

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

Monday, October 21, 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, Treasurer Bivens (arrived at 7:42 PM), City Clerk Wilt.

Absent: None. Also in attendance: Mrs. Darcy Thorp, Mr. Shawn Mason.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of Minutes: Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve the Minutes of the October 7, 2019 City Council Meeting; Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with one (1) Abstention.

GENERAL REPORTS

Attorney Report: No report.

Engineer Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

City Clerk's Report: City Clerk Wilt provided the Council with a four month fiscal year financial report.

Payment of City Bills: Alderman **Eiker moved** to approve payment of the City Bills; Alderman **Hillier 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.
- Alderman Myers reviewed the golf cart sticker renewal program. The new stickers are due by November 1, and an inspection is not needed for renewals. Some points of the program will need to be clarified for next year.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Request to Install Culverts at 703 E North St:** Homeowner Bryan Conley had addressed the Council at the October 7, 2019 meeting to request two additional culverts for his property. Alderman **Hillier moved** to grant the request. Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

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2. **Knoxville Fire Protection District Intergovernmental Agreement:** Mayor Maurer presented this agreement, drafted by the Economic Development Group. It outlines a reimbursement to the Fire Department from the TIF fund in the amount of \$38,560.00 for capital improvements including new overhead doors, new furnaces, and replacing interior paneling. The reimbursement does not include the flooring that was in the original request. Alderman **Myers moved** to approve Ordinance 2019-11 An Intergovernmental Agreement with the Knoxville Community Fire Protection District. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.
3. **Knox County Fairgrounds Sign Request:** Mrs. Darcy Thorp, representing the Knox County Fairgrounds, again requested funding towards the purchase of a refurbished electronic sign to be placed in a northeast portion of the fairgrounds that sits on Knox County land. They have received approval for this location from the Knox County Zoning Board. In 2015, the Council had approved donating \$10,000.00 from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund for a different sign that was never purchased. There is currently not enough in the fund to cover this amount. Alderman **Gruner moved** to donate \$10,000.00 to the Knox County Fairgrounds for the sign, with \$5,000.00 to be paid now and \$5,000.00 in January, all from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.
4. **Sidewalk Replacement:** Mayor Maurer presented sidewalk maps prepared by the Action Team in 2018, showing destination and school routes, plus a condition inventory. To educate residents and to gauge interest for the City's 50/50 sidewalk replacement program, letters will be sent to residents with poor or non-existent sidewalks in January and March 2020, with information to be placed on the City website and Facebook page now.
5. **Completion of TIF Grant, Sam Lambasio 230 E Main St:** Mayor Maurer reported that Mr. Lambasio has completed all work at this address, and that all invoices and receipts have been submitted. The Economic Development Group has verified that the grant amount would be \$20,447.84. Alderman **Myers moved** to approve this amount to be paid to Sam Lambasio, Basio Properties LLC. Alderman **Howard seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Resolution 2019-50 Christmas Parade December 7, 2019:** Alderman **Myers moved** to adopt Resolution 2019-50 to hold the annual Christmas Parade on December 7, 2019 at 1:00 pm. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.

Mayor's Report:

- The Economic Development Group confirmed that TIF funds could be used to build a new City Hall, but the current City Hall would either need to be demolished or used for private development. The building at 222 E Main St, commonly known as the "Goff's

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Building,” was mentioned as a possible City Hall. TIF funding could potentially be used to repair the building.

- The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 to consider a special use permit for 705 S Broad St and a property transfer for 207 S Line St. Chairman Bill Shenaut has resigned from the Board.
- The next Council meeting will be on Monday, November 4, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Ben Burgland of Blucker, Kneer, & Assoc. will present the 2018-2019 financial audit at that time.
- The next Library Board meeting will be on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative – Myers: None.

Cemetery – Hillier: Alderman Hillier plans to review cemetery fees and procedures with Cemetery Sexton Geoff Hurd, and will present their findings at the November 4, 2019 meeting.

Community & Economic Development – Benjamin: None.

Parks – Howard: None for Parks, but Alderman Howard would like to add cannabis facilities to the November 4, 2019 agenda.

Police – Naslund: None.

Sanitation: None.

Streets – Eiker: None.

Water/Sewer – Gruner: Alderman Gruner reported that Water Superintendent Johnson has purchased two new pumps for the sludge press at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for \$865.00 each. There is currently a broken pump that will be repaired and used as a back-up.

Adjourn: At 8:16 PM, Alderman **Hillier moved** to Adjourn the Meeting; Alderman **Benjamin seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

Submitted by:

Leslie Wilt, City Clerk