

CITY OF KNOXVILLE

Regular Council Meeting

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

Monday, March 16, 2026, 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 Eiker, Goff, Hillier, Moore, Rainey, and Taylor, Mayor Myers, Attorney Rob McCoy, and City Clerk Kirchgessner. **Absent:** Alderman Reed and Alderman Hope, Engineer Kevan Cooper, and Treasurer Janet Barnum. Also present: Mr. Tim Eagle, and Ms. Jill Davis.

Public Comments: Mr. Tim Eagle, owner of Walker Wash located at 401 Henderson Road, Knoxville, brought to the city's attention an ongoing problem with Dollar General Delivery Trucks. He stated that the trucks continue to damage turf, curbs, and property at Walkers Wash. He discussed liability with City Attorney Rob McCoy. Mayor Myers stated this would be placed on an upcoming agenda.

Approval of Minutes: Eiker moved to approve the Minutes of the March 2, 2026, City Council Meeting. Alderman Hillier seconded the motion which passed by voice vote (6) Yes and (2) Absent.

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 Hillier moved to approve payment of City Bills. Alderman Taylor seconded the motion which passed with six (6) Yes votes and two (2) Absent.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Delinquent Water Accounts:** Mayor Myers explained that the residents of the delinquent accounts had moved away or were deceased and multiple attempts had been made to collect delinquent water bills for the four accounts. Alderman Hillier moved to remove the four (4) delinquent accounts from the books. Alderman Moore seconded the motion which passed with six (6) Yes votes and two (2) Absent.

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2. **Culvert Replacement 421 West Main Street:** Mayor Myers explained that a larger culvert was needed to divert the water at 421 W. Main St. Knoxville Alderman **Moore moved** to replace the culvert at 412 W. Main St. at the City's expense, Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and two (2) Absent.
3. **2026 Motor Fuel Tax Resolution:** Alderman **Hillier moved** to accept the 2026 Motor Fuel Tax Resolution. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion which passed with six (6) Yes votes and two (2) absent.
4. **Resolution 2026-03 Hire Full Time Police Officer Jesus Zepeda:** Alderman **Hillier moved** to accept Resolution 2026-03 to hire Full Time Police Officer Jesus Zepeda at \$21.50 per hour. Alderman **Taylor seconded** the motion which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and two (2) absent.
5. **Resolution 2026-04 Hire Full Time Police Officer Donavon Reynolds:** Alderman **Hillier moved** to accept Resolution 2026-04 to hire Full Time Police Officer Donavon Reynolds at \$21.50 per hour. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and two (2) absent.
6. **Resolution 2026-05 Hire Full Time Police Officer Gara Huston:** Postponed.
7. **Resolution 2026-06 Hire Part Time Ground Maintenance Worker Douglass Good:** Alderman **Hillier moved** to accept Resolution 2026-06 to hire Part Time Grounds Maintenance Worker Douglass Good at \$15.00 per hour. Alderman **Taylor seconded** the motion which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and two (2) Absent.
8. **Water Well House #3 New Roof:** Mayor Myers explained that the City had reached out to two (2) companies for roof quotes, and one responded. Alderman **Hillier moved** to accept the bid of \$6,100.00 from Brad's Home Improvement. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and two (2) absent.
9. **Zoning Board of Appeals - Minor Subdivision 671 Knox Road 1400N.** Mayor Myers explained he attended the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on March 11, 2026 and the lot was improperly zoned. The lot is outside of city limits, but is within 1.5 miles of the city limits, requiring ZBA approval. Alderman **Moore moved** to approve the recommendation of the Zoning Board and approve the subdivision. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and two (2) absent.

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Myers explained that the St. Patrick Day parade was cancelled due to many business floats deciding to back out of the parade due to weather concerns and with the expense to have a parade such as police presence.
- Mayor Myers explained that the City received an email stating that Knoxville did not receive the EPA grant to provide each family with water pitchers. The EPA chose to help the water supply companies instead of supporting the pitchers.

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- Mayor Myers stated that state still had not notified Knoxville of the oil and chip grant.
- Mayor Myers explained he had visited the Knoxville School District #202 Superintendent about the water retention ponds for the new building.
- The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be on Monday, April 6, 2026, at 7:00 PM.

Committee Reports:

- **Administration:** No report.
- **Cemetery:** Alderman Hillier reported that the library exterior had sustained damage in the recent storm. She stated that Michelle had reached out to a couple of masons for estimates. She also explained the Michelle had received a tech grant for a new card library. Alderman Hillier commended Michelle on her hard work and dedication on the grant process.
- **Economic Development:** No report.
- **Parks:** No report.
- **Police:** No report.
- **Sanitation:** No report.
- **Streets:** Alderman Eiker reported that the waterproof boots for the public works employees have been purchased.
- **Water/Sewer:** no report.

Adjourn: At 7:25 PM, Alderman **Hillier moved** to Adjourn the Meeting; Alderman **Taylor seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Barbara Kirchgessner, City Clerk