

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

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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