

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

**Monday, February 7, 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, Moore and Taylor; Mayor Myers, Treasurer Barnum, Attorney McCoy, and City Clerk Wilt. **Absent:** Aldermen Howard and Reed, Police Chief Poyner. Also present: R.D. and Lisa Zimmerman

**Public Comments:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** Alderman **Moore moved** to approve the Minutes of the January 17, 2022 City Council Meeting. Alderman **Hillier 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.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **New City Hall Addition Message Sign:** By general consent, the Council agreed to purchase and place a two-sided electronic message sign board in front of the New City Hall Annex. A new bid will be requested for this configuration.
2. **City Hall/Historic Sites Cleaning:** Clerk Wilt presented a job description for a custodian, which the Council approved by general consent, after changing the required lifting limit from 50 to 40 pounds. Current contracted custodian Debra Rainey desires to continue this job as a City employee. The job description will be reviewed with her. A job resolution to start on February 28, 2022, and a finalized job description will be voted upon at the February 21, 2022 Council meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **601 Newman St Sewer Issues:** A water leak at 601 Newman St caused part of the street to collapse in 2021. During the repair process at that time, a hole in the sewer was

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discovered and repaired by the City. Mr. R.D. Zimmerman, property owner, called Roto-Rooter in late 2021 to investigate sewer problems, and it was discovered that the lateral line had been pulled from the sewer line during the street collapse. Mr. Zimmerman provided photos of the affected area and an invoice from Roto-Rooter for \$3,678.59 for repairs, and asked for compensation as he felt he should have been notified during the street collapse about a possible issue. This item will be revisited at the February 21, 2022 Council meeting.

- 2. 2022-2023 Wheel Tax Design:** By general consent, the Historic City Hall and the new City Hall Annex will be featured on the 2022-2023 Wheel Tax sticker. Design choices will be made available at the February 21, 2022 Council meeting.
- 3. St Patrick's Day Parade:** Alderman **Gruner moved** to not hold a St. Patrick's Day Parade in 2022. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which passed by voice vote with no dissent.
- 4. Zoning Board of Appeals Appointments:** Alderman **Hillier moved** to re-appoint Tim Eagle and Neil Smith to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Alderman **Gruner 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, will be delivered on February 11, 2022. Final touch-ups in the new Council room have been completed. By general consent, the group selected transaction window choice #B, with three fixed panels and an opening at the bottom of the middle panel. This is a change from the original design already installed.
- A note from the family of Lance Moore was circulated, thanking the Council for the memorial donation.
- There are pending TIF requests from Garrett's Glass and from Phillip & Cara Wolford. These will go before the Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals.
- A replacement plan for city vehicles needs to be implemented.
- The cost and procedures to obtain an Illinois CDL license have changed drastically.
- Henderson Road and the Public Square are scheduled to be resurfaced this year.
- The Public Library has a roof leak that is causing a second story ceiling in an unused room to fall in. It will be scheduled for repair.
- The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 21, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Police Station.

### Committee Reports

- **Administration:** No report.
- **Cemetery:** No report.
- **Economic Development:** No report.
- **Parks:** No report.

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- **Police:** Alderman Eiker stated that the roads were plowed well following the recent heavy snowstorm. He also reported that the lights shining on the Old Courthouse pillars are being gradually replaced by a new-source light that is also waterproof.
- **Sanitation:** No report.
- **Streets:** No report.
- **Water/Sewer:** No report.

**Adjourn:** At 7:54 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