

CITY OF KNOXVILLE

Regular Council Meeting

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

Monday, April 20, 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, Hope, Moore, Rainey, Reed, and Taylor, Mayor Myers, Attorney McCoy, Treasurer Barnum, Chief Poyner and City Clerk Kirchgessner.

Absent: Engineer Kevan Cooper. Also present: Mr. Ron Hall, and Mr. Brennan Dean.

Public Comments: Mr. Ron Hall, trustee of the Knoxville United Methodist Church, addressed the council requesting council members for suggestions on helping staff the storm shelter housed at his church. Mr. Hall hoped that we would develop list of phone numbers of volunteers to help staff with the facility and help families. Mr. Hall stated that the storm prior to this meeting served two families. Fire Chief Brennan Dean requested a key to the Gazebo that would be housed at the Knoxville Fire Station to open in the event of a major storm. Mr. Dean stated that Fire Station is staffed when severe weather is in the forecast.

Approval of Minutes: Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve the Minutes of the April 6, 2026, City Council Meeting. Alderman **Taylor seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with eight (8) yes votes.

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 **Hope seconded** the motion which **passed** with eight (8) yes votes.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Temporary Road Closure Hose Testing Knoxville Fire Department, Close West Ann Street from Timber to Hebard, May 8, 2026:** Mayor Myers explained that the hose testing is a yearly event and he was in favor of closure. Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve the Temporary Road Closure May 8, 2026, for the Knoxville Fire Department. Alderman **Taylor seconded** the motion which **passed** with eight (8) yes votes.

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2. **Zoning Board of Appeals – Zoning Lot Variance- Combine 117 Country Ct. and Whispering Oaks Lot 9 for the purpose of constructing an accessory building:** Mayor Myers explained that the Zoning Board of Appeals had approved the combining of the two lots. Attorney Rob McCoy said that this would be contingent on owner signing city paperwork. Alderman **Hillier moved** to accept the Zoning Board of Appeals recommendation contingent that proper paperwork was filed with the city. Alderman **Rainey seconded** the motion which **passed** with eight (8) yes votes.
3. **Zoning Board of Appeals-Petitions for Rezoning-Rezone 832 Swedenburg Road and 834 Swedenburg Rd from RA Rural Agriculture to R2 Single Family, Two Family and Multi Family to construct duplex residence:** Mayor Myers explained that the two properties would have one drive and would house one duplex each. Attorney McCoy said this property could be rezoned and proceed contingent to owner signing proper city paperwork. Alderman **Eiker moved** to accept the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals to rezone 832 Swedenburg Road and 834 Swedenburg Road to R2, contingent to signed city paperwork. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion which **passed** with eight (8) yes votes.
4. **Zoning Board of Appeals – Special Use Permit-415 East Main Street-Assisted Living Facility:** Alderman **Hillier moved** to accept the Special Use Permit-415 East Street Knoxville. Alderman **Taylor seconded** the motion which **passed** with eight (8) yes votes.
5. **Resolution 2026-11 Hire Full Time Utility Employee John Milan:** Alderman **Hillier moved** to accept Resolution 2026-11 to hire full time Utility Employee John Milan at \$21.50 per hour. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion which **passed** with eight (8) yes votes.
6. **Purchase of New Box for the 2013 Garbage Truck:** Mayor Myers explained that the new box would need to be purchased and the cost split by three departments: Water, Street and Sanitation. Alderman **Hope moved** to purchase a box for the 2013 garbage truck for \$45,000.00 with the cost split evenly amongst the three departments. Alderman **Taylor seconded** the motion which **passed** with eight (8) yes votes.
7. **Retirement of City Collector, Leslie Wilt:** Informational, no vote required. Mrs. Wilt's last day will be June 19, 2026.

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Myers explained the power outage at 307 Division St. on April 19, 2026 knocked out the power to the wastewater treatment plant. Mayor Myers called Representative Dan Swanson due the concern about bacteria if aerators were not running. Approximately 15 minutes later Ameren arrived in full force (6 trucks).
- Mayor Myers stated that city might need to investigate purchasing a generator in the future for the wastewater treatment plant
- The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be on Monday, May 4, 2026, at 7:00 PM.

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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 7:30 PM, Alderman **Goff 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