

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

Monday, January 3, 2022, 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, Reed and Taylor; Mayor Myers, Treasurer Barnum, Police Chief Poyner, Attorney McCoy, and City Clerk Wilt. **Absent:** Aldermen Howard and Moore.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of Minutes: Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve the Minutes of the December 20, 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 distributed the 6 month financial report.

INFORMATION ITEMS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. New City Hall Use Policy:** Attorney McCoy presented a draft policy stating that the City Hall addition meeting space or areas be used only for City Council and city government business. The term "New" will be removed from the policy, as the building is an addition to the current City Hall, and the current City Hall building will still be in use. Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve the City Hall Use Policy as amended. Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion, which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and two (2) Absent.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Draft Ordinance Increasing Fee for Licensed Video Gaming:** Illinois Public Act 102-0689, effective December 17, 2021, allows non-home rule municipalities to impose a video gaming terminal operation fee not to exceed \$250.00 per year. Alderman **Gruner moved** to approved Ordinance 2022-01, Increasing the Annual Fee for Licensed Video

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Gaming Terminals to two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and two (2) Absent.

2. **TIF Grant Approval – Hurd-Hendricks Funeral Home:** The Economic Development Group has approved the finalized grant applications for Hurd-Hendricks Funeral Home and Fellowship Center. Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve the distribution of TIF grants for \$40,000.00 to Hurd-Hendricks Funeral Home, 120 S Public Sq, and for \$39,970.00 to Hurd-Hendricks Fellowship Center, 126 S Public Sq. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and two (2) Absent.

Mayor’s Report:

- The new Council table, made by Knoxville High School students, has been stained and will be finished soon.
- Treasurer Barnum will close the TIF CD and put the funds into the Money Market account to be able to pay out the balance on the City Hall addition plus the previously approved grants.
- Rock River Energy reported no significant rate changes to the latest electrical aggregation bids.
- The animal control municipal code will be reviewed at the January 17, 2022 Council meeting.
- A K9 police ordinance is in process pertaining to the trained dog belonging to newly hired Officer Torry Carnes.
- The Public Library Board will meet on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Library.
- The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on Monday, January 17, 2022 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:** Alderman Eiker reported that the street crews cleared snow from city streets over the New Year’s holiday weekend.
- **Water/Sewer:** No report.

Adjourn: At 7:21 PM, Alderman **Gruner moved** to Adjourn the Meeting; Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Leslie Wilt, City Clerk