

CITY OF KNOXVILLE

Regular Council Meeting

Council Chambers, Knoxville City Hall Annex, 33 N Public Sq, Knoxville IL

Monday, May 5, 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**.

Roll Call: Present: Aldermen Eiker, Gruner, Hillier, Hope, Rainey, Reed and Taylor; Mayor Myers, Treasurer Barnum, Chief Poyner, Attorney McCoy and City Clerk Wilt. **Absent:** Alderman Moore. Also present: Mr. Gary Goudie, Mr. Bernard Mates, Mr. David Wilt, Ms. Sherry Milka, Mr. Robert Preston, Ms. Penny Flesner.

Approval of Minutes: Alderman **Eiker moved** to approve the Minutes of the April 21, 2025 City Council Meeting. Alderman **Taylor seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

Swearing in of New Council: Mayor Myers administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Treasurer Janet Barnum, First Ward Aldermen Angela Hillier and Jon Rainey, Second Ward Alderman Tyrone Taylor, and Fourth Ward Alderman Johnathan Reed. Mayor Pro Tem Gruner administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Mayor Toby Myers.

Adjourn: at 7:06 PM, Alderman **Gruner moved** to Adjourn Sine Die. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent. The meeting was adjourned.

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Call to Order: Mayor Myers called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

Roll Call: Present: Aldermen Eiker, Gruner, Hillier, Hope, Rainey, Reed and Taylor; Mayor Myers, Treasurer Barnum, Chief Poyner, Attorney McCoy and City Clerk Pro Tem Wilt. **Absent:** Alderman Moore. Also present: Mr. Gary Goudie, Mr. Bernard Mates, Mr. David Wilt, Ms. Sherry Milka, Mr. Robert Preston, Ms. Penny Flesner.

Public Comments: Mr. Bernard Mates stated that the City has been kept up well and looks good.

GENERAL REPORTS

Attorney Report: No report.

Engineer Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: No report

City Clerk's Report: Clerk Pro Tem Wilt noted that Superintendent of Public Works Tim Rossell is celebrating his 26 year anniversary as an employee.

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INFORMATION ITEMS

Mayor Myers read the Motorcycle Awareness Month Proclamation, provided by the Central Illinois ABATE. ABATE representatives Ms. Sherry Milka and Mr. Robert Preston presented the City with a motorcycle awareness sign.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Consideration to Raise Utility Rates:** Alderman **Hope moved** to raise water rates annually by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for usage over 2,000 gallons. Alderman **Hope seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent. Attorney McCoy will prepare a resolution for the May 19, 2025 Council meeting.
2. **Utility Billing and Financial Management Software:** Alderman **Hillier moved** to contract with Locis for utility billing and financial management software, with a projected start date of January 2026. Alderman **Taylor seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Appointment of City Attorney, City Engineer, Building Administrator:** Alderman **Gruner moved** to make the following appointments for the 2025-2026 fiscal year: City Attorney Robert McCoy with Miller, Hall & Triggs, City Engineer Kevan Cooper with Bruner, Cooper & Zuck, and Building Administrator Trevor Myers. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.
2. **Park Picnic Table Donation Request:** Alderman **Hope moved** to accept the donation of a picnic table for James Knox Park. Alderman **Taylor seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.
3. **TIF Request Gary Goudie 302 E Main St:** Mr. Gary Goudie submitted a TIF request for roof work for 302 E. Main St. Roof requests do not need to be pre-approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve the submission of the request for TIF funds for Gary Goudie for 302 E Main St. Alderman **Rainey seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.
4. **Resolution 2025-38 Hire Temporary Full Time Utility Worker Tyler Plack:** Alderman **Eiker moved** to approve Resolution 2025-38 to hire Tyler Plack as a Temporary Full Time Utility Worker at \$19.00 per hour. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.

Mayor's Report:

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- There is a large water loss occurring each month as indicated by the gallons billed from the City of Galesburg versus the gallons used. Possible reasons are being investigated, such as a water leak or billing software problems.
- The new backhoe has arrived and is in use.
- The mausoleum roof recently had a leak, and the building is being evaluated for additional maintenance issues.
- A special meeting to discuss appropriations for the 2025-2026 fiscal year will be held on Monday, June 30, 2025 at 6:30 PM.
- The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 19, 2025 at 7:00 PM at the City Hall Annex.

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 7:29 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 Pro Tem