

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

Monday, December 19, 2022, 7:00 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order: Mayor Pro-Tem Gruner 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; Treasurer Barnum, Chief Poyner and City Clerk Wilt. **Absent:** Mayor Myers. Also present: Mr. Jason Motz, Mrs. Jackie Motz.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of Minutes: Alderman **Moore moved** to approve the Minutes of the December 5, 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 she had filed the Tax Levy ordinance with the County prior to the December 27, 2022 deadline.

Payment of City Bills: Alderman **Eiker moved** to approve payment of the City Bills. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. **TIF Final Approval – Jason & Jackie Motz 222 E Main St:** The Economic Development Group as approved the finalized grant application for Jason and Jackie Motz for 222 E Main St. Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve the distribution of a TIF grant for \$40,000.00 to Jason and Jackie Motz. Alderman **Taylor seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.
2. **Walnut Street Parking:** Alderman Eiker noted that to alleviate congested parking in the 500 block of Walnut St, parking should be prohibited on the south side of the street to a point 245 feet east of the cul-de-sac. Alderman **Moore moved** to approve **Ordinance**

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2022-18, Adding Parking Restrictions to Walnut Street. Alderman **Taylor** **seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.

- 3. Yard Waste Burning Options:** Alderman Hope stated that she would like to move from a burning ban one day a week to three days a week – Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. Residents could also have the option of bringing leaves to the tree dump themselves for composting. The tree dump would have to be monitored to make sure the area is not contaminated. There are trail cams installed in the area, but they are not currently in use, and the technology may be outdated. Power could potentially be added to the area. These changes will be discussed at future Council meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. New Police Vehicle Purchase:** Chief Poyner reported that he is waiting on the dealer to provide a quote on a 2023 Ford Explorer.
- 2. TIF Request – Chance Ray 225 E Main St:** A TIF request for a \$25,106.00 grant was received from Chance Ray for Ray’s Auto Service at 225 E Main St. Alderman **Moore** **moved** to approve the TIF request for Chance Ray for 225 E Main St. Alderman **Eiker** **seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.

Mayor’s Report:

- The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Committee Reports

- **Administration:** No report.
- **Cemetery:** No report.
- **Economic Development:** No report.
- **Parks:** No report.
- **Police:** Alderman Moore reported that Police Officer candidate Dylan Johnson has withdrawn his application after failing the prerequisite power test needed to attend the Police Training Institute.
- **Sanitation:** No report.
- **Streets:** No report.
- **Water/Sewer:** No report.

Adjourn: At 7:23 PM, Alderman **Eiker** **moved** to Adjourn the Meeting; Alderman **Hillier** **seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

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Leslie Wilt, City Clerk