

**CITY OF KNOXVILLE**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
Knoxville Police Station, 215 N. Hebard St., Knoxville

**Monday, August 2, 2021, 7:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

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

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

**Roll Call: Present:** Aldermen Eiker, Gruner, Hillier, Hope, Howard, Moore, and Reed; Mayor Myers, Chief of Police Poyner, Attorney McCoy, and City Clerk Wilt. **Absent:** Treasurer Barnum, Engineer Cooper. Also present: Mr. Dan Hiatt, Mr. Tom Hoehn, Mrs. Dawn Hutchison.

**Public Comments:** Zoning Board of Appeals Commissioner Tom Hoehn addressed the Council about building renovations in the Historic District that are not submitted for review by the now combined Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission, so architectural guidelines are not being followed.

Mayor Myers read a letter from Don Bybee, who is unable to attend Council meetings due to working out of town. Mr. Bybee requests that a city tree be removed from 102 S. West St, as he feels that the tree roots are plugging the sewer lines. The item will be placed on the August 16, 2021 Council agenda.

**Approval of Minutes:** Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve the Minutes of the July 19, 2021 City Council Meeting. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

**GENERAL REPORTS**

**Attorney Report:** No report.

**Engineer Report:** No report.

**Treasurer's Report:** No report.

**City Clerk's Report:** Clerk Wilt reported that the Appropriations Ordinance had been filed with Knox County before the July 31, 2021 due date.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. Ordinance 2021-05 Increase Water/Sewer/Sanitation/Capital Improvement Rates:**  
The second reading of this ordinance proposed the following monthly rate increases: Water \$1.00, Sewer \$1.00, Sanitation \$1.00, Capital Improvement \$0.50, and usage over 2,000 gallons \$1.00 per thousand for both Water and Sewer. Alderman **Hillier moved** to

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adopt Ordinance 2021-05 Increasing Rates, effective September 1, 2021. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Knox County Scenic Drive – Knoxville Stop:** Dawn Hutchison stated that the Knox County Scenic Drive will be held in 2021, following the 2020 cancellation due to the coronavirus pandemic. By general consent, Mrs. Hutchison was retained as the Knoxville Stop Chairman of the County Drive. Alderman **Gruner moved** to donate \$2,500.00 to the Knoxville Stop of the Knox County Scenic Drive. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.
2. **Employee Health Insurance Renewal:** Mr. Dan Hiett with Hiett Insurance presented the options of contracting with current provider United Healthcare at a 17.5% increase, or moving to Blue Cross Blue Shield, which, although less expensive, is not a comparable plan. He also presented the option of an alternative, layered, plan design, which reduces out of pocket expenses for employees. He will provide more information on this option at the August 16, 2021 Council meeting.
3. **Police Department Blacktop Seal Coat:** Alderman **Howard moved** to contract with Superior Asphalt to seal coat the police department blacktop for \$1,220.00. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.

**Mayor's Report:**

- Officer James Bradford has resigned effective August 4, 2021. Mayor Myers met with Knox County Sheriff David Clague to discuss manpower options for the Police Department, which is presently not staffed with a full roster.
- City of Galesburg Director of Planning and Public Works Wayne Carl informed Mayor Myers that he will be contacting Knoxville to renegotiate the water contract.
- The Knoxville Community Fund will be donating funds to pay for toddler playground equipment at James Knox Park.
- A New City Hall construction meeting will be held Tuesday, August 3, 2021.
- The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on Monday, August 16, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Police Station.

**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.

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**Adjourn:** At 7:58 PM, Alderman **Gruner moved** to Adjourn the Meeting; Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Leslie Wilt  
City Clerk