

# CITY OF KNOXVILLE

## Regular Council Meeting

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

**Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 7:00 PM**

### **Draft Notice**

**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 Gruner, Hillier, Moore, Rainey, Reed, and Taylor, Mayor Myers, Treasurer Barnum, Police Chief Poyner, Attorney Rob McCoy and City Clerk Kirchgessner. Also Present: Mr. Bernard Mates, Mr. Jake Magee and Ms. Beth Magee **Absent:** Alderman Hope and Eiker,

**Public Comments:** Mr. Jake Magee expressed concern that Knoxville doesn't have a place for young people to practice baseball. Mr. Magee had been doing research and had several people interested in volunteering and helping with equipment with a lack of green space to complete the project.

**Approval of Minutes:** Gruner moved to approve the Minutes of August 18, 2025, City Council Meeting. Alderman Hillier seconded the motion which passed by voice vote six (6) Yes and two (2) Absent.

### **GENERAL REPORTS**

**Attorney Report:** The city received the bid on 109 W. Main Street. This property will belong to the city as of September 19, 2025. Attorney McCoy will proceed with preparing to sell.

**Engineer Report:** No report

**Treasurer's Report:** Janet reported that numerous CD's at First Mid Bank will be coming to their maturity in 2026 and will then be transferred to Tompkins State Bank.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Knoxville Welcome Signs:** The council was presented with pictures of the front and back of the new welcome signs. The council agreed to split the cost with the Knoxville Community Fund to purchase 3 signs, one placed at the East, South and West entrance to Knoxville. Small signs will be eliminated at those locations for a cleaner appearance. By general consensus of the Council voted to move forward with the price of \$9660.00 six (6) Yes and two (2) Absent.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Reimbursement Request from Basio Plumbing for Work at 200 W. Public Square:** Mr. Sam Lambasio was having work to do fix a water main leak to the front of his building. After hiring AVS to do the work to locate the problem it was determined to be

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the water in front of the jail. Mr. Sam Lambasio is requesting reimbursement in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the work he had hired to be completed. Alderman **Rainey moved** to pay \$1,500.00 for work done on City Jail water line. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion which **passed** with six (6) Yes and two (2) Absent.

2. **Ordinance 2025-06: Attorney McCoy** presented the Ordinance 2025-06 Oversized Load and how it would work for the City of Knoxville. Alderman **Hillier moved** to accept the Oversized Load Ordinance 2025-06. Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion which **passed** with six (6) Yes and two (2) Absent.
3. **Resolution 2025-41 Knoxville Halloween Parade 10-18-2025:** Alderman **Hillier moved** to accept the resolution 2025-41. Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion which **passed** with six (6) Yes and two (2) Absent.

### Mayor's Report:

- Account Collector Wilt investigated the 1% sales tax. The 1 percent sales taxes are coming in however it is hard to tell how much is being generated currently.
- The August 23, 2025 Car Cruise was discussed, and everyone was pleased with the turn out and the weather.
- Knoxville will be turning 200 years old in 2031. Mr. Myers will be organizing a committee soon. He requested the committee consist of at least 1 alderman and 15-20 other member. The planning committee would be responsible for brainstorming ideas for the celebration. Treasurer Barnum had given some ideas from the past celebrations.
- The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be on Monday, September 15, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

### Committee Reports:

- **Administration:** No report.
- **Cemetery:** No report.
- **Economic Development:** No report.
- **Parks:** Alderman Reed report that a citizen had reached out to him about placement of a grey granite bench near the pond at James Knox Park. This item will be added to the agenda September 15, 2025.
- **Sanitation:** No Report.
- **Streets:** No Report.
- **Water/Sewer:** : No Report.

**Adjourn:** At 7:50 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