

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

**Monday, January 17, 2022, 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 Gruner, Hillier, Hope, Howard, Moore, Reed and Taylor; Mayor Myers, Treasurer Barnum, Chief Poyner, Engineer Cooper, Attorney McCoy and City Clerk Wilt. **Absent:** Alderman Eiker. Also present: Dawn Hutchison.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve the Minutes of the January 3, 2022 City Council Meeting. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with two (2) Abstentions.

**GENERAL REPORTS**

**Attorney Report:** No report.

**Engineer Report:** No report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Barnum that she had consolidated some funds in the Tort Immunity, Sewer, and TIF accounts.

**City Clerk's Report:** No report.

**Payment of City Bills:** Alderman **Howard moved** to approve payment of the City Bills; Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Review Animal Control Ordinance:** Alderman **Gruner moved** to increase the daily animal control boarding fee from \$5.00 to \$15.00 (Appendix A Section 6-2-5-B). Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Knox County Spring Drive – Dawn Hutchison:** Mrs. Hutchison, chairman of the Knoxville stop of the Knox County Scenic Drive, requested permission to hold a Knox

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County Spring Drive on May 7-8, 2022, in conjunction with the Spoon River Spring Drive, with a similar format to the Drive held each fall. Alderman **Gruner moved** to allow Knoxville to participate in the Knox County Spring Drive. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which passed by voice vote with no dissent.

**2. Interconnection Agreement Between Ameren and Wastewater Treatment Plant:**

Mayor Myers noted that this solar power project was still moving forward, and shared documents that he had been approving in the process. The general consensus was that the City continue with this project.

**3. New City Hall Addition Message Sign:** Clerk Wilt presented bids from Galesburg Sing and Lighting for a message board sign to possibly be placed at or near the City Hall addition. The item will be discussed at the February 7, 2022 Council meeting.

**4. City Hall/Historic Sites Cleaning:** Current contracted City Hall custodian Renee Curry is retiring January 19, 2022. Historic Sites contracted custodian Debra Rainey is interested in adding City Hall to her contract. Clerk Wilt will discuss employment options with Mrs. Rainey to potentially become a part time employee instead of working on contract.

### Mayor's Report:

- There needs to be a long range maintenance plan implemented for city water and sewer lines.
- The security window and bathroom tile replacements are pending in the City Hall addition, causing the January 27 moving date to be pushed back.
- The process to extend the life of the current TIF district will be starting soon.
- Appropriations will be discussed starting in March. The cost of a new water truck will need to be appropriated.
- The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

### 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.

**Adjourn:** At 7:44 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.

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Submitted by:

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City Clerk