

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

Monday, October 18, 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, and City Clerk Wilt. **Absent:** Engineer Cooper, Attorney McCoy.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of Minutes: Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve the Minutes of the October 4, 2021 City Council Meeting. Alderman **Gruner 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: No report.

Payment of City Bills: Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve payment of the City Bills; Alderman **Hillier 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

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Employee Holiday Bonus:** Mayor Myers proposed meeting in a closed session prior to the November 1, 2021 regular Council meeting to consider using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for additional employee holiday bonuses.
2. **Resolution 2021-47 Hire Sam Pemberton Full Time Utility Employee:** Sam Pemberton is currently working part time as a cemetery mower. Alderman **Hillier moved** to hire Sam Pemberton at \$17.00 per hour as a Full Time Utility Employee, starting

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October 25, 2021. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.

Mayor's Report:

- The new City Hall ramp concrete has been poured, and on the interior, flooring and tile have been installed, doors hung, and windows trimmed out. There was a roof leak from the recent heavy rains, which has been repaired. Ceiling installation has started.
- The Keystone solar project contract for the wastewater treatment plant has been signed and returned today.
- The new roof on the James Knox Park small shelter has been installed.
- The old City Hall roof leak has been repaired.
- The Central Park gazebo needs a new roof.
- Flooding last week due to over 5 inches of rain falling has uncovered a possible sewer collapse on East North St.
- The Knox County Historic Sites annual meeting will be held on October 21, 2021.
- The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on Monday, November 1, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Committee Reports

- **Administration:** No report.
- **Cemetery:** No report.
- **Economic Development:** No report.
- **Parks:** No report.
- **Police:** No report.
- **Sanitation:** Alderman Hope reported that the Westview Dr address that had been reported as housing a business, but with no one residing there, is now up for sale, so zoning violations will not be pursued.
- **Streets:** Alderman Eiker reported that the city trucks are being readied for winter, but that current national supply chain issues are causing waiting times on parts orders. Aldermen Reed and Gruner reported drainage issues on properties on North Line St and South Jackson St following the recent heavy rains.
- **Water/Sewer:** No report.

Adjourn: At 7:25 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