

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

Monday, October 4, 2021, 7:00 PM

DRAFT
MINUTES

Call to Order: Mayor Myers called the Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

Roll Call: Present: Aldermen Eiker, Gruner, Hillier, Hope, Moore, and Reed; Mayor Myers, Treasurer Barnum, Chief of Police Poyner, Engineer Cooper, Attorney McCoy, and City Clerk Wilt. **Absent:** Alderman Howard.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of Minutes: Alderman **Moore moved** to approve the Minutes of the September 20, 2021 City Council Meeting. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

GENERAL REPORTS

Attorney Report: Attorney McCoy noted that he had filed a motion to dismiss the suit for the final balance due from former Police Officer Ryder Cudd for training, and that the proceedings on former Police Officer Shawn Keith were still pending.

Engineer Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

City Clerk's Report: No report.

INFORMATION ITEMS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Draft Ordinance Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Act:** Engineer Cooper reported that the City had received the first payment of \$185,291.96 as part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). An ordinance is required by the federal government in which the City agrees to accept the funds and to follow the rules associated with it. Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve Ordinance 2021-10 Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and one (1) Absent. Mayor Myers suggested that the first payment could be used to pay off the

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balance of the new City Hall building, while the second payment, to be received in 2022, could be used for Water and Sewer upgrades.

2. **James Knox Park Pavilion Roof:** Alderman Reed presented two bids with the options to replace the current roof of the small pavilion with shingles or metal. Alderman **Reed moved** to select the low bid of \$4,500.00 from Brad's Home Improvement to replace the James Knox Park small pavilion roof with shingles. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.
3. **Resolution 2021-45 Hire Trenton Martin Full Time Sanitation Worker:** Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve Resolution 2021-45 to hire Trenton Martin as a Full Time Sanitation Worker at \$17.00 per hour. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.
4. **Set Trick or Treat Hours for October 31:** Alderman **Hillier moved** to set trick or treat hours from 6:00-8:00 PM on Sunday, October 31, 2021. Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.
5. **Close City Hall November 26 – Day After Thanksgiving:** Alderman **Hillier moved** to close City Hall on November 26, 2021. Alderman **Hope seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent. Other City services will remain open, and City Hall employees will use vacation time for that day.
6. **Resolution 2021-46 Christmas Parade December 4:** Alderman **Moore moved** to approve Resolution 2021-46 to hold a Christmas Parade at 1:00 PM on December 4, 2021. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.
7. **Purchase Hardware/Software for Body-Worn Cameras:** Chief Poyner noted that the hardware and software that marries the body and car camera systems still needs to be purchased. Alderman **Gruner moved** to purchase camera hardware/software for \$3,013.00 from Stalker Radar Applied Concepts Inc. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.

Mayor's Report:

- The placement of the proposed solar array at the wastewater treatment plant requires cutting down nuisance trees south of the plant. By general consent, the project will continue to move forward.
- New City Hall interior painting is complete, and the new furniture is scheduled to arrive around December 1. The ramp is currently being installed. The area was cleaned up by Hein Construction prior to the Knox County Scenic Drive.
- The Knoxville Scenic Drive stop was very busy on October 2-3, 2021.
- Mayor Myers will be a part of the Knox County Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- The storage building roofs will need to be considered in the next fiscal year.

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- The suggestion at the last meeting to consolidate from two backhoes to one is not feasible, but other backhoe changes will be considered.
- The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on Monday, November 1, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Police Station.

Committee Reports

- **Administration:** No report.
- **Cemetery:** No report.
- **Economic Development:** No report.
- **Parks:** No report.
- **Police:** No report.
- **Sanitation:** The new dumpsters have been received.
- **Streets:** No report.
- **Water/Sewer:** No report.

Adjourn: At 7:31 PM, Alderman **Gruner moved** to Adjourn the Meeting; Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Leslie Wilt
City Clerk