CITY OF KNOXVILLE

Regular Council Meeting

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

Monday, August 17, 2026, 7:00 PM

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, Chief of Police Poyner, City Clerk Kirchgessner. Also present: Ms. Penny Flesner, Mrs. Dawn Hutchison, Ms. Esther Herslow, Mr. Joseph Robinson and Mr. Jacob Teegardin. Absent: Treasurer Barnum
Public Comments: Mr. Teegardin introduced himself and his banking team members. Mr. Teegardin shared that the bank motto is "By the community for the community". He expressed that they would be present to represent the community in every way possible. Mr. Teegardin invited the City Council members and guests to the Community State Bank Open House after the Homecoming parade for Hot Dogs and Hamburgers in the parking lot.

Approval of Minutes: Alderman **Eiker moved** to approve the Minutes of the August 3, 2026, City Council Meeting. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

GENERAL REPORTS
Attorneys Report: None
Engineer's Report: None
Treasurer's Report: None
City Clerk's Report: City Clerk Kirchgessner announced that Sergeant Brandon Blake will celebrate his second anniversary with the City Police Department on August 19, 2026. She also recognized Mike Johnson of the Water Department for his 12 years of service with the City on August 21, 2026.
Payment of City Bills: Alderman **Hillier made** a motion to pay city bills. Alderman **Hope seconded** the motion which passed with eight (8) yes votes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Knoxville Scenic Drive-**Dawn Hutchison spoke on plans for organizing the Knoxville Scenic Drive vendors. She explained that vendors would be setting up tents at 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 2nd. She stated that some vendors would have tents that would be left up during the week. Mrs. Hutchison requested funding help from the city in the amount of $2,000.00. Alderman **Hillier moved** to give $2,000.00 to the Knoxville Scenic Drive Committee. Alderman **Taylor seconded** the motion which passed with (8) yes votes.

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NEW BUSINESS

1. **Accept Resignation of Sanitation Employee, David Liniger, Effective Friday, August 14, 2026.** Alderman **Eiker made** the motion to accept the resignation of David Liniger. Alderman **Hope seconded** the motion which passed with eight (8) yes votes.
2. **Approval of a Monthly Cell Phone Reimbursement for Department Supervisors, Assistants, and Essential Staff as Designated by Supervisors. (Department Supervisors-City Collector, Police Chief, Water Superintendent, Water Works Supervisor/Dept Assistants - Account Specialist, Police Sergeant and/or Lieutenant/Essential Staff - Sanitation Department Head).** Alderman **Moore made** the motion to approve monthly cell phone allowance of $30.00 for Department Supervisors, Assistants and essential staff as designated by supervisors. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion which passed with eight (8) yes votes.
3. **Accept the Recommendation of the Zoning Board/Planning Commission to Approve the Plat for Willard M. Ponder Subdivision Consisting of 5.27 Acres on Knox Station Road, Located Outside the City Limits**. Alderman **Hillier made** the motion to accept the Zoning Boards recommendation to approve the plat for the Willard Ponder subdivision. Alderman **Hope seconded** the motion which passed with eight (8) yes votes.
4. **Accept the Recommendation of the Zoning Board/Planning Commission to Approve the TIF Request from Pacific Lodge #66 AF & AM for Outside Building Repairs.** Alderman **Hillier made** the motion to approve the TIF request from the Pacific Lodge #66. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion which passed with eight (8) yes votes.
5. **Discussion and Action to Accept the Proposal from Gerard Tuckpointing for Tuckpointing at the Historical Jail in the Amount of $8,150.00.** Alderman **Hillier made** the motion to accept the bid for Gerard Tuckpointing to do the tuckpointing at the Historical Jail in the amount of $8150.00. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion which passed with eight (8) yes votes.

Mayor's Report:

- The streetscape is going well despite 12.9 inches of rain since August 1st.
- The Knoxville Public Library has 1 to 2 feet of water in the basement due to the unplugged sump pump and power outage.
- Mayor Myers stated the Historical Sites committee is looking to replace the round gutter at the Old City Hall with no hope of finding a contractor. The committee is considering replacing the gutter with the newer style.
- Car Show will be this weekend, August 22, 2026, starting at 12:00P.M.
- The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 8, 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:** Alderman Eiker stated that Jason Motz picked up the truck he had purchased in the sealed bids.
- **Water/Sewer:** Alderman Rainey stated that considering the most recent storms he thinks it is time the electrical cabinet is replaced at the Wastewater Treatment Plant as soon as possible. Mayor Myers requested it be added to the next agenda.

Adjourn: At 7:31 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

Barbara Kirchgessner, City Clerk