

CITY OF KNOXVILLE
Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting
Knoxville Police Station, 215 N. Hebard St., Knoxville

Monday, September 21, 2020, 7:00 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order: Mayor Maurer called the Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

Roll Call: Present: Aldermen Benjamin, Eiker, Gruner, Hillier, Hope, Howard, Myers and Naslund; Mayor Maurer, Treasurer Bivens, Chief of Police Poyner, Attorney McCoy, Engineer Cooper, and City Clerk Wilt. **Absent:** None. Also in attendance: Boy Scout Troop 220 Leader Mr. Ed Stoneking and three Troop 220 Boy Scouts.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of Minutes: Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve the Minutes of the September 8, 2020 City Council Meeting. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

GENERAL REPORTS

Attorney Report: No report.

Engineer Report: Engineer Cooper reported that the East Ann St hydrant and valve replacement project take two days and will begin on September 22, 2020.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

City Clerk's Report: No report.

Payment of City Bills: Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve payment of the City Bills; Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion which **passed** with eight (8) Yes votes.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Mayor Maurer noted that the monthly departmental operating reports were available in the online Council packet.
- Mayor Maurer shared a letter from the Knoxville Community Fire Protection District, thanking the City for the allocation of funds from the TIF fund for the Intergovernmental agreement, which allowed them to make capital improvements to the fire station.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Sewer Lining Project:** Alderman Gruner presented a proposal for continuation of sewer lining on East North Street. Engineer Cooper stated that this estimate is now \$90,000.00

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instead of \$86,835.00, and that the project can be put out for bid in October. Alderman **Myers moved** to authorize Bruner, Cooper & Zuck to request bids for sewer lining. Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent. Engineer Cooper will set October 16, 2020 for the bid opening, and the matter will come before the Council at the October 19, 2020 meeting.

2. **Zoning Board of Appeals Recommendation for 210 S Timber St Accessory Building:** Mayor Maurer reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting scheduled for September 10, 2020 to consider a variance on an accessory building at 210 S. Timber St, owned by Mr. Josh Pickrel, was not held due to no quorum present. Another meeting was scheduled for September 29, 2020. On September 13, 2020, Mayor Maurer was contacted by Mr. Pickrel, who has decided to downsize his proposed building to less than 1000 square feet, so he will no longer need to ask for a variance. The September 29, 2020 ZBA meeting has been cancelled, and all members were notified.
3. **Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance:** Attorney McCoy presented a draft supplemental ordinance that added the line item City Hall Addition to the Town fund for \$500,000.00. A supplement can be adopted if there are sufficient funds from another source that can be appropriated, in this case from TIF funding. The Economic Development Group has stated that the new addition can be paid entirely from TIF funds. Alderman **Myers moved** to approve Ordinance 2020-10 Supplemental Appropriations. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with eight (8) Yes votes.
4. **Halloween Trick or Treat Status:** Halloween is on Saturday, October 31, 2020. Mayor Maurer stated that the IL Governor's office has given no guidance so far for Halloween celebration during the COVID-19 pandemic. Alderman **Howard moved** to set Trick or Treat hours for 6:00-8:00 PM on October 31, 2020. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent. Mayor Maurer noted that this decision could be circumvented by the governor at a later date.

Mayor's Report:

- The tenants at 110 Galesburg Rd have been using the back lot as a scrap yard, and they have been reminded that this is not a permitted use of the property. They are in the process of cleaning up the property.
- A demolition permit has been issued for the new owners of 201 S Park St. The owners live at the adjoining property, and plan to clear the area for additional yard space.
- Packets for the April 2021 consolidated election are available at City Hall. Petitions may be filed with the City Clerk between December 14-21, 2020.
- The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on Monday, October 5, 2020 at 7:00 pm.
- The next Library Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Committee Reports

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- **Administration:** Alderman Myers asked for clarification on building permits for floating utility sheds under 150 sq feet. This matter will be placed on the October 5, 2020 agenda, and Building Administrator Larry Rigg will be invited to the meeting.
- **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 7:26 PM, Alderman **Gruner moved** to Adjourn the Meeting; Alderman **Howard seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

Submitted by:

Leslie Wilt
City Clerk