as standards of impairment and zero tolerance.

**City Clerk's Report:** City Clerk Wilt noted that the IL Dept of Transportation has notified the City that the Motor Fuel Tax documentation review for 2018 has been completed.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Employee Health Care:** City Clerk Wilt reported that she and Mr. Dan Hiett of John Graham & Associates are still working on getting employee information to be able to get additional health insurance options. Mr. Hiett will be in attendance at the August 19, 2019 meeting to present the final options before the September 1, 2019 deadline.
2. **Second Reading – Increase Residential Sanitation Rates:** Attorney McCoy presented a draft resolution that increases residential garbage collection fees by \$1.00 for in-city service, from \$10.00 to \$11.00, with no change to out-of-city service rates. After discussion, Alderman Myers suggested also increasing out-of-city fees by \$1.00, from \$13.50 to \$14.50. Alderman **Myers moved** to approve Resolution 2019-47, Amending

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Refuse Collection Fees, to include the change of the out-of-city rate to \$14.50. Alderman **Howard seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Driveway & Culvert Request for 761-763 US Hwy 150E:** Mrs. Linda Neave, 761-763 US Hwy 150E requested to add a culvert and 24 foot driveway on the Buena Vista side of her address, due to the difficulty backing out onto US Hwy 150 from the current driveway. Supervisor of Public Works Rossell reported that he had viewed the area and can accommodate this request. Alderman **Naslund moved** to approve the request. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.
2. **Knoxville High School Recognition Sign Request:** Alderman **Myers moved** to approve signage recognizing Knoxville High School's 2019 Class A 4x800 State Championship team. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

**Mayor's Report:**

- The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, August 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm.
- The next Library Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at 7:00 pm.
- The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 7:00 pm to discuss the Knoxville MidCentury Subdivision. This is a minor subdivision, and it will not be a hearing.
- The requests for using TIF funding for the Police station roof project and the Library windows, alleyway awning, and building sealant have been approved by the Economic Development Group.
- The current water contract with the City of Galesburg expires March 4, 2024, but the contract states a date of March 4, 2019, to begin negotiations to extend or renew the contract. After contacting the City of Galesburg, this situation has occurred in several surrounding communities. Galesburg plans to do a water rate study prior to negotiating the next contract.
- As of June 1, 2019, the State of Illinois no longer requires municipalities to pass a prevailing wage ordinance.
- As of July 12, 2019, Illinois Governor Pritzker extended the time frame in which non-home rule municipalities can use their non-home rule sales tax revenues for general municipal operations.

**Committee Reports**

- **Administration:** No report
- **Economic Development:** No report
- **Parks:** No report
- **Police:** No report

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- **Sanitation:** No report.
- **Streets:** No report
- **Water/Sewer:** Alderman Gruner reported that Superintendent Johnson has a preventative maintenance plan in place for the Water Department, and the Sewer department also needs a plan. Also, a long-term sewer lining plan needs to be made.

**Adjourn:** At 7:33 PM, Alderman **Hillier moved** to Adjourn the Meeting; Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

Submitted by:

Leslie Wilt  
City Clerk