

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

Monday, February 21, 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 Eiker, Gruner, Hillier, Hope, Howard, Moore, Reed and Taylor; Mayor Myers, Treasurer Barnum, Chief Poyner, Attorney McCoy and City Clerk Wilt. **Absent:** None. Also present: Mr. Jeremy Garrett, Mrs. Joy Link.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of Minutes: Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve the Minutes of the February 7, 2022 City Council Meeting. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with one (1) Abstention.

GENERAL REPORTS

Attorney Report: Attorney McCoy noted that a CDL license is required to drive any large truck both inside and outside city limits.

Engineer Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

City Clerk's Report: Clerk Wilt circulated an invitation to the Knoxville High School FFA banquet on March 3, 2022.

Payment of City Bills: Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve payment of the City Bills; Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion which **passed** with eight (8) Yes votes.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. **601 Newman St Sewer Issues:** At the February 7, 2022 Council meeting, R.D. Zimmerman presented an invoice from Roto-Rooter for \$3,678.59 and asked for compensation for sewer line repairs made after a previously discovered hole in the sewer was repaired by City employees in 2021. Alderman **Eiker moved** to reimburse R.D. Zimmerman \$1,200.00. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with eight (8) Yes votes.
2. **New City Hall Addition Message Sign:** Due to no new information available, the item was tabled until the March 7, 2022 Council meeting.

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3. **Part Time Custodian Job Description:** Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve the Part Time Custodian Job Description. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.
4. **Resolution 2022-01 Hire Part Time Custodian Debra Rainey:** Alderman **Howard moved** to approve Resolution 2022-01 to hire Part Time Custodian Debra Rainey at \$16.00 per hour. Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion, which **passed** with eight (8) Yes votes.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Project Graduation Donation:** Mrs. Joy Link asked the City to sponsor Project Graduation, a fun, substance-free event for graduating Knoxville High School seniors. Alderman **Hillier moved** to contribute \$1,440.00 to Project Graduation, which is \$20.00 for each of the 72 seniors. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with eight (8) Yes votes.
2. **TIF Request – Garrett’s Glass 308 E Main St:** A TIF redevelopment agreement for \$40,000.00 was submitted by Jeremy Garrett for 308 E Main St for interior and exterior work. The Zoning Board of Appeals reviewed and recommended approval of this request at their February 16, 2022 meeting. Alderman **Moore moved** to approve Ordinance 2022-02 TIF Redevelopment Agreement with Jeremy Garrett for 308 E Main St. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with eight (8) Yes votes.
3. **TIF Request – Phillip & Cara Wolford 138 E Public Sq:** A TIF redevelopment agreement for \$40,000.00 was submitted by Phillip and Cara Wolford for 138 E Public Sq for interior and exterior work. The Zoning Board of Appeals reviewed and recommended approval of this request at their February 16, 2022 meeting. Alderman **Howard moved** to approve Ordinance 2022-03 TIF Redevelopment Agreement for Phillip & Cara Wolford, PCPB Ventures LLC, 138 E Public Sq. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with eight (8) Yes votes.
4. **Police Trainee Wage Increases:** Police Officers Patrick Hayes and Heath Milan are currently attending the Police Academy to obtain certification. Alderman **Eiker moved** to increase the wages for Officers Hayes and Milan from \$16.00 to \$18.00 per hour, effective February 27, 2022. Alderman **Taylor seconded** the motion, which **passed** with eight (8) Yes votes.

Mayor’s Report:

- City Hall annex update: damaged carpet squares to be replaced, new countertop and customer window to be replaced, which will be covered by Hein Construction, and in the spring, railings and doors to be painted.

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- There are continuing water issues in the back yard at 413 W Main St, and the area will be ditched in the spring.
- The sewer line on E North St has backed up again.
- Extending the TIF district an additional twelve years can assist with development of the last remaining open lot in the business park.
- Resident Tracy Sharp was contacted by the solar company to obtain permission to place panels on some of her land that adjoins the wastewater treatment plant. As the City was not informed of this inquiry, Ms. Sharp has been asked to let the City review the contract she was offered.
- Wage increases of \$2.00 for Police Officers and \$1.00 for support staff are suggested and recommended for fiscal year 2022-2023.
- Sharing equipment with Knox Township should be explored.
- Sanitation worker Trenton Martin has resigned effective February 25, 2022. Utility Worker Marty Sterr has expressed interest in moving to that position.
- The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on Monday, March 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:** Alderman Hope reported that a garbage truck had been involved in a weather-related accident at the landfill, and that repairs are being performed by City employees.
- **Streets:** No report.
- **Water/Sewer:** No report.

Adjourn: At 7:43 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