

CITY OF KNOXVILLE

Regular Council Meeting

Council Chambers, Knoxville City Hall Annex, 33 N Public Sq, Knoxville IL

Tuesday, September 6, 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, Moore, Reed and Taylor; Mayor Myers, Attorney McCoy, Chief Poyner, and City Clerk Wilt. **Absent:** Treasurer Barnum. Also in attendance: Ms. Dawn Hutchison, Ms. Penny Flesner, Mr. Ian Carothers.

Public Comments: Mr. Ian Carothers, 403 W South St, requested a street light be added in his block, citing safety concerns with many small children in the area. Alderman Eiker will investigate this request.

Approval of Minutes: Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve the Minutes of the August 15, 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: Clerk Wilt noted that the consolidated election would be held on April 4, 2023, and that election petition packets would be available soon for those planning on running for office.

INFORMATION ITEMS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **James Knox Park:** As there was no new information to report, this item will be placed on the September 19, 2022 Council agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Knox County Scenic Drive – Knoxville Stop Chair Dawn Hutchison:** Ms. Dawn Hutchison asked for verification on procedures for the Knoxville Stop on the Knox County Scenic Drive for Oct 1-2 and 8-9, 2022. This included the following:
 - a. Vendors may begin parking and setting up on Fridays at 5:00 pm
 - b. Vendor tents may stay set up between the two weekends

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- c. Food vendors may access water from the spigot on the back of City Hall Annex
- d. A church group will be allowed to set up a booth to distribute religious pamphlets
- e. Police safety coverage will be scheduled for all times of the Drive
- f. A group has requested to set up a bounce house as a fundraiser. Ms. Hutchison will ask them for proof of insurance, and Attorney McCoy will research additional requirements.

Ms. Hutchison also requested a donation of \$1,500.00 for Drive expenses. Alderman **Hillier moved** to donate \$1,500.00 to the Knoxville Stop of the Knox County Scenic Drive. Alderman **Taylor seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.

2. **Public Library Open Part Time Positions:** The Library Board will discuss this issue at their September 7, 2022 meeting.
3. **Draft Ordinance – Supplementing Ordinance 2022-07 Appropriations:** The Sanitation Department storage building roof replacement bid was significantly larger than the \$30,000.00 appropriated in the Building Repair and Maintenance line item for 2022-2023. The ordinance raises the appropriation by \$40,000.00 to \$70,000.00. Attorney McCoy noted that this change was acceptable as it utilizes reserve funding. Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve **Ordinance 2022-13 Supplementing Ordinance 2022-07 Appropriations**. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.
4. **Storage Building Roof Replacement:** Alderman **Eiker moved** to contract with Ravenson Construction LLC to replace the storage building roofs for \$58,500.00. Alderman **Hope seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes. Any rotten lumber discovered during the process will be replaced at additional cost.
5. **Street Department Plow Replacement:** Alderman **Eiker moved** to purchase a new vee plow from Koenig Body and Equipment for \$10,250.00 for the Street Department. Alderman **Taylor seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes. The old plow will be retained as a back-up.
6. **Wastewater Treatment Plant Bobcat Skid Steer:** The Bobcat at the Wastewater Treatment plant needs over \$10,000.00 in repairs. This equipment is necessary for day to day operations, and Alderman Gruner has already instructed the Bock employees to go ahead with repairs. Alderman **Gruner moved** to repair the Bobcat at a cost of just over \$10,000.00. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.
7. **Draft Ordinance – TIF Redevelopment Agreement Jeremy Garrett 306 E Main St:** The Council approved this request on July 18, 2022, but this is the official agreement prepared by the Economic Development Group. Alderman **Eiker moved** to approve **Ordinance 2022-14 TIF Redevelopment Agreement with Jeremy Garrett 306 E Main St**. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.

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8. **Resolution 2022-43 – Hire Full Time Utility Worker Martin Sterr:** Sanitation Worker Martin Sterr has requested a lateral move to the open Utility Worker position. Alderman **Eiker moved** to adopt Resolution 2022-43 Hire Full Time Utility Worker Martin Sterr at \$19.00 per hour. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.

9. **Resolution 2022-44 – Hire Full Time Sanitation Worker John Milan:** Mr. John Milan has been selected to fill the open Sanitation Worker position, but he does not currently hold a CDL license. Due to new state statutes, prospective license holders are required to take a CDL class. Mr. Milan would be required to obtain a permit and pay for his own online training course, and would have up to one year to secure the license. After the license is secured, the cost of the training course would be reimbursed. Alderman **Eiker moved** to adopt Resolution 2022-44 Hire Full Time Sanitation Worker John Milan at \$19.00 per hour, with the CDL license terms as noted. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.

Mayor's Report:

- The wastewater treatment plant solar project is progressing, and the trees that need removal are being cleared responsibly by the vendor by either being mulched or the wood used in other ways. The solar panels are projected to be installed and in use by the end of September.
- The 17th Annual Car Cruise on August 27 was a big success.
- Dollar Tree/Family Dollar would like to locate in Knoxville.
- There is a bid pending to repair the Old Courthouse pillars.
- The Knoxville Community Fund is planning a \$3,500.00 donation to the Police Department for supplies.
- The Mayor and Supervisor of Public Works have scouted locations for placing 52 trees being donated by an anonymous benefactor through the Knoxville Community Fund. Thirty of the trees will be located in the cemetery.
- The annual oil and chip project started today, September 6. The Public Square resurfacing project should be done by the end of September.
- The bid process for televising sewer lines closes in October.
- There are two neglected residences that need a qualified inspector to determine habitability.
- The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on Monday, September 19, 2022 at 6:00 PM at the City Hall Annex. Mayor Myers requested a one-time change in meeting time, which was approved by general consent.

Committee Reports:

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

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- **Sanitation:** No report.
- **Streets:** No report.
- **Water/Sewer:** No report.

Closed Session: Alderman **Hillier moved** to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Section (c)(3) of the Open Meetings Act for purposes of discussing the discipline or removal of an individual from public office where the City Council has the power to remove the individual from public office under law or ordinance. Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes. The Council went into Closed Session at 8:02 PM.

Adjourn: At 8:20 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