

CITY OF KNOXVILLE

Regular Council Meeting

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

Monday, January 5, 2026, 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, Moore, Rainey, Reed, and Taylor; Mayor Myers, Treasurer Barnum, Chief of Police Poyner, and City Clerk Kirchgessner. **Absent:** Alderman Hope. Also present: Mr. Jon Goff, Ms. Jill Davis, Mr. Everett Brokaw, Mr. Ty Cruse, Mr. Joe Snider.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of Minutes: Alderman Gruner moved to approve the Minutes of the December 15, 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: City Clerk Kirchgessner announced the following city employees are celebrating work anniversaries in January: Mr. Logan Butler 3 years, Mr. Trevor Myers 6 years, and Mrs. Melanie Tuthill 22 years.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **TIF Final Approval-Knoxville Bar and Grill LLC 310 East Main Street:** Mayor Myers explained that the project was complete and TIF attorneys had signed off on the project. Alderman Moore moved approve the TIF grant for Knoxville Bar and Grill for \$40,000.00. Alderman Hillier seconded the motion which passed with seven (7) yes votes and one (1) absent.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Resolution 2026-01 Hire Full Time Account Specialist Isabella Stewart:** Alderman Gruner moved to accept Resolution 2026-01 to Hire Full Time Account Specialist Isabella Stewart at \$18.00 per hour. Alderman Hillier seconded the motion which passed with seven (7) yes votes and one (1) absent.
2. **Appointment of Ward 3 Alderman Jon Goff:** Mayor Myers recommended Jon Goff to be the Ward 3 Alderman for the City of Knoxville to fill the position following Charlie Gruner's retirement from that office. Alderman Gruner made the motion to accept

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Mayor Myers recommendation of Jon Goff as Ward 3 Alderman. Alderman **Hillier** **seconded** the motion which **passed** with seven (7) yes votes and one (1) absent.

3. Swearing in of Ward 3 Alderman: Jon Goff was sworn in as the Ward 3 alderman.

Mayor's Report:

- The City will be obtaining a second credit card from Tompkins State Bank, and also a possible spending limit increase to the existing card.
- The new laptop for City Hall is ordered and hopefully will be delivered in the second week of January.
- We will need to hire someone to paint the old part of City Hall. Mayor Myers is interested in looking at the company that painted the gazebo.
- Mayor Myers spoke with a new business about the potential to come to Knoxville.
- The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be on Monday, January 19, 2026, at 7:00 PM.

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 7:11 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