

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

**Monday, August 19, 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, Eiker, Gruner, Hillier, Howard, Myers, Naslund; Mayor Maurer, Attorney McCoy, City Clerk Wilt. Treasurer Bivens arrived at about 7:10 pm. **Absent:** Chief of Police Poyner, Engineer Cooper. Also in attendance: Mr. Dan Hiatt with John Graham & Associates and one member of the press.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** City Clerk Wilt noted that the August 5, 2019 minutes show an adjournment time of 8:33 pm, when it was actually 7:33 pm. Aldermen **Gruner moved** to approve the Minutes of the August 5, 2019 City Council Meeting as corrected; Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

**GENERAL REPORTS**

**Attorney Report:** No report.

**Engineer Report:** No report.

**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 **Gruner seconded** the motion which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.

**Information Items:** Mayor Maurer noted that the monthly departmental operating reports were available in the online Council packet.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. Employee Health Insurance:** Mr. Dan Hiatt with John Graham & Associates presented options for employee healthcare. Renewal with United Healthcare has a 4.2% increase, plus higher out-of-pocket and higher co-pays. The City has also qualified for an underwritten plan with National General. This plan costs significantly less than the current plan, and covers all Galesburg and Peoria hospitals, in addition to Iowa City hospitals. The employees would not have to change healthcare providers. Alderman **Howard moved** to accept Plan 3 Employee Health Insurance from National General,

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with a monthly premium of \$7,997.04. Alderman **Myers seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Zoning Board of Appeals – Knoxville MidCentury Subdivision:** At their August 14, 2019 meeting, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted to recommend the approval of the Knoxville MidCentury Subdivision, for the City-owned lot on the corner of Ann and Hebard Streets. Alderman **Myers moved** to approve **Resolution 2019-48** to Approve the Knoxville MidCentury Subdivision. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.
- 2. Ordinance 2019-09 -- Sale of Knoxville MidCentury Subdivision:** Alderman **Howard** moved to approve Ordinance 2019-09 Authorizing the Sale of Lot 2 of the MidCentury Subdivision, at the corner of Ann and Hebard Streets, to MidCentury Enterprises for \$7,500.00. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.
- 3. Approve Library Appropriations:** Alderman **Naslund moved** to release the 2019-2020 Appropriation for the Library for \$15,000.00. Alderman **Myers seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.
- 4. Approval for Purchase of Water Locator:** Alderman **Gruner moved** to purchase an All Material Locator for the Water Department for \$7,400.00. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.
- 5. Water Department Superintendent Job Description:** Alderman **Gruner moved** to add the phrase “Remain current on all EPA/IEPA requirements related to maintaining appropriate certifications” to the City Water Superintendent job description. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.
- 6. Golf Cart Sticker Transfers:** Alderman **Myers** stated that there is no procedure in place if a resident sells his golf cart and purchases another. He suggested charging the resident \$25.00 and performing an inspection of the new cart. Attorney **McCoy** will draft an ordinance to address this. New stickers for 2019-2020 golf carts will need to be ordered, and it was suggested to reorder the current design, but select a different color, preferably fluorescent.

**Mayor’s Report:**

- James Knox Park is entirely within the TIF district.
- Alderman **Myers** is still looking into getting bids for a slanted roof for City Hall.
- The monthly department head meeting will be held Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 9:30 am.

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- State Senator Chuck Weaver will hold a public meeting Thursday, August 22, 2019 from 8:00-9:00 am at Big Catz BBQ.
- Continue to consider options for the City with regard to the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act, to take effect January 1, 2020.
- The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 7:00 pm. The date change is due to the Labor Day holiday on September 2.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Administrative – Myers:** Alderman Myers questioned if TIF funds could be used to build a new City Hall. Treasurer Bivens stated yes as long as it was built within the TIF district. Alderman Myers would like to build on the city-owned lot on North St to the north of Big Catz BBQ.

**Cemetery – Hillier:** None.

**Community & Economic Development – Benjamin:** None.

**Parks – Howard:** None.

**Police – Naslund:** Alderman Naslund requested that police station gutter replacement be placed on the September 3, 2019 Council meeting.

**Sanitation:** None.

**Streets – Eiker:** None.

**Water/Sewer – Gruner:** Alderman Gruner is working with Water Superintendent Johnson to prioritize sewer relining, and work will begin on Pleasant St and Douglas St. There are also brick manholes which need refurbishing. Training on the new water locator will begin in September.

**Adjourn:** At 8:01 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, City Clerk