CITY OF KNOXVILLE

Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting

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

Monday, July 20, 2026, 7:00 PM

Call to Order: Mayor Myers called the City of Knoxville Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2026-10 - 2026 - 2027 Appropriations to order at 7:00 PM.

All rose to recite the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Roll Call: Present: Alderman Eiker, Goff, Hillier, Moore, Rainey, Reed, and Taylor; Mayor Myers, Treasurer Barnum, Attorney McCoy, Chief of Police Poyner and City Clerk Kirchgessner. **Absent:** Alderman Hope. Also present: Ms. Penny Flesner

Public Comments: Mayor Myers presented the proposed budget amendments, including an increase to Account No. 725.001 (Transfer to Cemetery) from $5,000 to $15,000, Account No. 724.000 (Police Purchase of Equipment) from $40,000 to $65,000, and Account No. 737.000 (Transfer to Library Fund) from $16,600 to $20,000. Mayor Myers also requested that Attorney McCoy investigate the Library Tax Levy, noting that the City has not experienced an increase in revenue from the levy in more than a decade.

Adjourn: Alderman **Hillier moved** to adjourn the Public Hearing. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent. The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Call to Order: Mayor Myers called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

Roll Call: Present: Alderman Eiker, Goff, Hillier, Moore, Rainey, Reed, and Taylor; Mayor Myers, Treasurer Barnum, Attorney McCoy, Chief of Police Poyner, City Clerk Kirchgessner. **Absent:** Alderman Hope. Also present: Ms. Penny Flesner
Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve the Minutes of the July 6, 2026, City Council Meeting and June 29, 2026, Work session. Alderman **Taylor seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

GENERAL REPORTS

Attorney Report: No report.
Engineer Report: No report.
Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Barnum reported that there are 3 CDs left at First Mid Bank & Trust that will mature in August. Once moved to Tompkins State Bank, we will not have any accounts remaining at First Mid Bank & Trust. Once those CDs are moved, Treasurer Barnum will have a complete list of CDs with renewal information.

City Clerk's Report: Librarian Michelle Walker will celebrate her 11-year work anniversary on August 3, 2026.
Payment of City Bills: Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve payment of the City Bills. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion which passed with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) absent.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance No. 2026-10 – 2026 - 2027 Appropriations:** Following the public hearing, Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve Ordinance No. 2026-10 2026 - 2027 Appropriations with the proposed budget amendments, including an increase to Account No. 725.001 (Transfer to Cemetery) from $5,000 to $15,000, Account No. 724.000 (Police Purchase of Equipment) from $40,000 to $65,000, and Account No. 737.000 (Transfer to Library Fund) from $16,600 to $20,000. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) absent.
2. **Gallagher Health Insurance Renewal - Blue Cross Blue Shield:** Mr. Michael Rozum presented the City Council with health insurance renewal comparisons and options at the July 6, 2026, City Council meeting for review. Following discussion, Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve Blue Cross and Blue Sheild as the provider for the City's employee health insurance. Alderman **Rainey seconded** the motion which **passed** with seven (7) yes votes and one (1) Absent.
3. **Consideration and Approval of Police Department Promotion:** Chief Poyner presented the request to promote Officer Brandon Blake to the rank of Sergeant, including a $1.50 per hour wage increase. Alderman **Eiker moved** to approve the promotion of Brandon Blake to Sergeant, including a $1.50 per hour wage increase. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion which **passed** with seven (7) yes votes and one (1) absent.
4. **Knoxville Car Show - August 22, 2026:** Mr. Tim Eagle was unable to attend the meeting and will present information regarding the Knoxville Car Show at the next City Council meeting. Alderman **Moore moved** to approve any necessary road closures for the August 22, 2026, Knoxville Car Show. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion which **passed** with seven (7) yes votes and one (1) absent.
5. **Ordinance No. 2026-11 – Approval to Accept Sealed Bids for Surplus 1993 International 4000 Series Truck** Alderman **Eiker moved** to approve Ordinance No. 2026-11 authorizing the acceptance of sealed bids for the surplus 1993 International 4000 Series Truck, with a minimum bid of $8,000. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion which **passed** with seven (7) yes votes and one (1) absent**.**
6. **Ordinance No. 2026-12 – Declaration of 1982 Ford LN 700 as Surplus Property and Authorization for Disposal** Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve Ordinance No. 2026-12 declaring the 1982 Ford LN 700 as surplus property and authorizing its disposal. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion which **passed** with seven (7) yes votes and one (1) absent**.**

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Mayor's Report:

- ICCI has started the Downtown Streetscape project, and things are on schedule despite IDOT paperwork delay. Police are going to start blocking roadways where active work is in progress.
- Phase 2 of the Downtown Streetscape project will not begin until next year.
- Zoning Board of Appeals meeting was on July 15, 2026, and a company out of Chicago purchased several lots on Villa Court and a few Circle Dr lots in which they want to construct homes in the next 3 years.
- The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be on Monday, August 3, 2026, at 7:00 PM.

Committee Reports:

- **Administration:** No report.
- **Cemetery:** Alderman Hillier reported that the Librarian, Michelle, reported that forty-five students participated in summer reading program. Val Morris has resigned from the library board and will be replaced by either Joel Hutchcroft or Diane Munson
- **Economic Development:** No report.
- **Parks:** No report
- **Police:** No report
- **Sanitation:** No report.
- **Streets:** No report
- **Water/Sewer:** No report.

Adjourn: At 7:32 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