

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

**Monday, March 2, 2020, 7:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** City Clerk Wilt called the Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

All rose to recite the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Due to the absence of Mayor Maurer, Alderman **Gruner moved** to appoint Alderman Myers as Mayor Pro Tem for this meeting. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

**Roll Call: Present:** Aldermen Eiker, Gruner, Hillier, Hope, Howard, Myers, and Naslund; Treasurer Bivens, Chief of Police Poyner, Attorney McCoy, and City Clerk Wilt. **Absent:** Mayor Maurer, Alderman Benjamin. Also in attendance: Mr. Justin Hensley, Miss Breena Shreeves, Mrs. Lisa Shreeves.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** Alderman **Howard moved** to approve the Minutes of the February 17, 2020 City Council Meeting. Alderman **Eiker 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**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Knoxville High School Project Graduation Request:** Knoxville High School senior Breena Shreeves asked the Council to sponsor Project Graduation, a fun, substance-free event for graduating seniors. Alderman **Hillier moved** to contribute \$1,460.00 to Project Graduation, which is \$20.00 for each of the 73 seniors. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.
- 2. July 4 5K Run:** Mr. Justin Hensley, Knoxville Junior High Track and Cross Country Coach, requested permission to hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> Knoxville Firecracker 5K on Sunday, June

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28, 2020 at 7:30 am. Proceeds will benefit the Children's Milk Fund of Knox County. Alderman **Hillier moved** to allow the run. Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

3. **Spring Clean-Up Date Selection:** Alderman **Hope moved** to set spring clean up for the week of April 20, 2020. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.
4. **Resolution 2020-04 – Hire Part Time Police Officer Robert Nichols:** Alderman **Naslund moved** to approve Resolution 2020-04 to hire Part Time Police Officer Robert Nichols at \$15.00 per hour. Alderman **Howard seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.

**Mayor's Report:**

- Due to an employee death at his firm, two scheduled meetings with Engineer Cooper concerning Street Projects and a City Hall addition were cancelled and will be rescheduled.
- The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm.
- The Public Library Board will meet on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

**Committee Reports**

- **Administration:** No report.
- **Cemetery:** No report.
- **Economic Development:** No report.
- **Parks:** No report.
- **Police:** Alderman Naslund reported that Officer Barry Petzold has been released from the hospital following his February 16, 2020 fall, but there is no word on when he may return to work. Officer Shawn Keith has resigned to take a position with another agency, leaving the department short two full time officers. Chief Poyner discussed options for hiring additional full and part time employees.
- **Sanitation:** No report.
- **Streets:** No report.
- **Water/Sewer:** No report.

**Adjourn:** At 7:39 PM, Alderman **Gruner moved** to Adjourn the Meeting; Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

Submitted by:

Leslie Wilt  
City Clerk