

CITY OF KNOXVILLE
Regular Council Meeting
Council Chambers, City Hall Annex, 33 N Public Sq, Knoxville, IL

Monday, October 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 Eiker, Gruner, Hillier, Hope, Moore, and Reed; Mayor Myers, Treasurer Barnum, Chief Poyner and City Clerk Wilt. **Absent:** Alderman Taylor, Attorney McCoy, Engineer Cooper. Also present: Ms. Penny Flesner, Mrs. Diane Munson.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of Minutes: Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve the Minutes of the October 3, 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: Mayor Myers reported that the sewer televising will begin next week.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Barnum reported that First Mid Bank is running a special and will increase the annual percentage rate from 0.75% to 1.50% on the twelve City money market accounts until October 2023.

City Clerk's Report: Clerk Wilt reported that the Knoxville High School National Honor Society is holding a "Trunk or Treat" on October 31, and was requesting candy donations.

Payment of City Bills: Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve payment of the City Bills. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion which **passed** with six (6) 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. **Christmas Parade Organizer:** An organizer is needed for the annual Christmas Parade on December 3, 2022. Clerk Wilt will contact Knoxville High School to see if a school group would be interested.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Zoning Board of Appeals – TIF Request Knoxville Veterinary Service:** Dr. Suzanne Harshbarger had submitted a TIF request for roofing and siding the Knoxville Veterinary

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Service building. The Zoning Board of Appeals reviewed and recommended approval of this request at their October 13, 2022 meeting. Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve the TIF request for Knoxville Veterinary Service, 125 N Public Sq. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.

2. **Resolution 2022-47 – Hire Full Time Police Officer Bailey Carothers:** Alderman **Eiker moved** to approve Resolution 2022-47 to hire full time Police Officer Bailey Carothers at \$18.00 per hour. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and one (1) Absent. Chief Poyner will enroll Ms. Carothers in the first available academy training class.
3. **Library Door and Windows:** Two quotes from Glass Specialty, for window tinting on the west Library windows and for replacing the east exterior door, were presented. Alternative options were suggested. Alderman **Gruner moved** to **table** the discussion until the November 7, 2022 Council Meeting. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

Mayor's Report:

- The solar project at the wastewater treatment plant is progressing.
- A resident noted to Mayor Myers that Gilson St south of the sports complex is very dark after leaving the bright parking lot following football games, and it is difficult to see pedestrians. Chief Poyner will research portable flashing pedestrian lights and report back to the Council.
- The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on Monday, November 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:** Alderman Eiker complimented the City employees in cleaning up the tree quickly on East North St that fell and downed power lines at night on October 12. Alderman Reed asked if a walnut terrace tree branch hanging over the driveway at 902 E South St could be trimmed back. Options will be presented at the November 7, 2022 Council meeting.
- **Water/Sewer:** No report.

Adjourn: At 7:29 PM, Alderman **Hillier moved** to Adjourn the Meeting; Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent. The meeting was adjourned.

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Submitted by:

Leslie Wilt, City Clerk