

CITY OF KNOXVILLE

Regular Council Meeting

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

Monday, April 6, 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, Goff, Hope, Hillier, Moore, Rainey, Reed, and Taylor; Mayor Myers, Treasurer Barnum, Chief of Police Poyner, Attorney Rob McCoy, and City Clerk Kirchgessner. **Absent:** N/A Also present: Mr. Gunner Goff, Ms. Jill Davis, Mr. Donavon Reynolds, Mr. Jesus Zepeda, Ms. Abbie Reynolds, Mrs. Hope Reynolds, Mr. John Reynolds, Mr. Luis Zepeda, Ms. Adrianna Zepeda, Mrs. Esmeralda Zepeda, Mrs. Maria Isabel Zepeda, Ms. Kyleah Reynolds.

Public Comments: Mayor Myers swore in Police Officer Donavon Reynolds and Police Officer Jesus Zepeda.

Approval of Minutes: Alderman **Eiker moved** to approve the Minutes of the March 16, 2026, City Council Meeting. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with one abstention (Hope).

GENERAL REPORTS

Attorney Report: No report.

Engineer Report: The engineers report was given by Mayor Myers who stated the Knoxville streetscape goes out for bid this week. Project will be required to be completed by the Knox County Scenic Drive Festival in October 2026.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Barnum stated that she was still in process of renewing CD's.

City Clerk's Report: City Clerk Kirchgessner reported that April 8, 2026, is the two-year work anniversary for Street Department Utility Worker Johnathan German, and that April 16, 2026, is City Collector Leslie Wilt's fourteenth-year work anniversary.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- 2026 Motor Fuel Tax Resolution Amended:** The Motor Fuel Tax Resolution approved at the March 16, 2026 Council meeting needed to increase the resolution amount from \$417,000.00 to \$495,000.00 due to probable oil price variance. Alderman **Hillier moved** to accept the 2026 Motor Fuel Tax Resolution for \$495,000.00. Alderman **Rainey seconded** the motion which **passed** with eight (8) Yes votes.

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2. **Resolution 2026-07 Hire Full Time Police Officer Dashiell Loving:** Alderman Hillier moved accept Resolution 2026-07 to hire Full Time Police Officer Dashiell Loving at \$21.50 per hour. Alderman Taylor seconded motion which passed with eight (8) Yes votes.
3. **Resolution 2026-08 Hire Part Time Grounds Maintenance Worker Sakyas Whitman:** Alderman Hillier moved to accept Resolution 2026-08 to hire Part Time Grounds Maintenance Worker Sakyas Whitman at \$15.00 per hour. Alderman Taylor seconded the motion which passed with eight (8) Yes votes.
4. **Resolution 2026-09 Hire Part Time Grounds Maintenance Worker Zachary Shaw:** Alderman Hillier moved to accept Resolution 2026-08 to hire Part Time Grounds Maintenance Worker Zachary Shaw at \$15.00 per hour. Alderman Taylor seconded the motion which passed with eight (8) Yes votes.
5. **Resolution 2026-10 Aggregate Purchase of Electricity:** Rock River Energy Services is again working with several communities to combine to sign a municipal aggregation contract, since electric prices change daily. Alderman Eiker moved to approve Resolution 2025-10 – Aggregate Purchase of Electricity, granting the Mayor, or a designee, authority to approve a contract. Alderman Hillier seconded the motion which passed with eight (8) yes votes.
6. **Adopt Return to Work Policy:** Mayor Myers explained that this policy is part of the handbook updating the return-to-work policy. Alderman Hillier moved to accept the Return-to-Work Policy. Alderman Eiker seconded the motion which passed with eight (8) Yes votes.
7. **Water Department Pumps and Motors:** Alderman Rainey stated that the initial bid for pumps and motors was \$17,056.40, whereas the most recent bid is \$22,604.80. Alderman Hillier moved to accept the current bid for the water pumps and motors for \$22,604.80. Alderman Hope seconded the motion which passed with eight (8) Yes votes.
8. **Police Starcom Radio Upgrade Quote:** Chief Poyner explained Star Com 21 radio system/ Homeland security upgrades. Chief Poyner stated that the Knoxville Police Department needed the upgrade to be able to communicate with the county officers due to the encryption and TDMA upgrade. Starcom 21 agreed to honor the original price of \$52,381.02. Alderman Moore moved to accept the Starcom Radio upgrade for the Knoxville Police Department. Alderman Hillier seconded the motion which passed with eight (8) Yes votes.

Mayor's Report:

- The city was able to identify two water leaks, one of which was substantial.
- The Easter Egg Hunt went well, thanks to Heather Hawkinson's organization.

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- Mayor Myers and Representative Dan Swanson discussed future baseball diamonds. After lengthy conversation Representative Swanson will be looking into grants.
- Mayor Myers spoke with the Knox County Area Partnership for Economic Development discussing the development of the acreage behind the Knox County Fairgrounds.
- The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be on Monday, April 20, 2026, at 7:00 PM. Administrative Committee Meeting will be on Monday April 20, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

Committee Reports:

- **Administration:** No report.
- **Cemetery:** No report.
- **Economic Development:** No report.
- **Parks:** No report.
- **Police:** No report.
- **Sanitation:** No report.
- **Streets:** Alderman Eiker reported that the second culvert on Main Street has been replaced and that ditch work is nearing completion.
- **Water/Sewer:** No report.

Adjourn: At 7:36 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