

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

**Monday, September 20, 2021, 7:00 PM**

**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, Gruner, Hillier, Hope, Howard, Moore and Reed; Mayor Myers, Treasurer Barnum, Chief of Police Poyner, Attorney McCoy, and City Clerk Wilt.

**Absent:** Engineer Cooper.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve the Minutes of the September 7, 2021 City Council Meeting. Alderman **Howard seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with one abstention.

**GENERAL REPORTS**

**Attorney Report:** Attorney McCoy reported that the reimbursement for most of former employee Ryder Cudd's police training had been received from the state and suggested that the final \$283.00 owed could be dropped. The balance due from former employee Shawn Keith for training would still be pursued.

**Engineer Report:** Alderman Eiker reported that due to the railroad not signing off on the project yet, there could be delays by the state to begin resurfacing Henderson Road.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Barnum presented a report showing the renewal information for all CD's maturing in August and September 2021. She also shared a draft of a new format for the monthly treasurer's report.

**City Clerk's Report:** Clerk Wilt reported that she is distributing the whistleblower policy adopted at the September 7, 2021 Council meeting to all employees and council/board members.

**Payment of City Bills:** Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve payment of the City Bills; Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

- Mayor Myers noted that the monthly departmental operating reports were available in the online Council packet.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Ordinance to Increase Lines of Spending Authority:** Attorney McCoy presented a draft ordinance increasing lines of spending authority: Department Heads \$1,000.00; Committee Chairperson with Department Head \$2,500.00; Mayor with Committee Chairperson and Department Head \$5,000.00. Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve

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Ordinance 2021-08 Spending Authority of the Mayor, Committee Chairpersons, and Department Heads. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.

- 2. Consideration of Liquor License for JBH Petroleum 747 Knox County Hwy 10:**  
This item was tabled at the September 7, 2021 Council meeting. As there were no comments or motions related to this agenda item, the matter was considered closed with no action.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Ordinance to Retain Current Number of Alderpersons:** Attorney McCoy presented a draft ordinance assuring that the current number of eight (8) alderpersons is retained, regardless of the most recent federal decennial census results. Alderman **Howard moved** to approve Ordinance 2021-09 Size and Composition of the City Council. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.

**Mayor's Report:**

- The American Rescue Plan Act first allocation of \$185,291.96 has been received, and is eligible to be used towards the construction of new City Hall.
- The owner and family members of the undeveloped Circle Drive lots have been contacted about allowing a drainage ditch to alleviate standing water issues in the area.
- A retirement gathering for Street Department employee Ron Curry was held on September 17, 2021.
- Following a water main break on West South Street on September 17, 2021, it has been observed that some safety equipment needs to be updated.
- A used golf cart or utility terrain vehicle should be purchased
- New roofs for the sanitation storage buildings, plus a new backhoe to replace two current ones in the Street and Water departments will be considered for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.
- The mailing address for new City Hall will still be 33 N. Public Square, as per verification with the Knoxville Postmaster.
- The solar panel project for the wastewater treatment plant is still pending, but the proposed area may not be large enough to house the panels. Also, the step screen at the plant is not currently working, and Bock Inc has been contacted for status.
- A note from the family of former City Clerk Pam Eagle was circulated, thanking the Council for the donation in memory of her mother.
- The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on Monday, October 4, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

**Committee Reports**

- **Administration:** No report.
- **Cemetery:** No report.

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- **Economic Development:** No report.
- **Parks:** No report.
- **Police:** No report.
- **Sanitation:** No report.
- **Streets:** No report.
- **Water/Sewer:** Alderman Gruner reported that Leak Detection Services had recently performed a water leak survey of the entire water distribution system, and found two internal fire hydrant leaks only.

**Adjourn:** At 7:36 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