

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

Monday, November 18, 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, and Myers; Mayor Maurer, Attorney McCoy, Treasurer Bivens, Chief of Police Poyner, City Clerk Wilt, Engineer Cooper, Superintendent of Public Works Rossell, Water Superintendent Johnson. **Absent:** Alderman Naslund. Also in attendance: Chad Morse with Porter-Hay Insurance, Mr. Mike Allen, Mr. Mack Glass, Mr. Bernard Mates, and one member of the press.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of Minutes: Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve the Minutes of the November 4, 2019 City Council Meeting; Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

GENERAL REPORTS

Attorney Report: No report.

Engineer Report: Engineer Cooper noted that the sewer lining project is ongoing, but it is slower than expected due to excess debris that needs to be removed before relining. Looking ahead to Street work for 2020, he stated that a northern portion of Henderson Road could be resurfaced using 80% federal funds and 20% local funds, which could be Motor Fuel Tax funds. He suggested a Street Department Committee meeting be held in January 2020 to discuss options.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bivens noted that the monthly report was in the online packet.

City Clerk's Report: No report.

Payment of City Bills: Alderman **Gruner 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.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance – Cannabis Sales Tax:** This Ordinance allows the City to collect 3% local municipal sales tax for any future cannabis dispensaries established within the City. This

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would be on top of the state sales tax. Alderman **Myers moved** to approve Ordinance 2019-12, Imposing Cannabis Retailers' Occupation Tax on Cannabis Retail Dispensaries. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.

2. **Cemetery Rate and Procedure Changes:** Attorney McCoy presented a draft ordinance which included the rate and procedural changes proposed at the November 4, 2019 meeting by Alderman Hillier and Cemetery Sexton Geoff Hurd. Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve Ordinance 2019-13, Amending City Cemetery Regulations and Fees, to be effective January 1, 2020. Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion, which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.
3. **Potential Property Acquisition – East Ann Street Dedication:** Engineer Cooper presented a map showing that the west end of Ann St between Hebard and Market Streets has never been dedicated as a street and instead is considered part of the property at 11 E. Ann St, owned by Mr. Ron Formhals. As the City is in negotiations to sell Mr. Formhals the west half of the Knoxville MidCentury Subdivision which is across the street from 11 E. Ann St, this situation needs to be resolved as a part of that transaction.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Property Insurance Renewal:** Chad Morse with Porter-Hay Insurance said that the City had had a good year, and that the 2020 renewal rate with the Illinois Municipal League was unchanged from last year's rate of \$69,606.00.
2. **2020 Tax Levies:** Attorney McCoy prepared a draft ordinance for the 2020 tax levies. Mayor Maurer set a public hearing for 6:30 pm on Monday, December 2, 2019, prior to the 7:00 regular Council meeting. The ordinance will then be voted on at the regular Council meeting.
3. **Ordinance Changes to Adult Use of Cannabis and Drug Paraphernalia:** Attorney McCoy provided a draft ordinance which updates the current Drug Paraphernalia portion of the City Code to allow for the legal possession of recreational Cannabis in Illinois as of January 1, 2020. The Police may still issue tickets in appropriate cases. Alderman **Myers moved** to approve Ordinance 2019-14, Adult Use of Recreational Cannabis Pursuant to State Law. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.
4. **TIF Request – Pacific Lodge #66:** Pacific Lodge #66, 149 N Timber Street, has submitted a TIF application for exterior work totaling \$2,763.15. The allowable grant would total \$2,072.36. Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve the TIF application for Pacific Lodge #66. Alderman **Benjamin seconded** the motion, which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.

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5. **Zoning Board of Appeals Member Appointment:** Mayor Maurer stated that there is a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals, following the resignation of Bill Shenaut. He has contacted Rob Derham, who has agreed to fill this vacancy. Alderman **Howard moved** to appoint Rob Derham to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.

6. **Street Department Employee Position Discussion:** Alderman Eiker stated that a Street Department position has remained opened since the retirement of Supervisor of Public Works Myers in November of 2017. The current work load requires an additional employee. Alderman **Eiker moved** to add an additional full time position in the Street Department. Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

Mayor's Report:

- The annual TIF financial report for fiscal year 2019 has been received from the state and is on file at City Hall.
- The TIF application for Pete Alfano for 201 E Main St exceeded the one year limit in October 2019, but since Mr. Alfano continues to actively work on the project, the City can allow the extension.
- The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 to consider an ordinance amending the zoning code regarding adult-use cannabis businesses.
- The next Council meeting will be on Monday, December 2, 2019 at 7:00 pm.
- The next Library Board meeting will be on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 7:00 pm.
- The Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, December 7, at 1:00 pm. The Council members will ride in the parade.
- A note from Chief Poyner was circulated, thanking the Council for the City's memorial donation following the death of his father.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative – Myers: At the December 2, 2019 Council meeting, Alderman Myers would like to discuss a request to eliminate the parking spot east of the Courthouse where the mailbox and water box used to be.

Cemetery – Hillier: None.

Community & Economic Development – Benjamin: None.

Parks – Howard: None.

Police – Naslund: None.

Sanitation: Alderman Eiker reported that the 2000 garbage truck used for yard waste is currently broken down and a new truck may be necessary. Also, ceasing electronic item pick-up will be discussed at the December 2, 2019 meeting.

Streets – Eiker: None.

Water/Sewer – Gruner: Alderman Gruner said that he spoke with Mr. Mannhardt with the Knoxville Fire Department about the broken fire hydrant on East Ann St. They are aware of the issue and realize it cannot be fixed until next fiscal year. Alderman Gruner is also concerned about Bock Inc providing preventative maintenance at the waste water treatment plant.

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Adjourn: At 8:03 PM, Alderman **Gruner moved** to Adjourn the Meeting; Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

Submitted by:

Leslie Wilt, City Clerk