

**CITY OF KNOXVILLE**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
Council Chambers, Knoxville City Hall Annex, 33 N Public Sq, Knoxville IL

**Monday, May 19, 2025, 7:00 PM**

**DRAFT**  
**MINUTES**

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

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

Swearing in of New Council: Mayor Myers administered the Oath of Office to elected Clerk Barbara Kirchgessner.

**Roll Call: Present:** Aldermen Eiker, Gruner, Hillier, Rainey, Reed, and Taylor; Mayor Myers, Treasurer Barnum, Attorney McCoy, City Clerk Kirchgessner. **Absent:** Aldermen Hope and Moore. Also present: Mrs. Jill Davis, and Ms. Penny Flesner.

**Public Comments:** Ms. Penny Flesner asked why employee wages are not being published on website. Mrs. Jill Davis spoke about the new parking law and the pontoon on North Street.

**Approval of Minutes:** Alderman Gruner moved to approve the Minutes of the May 5, 2025 City Council Meeting. Alderman Hillier 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

**Payment of City Bills:** Alderman Gruner moved to approve payment of the City Bills.

Alderman Hillier seconded the motion which passed with six (6) Yes votes and two (2) Absent.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Ordinance to Increase Utility Rates:** Attorney Rob McCoy explained the proposed ordinance, which ties an annual water rate increase to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for usage of 1,000 gallons over the minimum. The increase of \$0.22 will take effect now, with the rate to automatically increase annually on June 1. Alderman Rainey moved to approve Ordinance 2025-04 Regarding Water Rates. Alderman Taylor seconded the motion which passed with six (6) Yes Votes and two (2) Absent.
2. **TIF Approval - Gary Goudie 302 East Main Street:** Alderman Gruner moved to approve the distribution of TIF funds for \$2,130.00 to Gary Goudie for 302 E Main St. Alderman Hillier seconded the motion which passed with six (6) Yes votes and two (2) Absent.

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### NEW BUSINESS

1. **Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem:** Mayor Myers suggested that the board Alderman Rainey be the Pro Tem Mayor to serve in his absence if needed. Alderman **Gruner** made the motion to accept Alderman Rainey as the Pro Tem Mayor. Alderman **Eiker** seconded the motion which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and two (2) Absent.

#### **Mayor's Report:**

- The city is most likely switching the city bank account to Tompkins State Bank.
- Police will be transferring money nightly to Tompkins when the change occurs.
- The energy aggregation contract with Constellation is ending. The city will have Ameren energy for two months and will be switching to Homefield Energy. The mayor has signed a ten month agreement through Rock River Energy.
- Water Department found a water main break in a 6" line near Carr St.
- The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be on Monday, June 2, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- **Administration:** No report.
- **Cemetery:** Alderman Hillier reported that the Library Summer Reading program would start first week of June.
- **Economic Development:** No report.
- **Parks:** Alderman Reed report that Knoxville Community Fund provided him with a grant for the screen and Movies in the Park will be coming soon.
- **Police:** No report
- **Sanitation:** No report.
- **Streets:** Alderman Eiker reported that the new backhoe was working great.
- **Water/Sewer:** Alderman Gruner reported he attended Miller Hill and Triggs LLC, Appointed Official Municipal Seminar and brought back desk copies for general use.

**Adjourn:** At 7:28 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:

Barbara Kirchgessner, City Clerk