

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

**Monday, December 2, 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, and Myers; Mayor Maurer, Treasurer Bivens, Chief of Police Poyner, Attorney McCoy, and City Clerk Wilt.

**Absent:** Alderman Naslund, Engineer Cooper. Also in attendance: Mr. Bernard Mates, Mr. Tom Hoehn, and two members of the press.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve the Minutes of the November 18, 2019 City Council Meeting. Alderman **Benjamin seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

**GENERAL REPORTS**

**Attorney Report:** No report.

**Engineer Report:** No report.

**Treasurer's Report:** No report.

**City Clerk's Report:** No report.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Ordinance 2019-15 2020 Tax Levies:** A Public Hearing concerning the Tax Levy was held at 6:30 pm prior to this Council meeting, to give the public an opportunity to provide input. No changes are made to the document, which has the same amounts levied as the past fiscal year. Alderman **Gruner moved** to accept Ordinance 2019-15 2019-2020 Tax Levy. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.
2. **Ordinance 2019-16 Amending the Zoning Code Regarding Adult-Use Recreational Cannabis Businesses:** The Zoning Board of Appeals met on November 26, 2019, and voted to recommend the approval of the zoning code regarding adult-use recreational cannabis businesses, with their only concern being outside the 1,000 foot proximity of day care facilities and schools. Mayor Maurer provided a map he had drawn showing the location of the 1000 foot radius of these places, leaving little to no areas for a cannabis facility to locate. The ordinance limits the cannabis businesses to properties zoned C-I-M (Commercial), but that could be changed. By general consensus, the Council would like

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to lower the 1,000 foot proximity, and include properties zoned for business. Attorney McCoy will rework the ordinance. Alderman **Myers moved** to table the discussion of Ordinance 2019-16 to the December 19, 2019 Council meeting. Alderman **Howard seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent. It was noted that potential businesses within the TIF zone would be eligible for TIF funding.

### NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Replace Furnace at Wastewater Treatment Plant:** Alderman Gruner stated that one of the two hanging furnaces at the wastewater treatment plant is broken and will need to be replaced. Ring Sheet Metal submitted an estimate of \$9,480.00 for an explosion-proof furnace, and suggested replacing both furnaces as they are both the same age. Alderman **Gruner moved** to have Ring Sheet Metal replace the broken furnace now and to replace the other one later as needed. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.
- 2. Eliminate Public Square Parking Spot behind the Courthouse:** Alderman Myers stated that the Fire Department has requested to eliminate this parking spot directly south of the Fire Station entrance, which was the former location of the US Mailbox and the City Water drop box, because it is difficult to maneuver the fire trucks out if someone is parked there. The suggestion was made to add additional parking spaces by paving some of the grassy area to create 2-3 spaces directly east of the concrete parking behind the Old Courthouse. Supervisor of Public Works Rossell will be consulted for this matter.
- 3. Cease Offering Residential Electronics Pick-Up:** Alderman Myers noted that the City currently offers electronics pick-up for residents that pay \$10.00 per item, as those items cannot be put into regular trash. However, there is no place to easily dispose of these items once picked up, especially TVs. Waste Management in Galesburg will not take commercial drop-offs. There is a facility in Peoria that can take these items, but it could be cost prohibitive. Water Superintendent Johnson volunteered to get more information to bring back to the Council.
- 4. Request to Add Residential Trash Collection 907 US Hwy 150E:** Residents of this address have requested weekly trash collection, although they are outside City limits on the east end of town. However, the truck goes past that address for a weekly dumpster pick-up. Alderman **Howard moved** to offer trash collection to 907 US Hwy 150E. Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion, which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and one (1) Absent. Additional homes in the area will be contacted to ascertain interest.
- 5. Resolution 2019-51 – Hire Part Time Police Officer Kevin Breitbarth:** Chief Poyner would like to add two trained part time police officers to the force. Mayor Alderman **Myers moved** to approve Resolution 2019-51 to hire Part Time Police Officer Kevin Breitbarth at \$15.00 per hour. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and one (1) Absent. Mr. Breitbarth has already passed his pre-employment screening.

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6. **Resolution 2019-52 – Hire Part Time Police Officer Adam Crose:** Alderman **Howard moved** to approve Resolution 2019-52 to hire Part Time Police Officer Adam Crose at \$15.00 per hour. Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion, which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and one (1) Absent. Mr. Crose has already passed his pre-employment screening.
  
7. **Reappointment of Expired Zoning Board of Appeals Seats:** The terms for Zoning Board of Appeals members Rob Derham, John Anderson, and Tom Hoehn are expiring December 31, 2019. Mayor Maurer stated that all have agreed to be reappointed to another term. Alderman **Hillier moved** to reappoint members Derham, Anderson, and Hoehn for another term on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion, which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.

**Mayor’s Report:**

- The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on Monday, December 16, 2019 at 7:00 pm.
- The Public Library Board will meet on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 7:00 pm. The new library front door has been installed.
- The annual Christmas Parade will be Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 1:00 pm.
- Flu shots were made available to full time City employees in October.
- Mr. Tom Hoehn has requested that the City vacate a portion of the Washington Street road easement for him to purchase. He owns the farm ground right next to it. There were questions as to if this request follows the proper procedures for vacating property. Attorney McCoy will research the options and the item will be placed on the next agenda.

**Committee Reports**

- **Administration:** No report.
- **Cemetery:** No report.
- **Economic Development:** No report.
- **Parks:** No report.
- **Police:** No report.
- **Sanitation:** No report.
- **Streets:** No report.
- **Water/Sewer:** No report.

**Adjourn:** At 8:07 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