

# CITY OF KNOXVILLE

## Regular Council Meeting

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

Monday, February 20, 2023, 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, Treasurer Barnum, Attorney McCoy, Engineer Cooper, Chief Poyner and City Clerk Wilt. **Absent:** None. Also present: Mrs. Karen Benjamin, Mrs. Heather Hawkinson, Ms. Penny Flesner.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve the Minutes of the February 6, 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.

**Payment of City Bills:** Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve payment of the City Bills.

Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.

### INFORMATION ITEMS

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

### OLD BUSINESS

1. **Yard Waste Burning Options:** Attorney McCoy presented a draft ordinance with the changes presented at the February 6, 2023 Council meeting. The Council requested further clarifying verbiage stating that leaves are considered landscape waste. A final draft ordinance will be voted on at the March 6, 2023 Council meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. **Easter Egg Hunt:** Mrs. Heather Hawkinson, Easter Egg Hunt Chair, reported that she has received donations of eggs and candy for the April 2, 2023 event. She was given a budget not to exceed \$500.00 for prizes and additional candy.

# CITY OF KNOXVILLE

## Regular Council Meeting

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

2. **St Patrick's Day Parade:** Mrs. Karen Benjamin inquired about possibly holding a St Patrick's Day Parade. Since the deadline has passed to apply for the request to close a portion of State Route 150 for a parade, and there is currently a lack of police manpower for a parade, the suggestion was made to hold a St Patrick's Day event at James Knox Park on March 18, 2023. This would only require reserving the park shelter. Alderman **Taylor moved** to **not** hold a St. Patrick's Day Parade in 2023. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.
3. **Knoxville School District #202 Dumpster Rates:** Knoxville School District #202 is currently paying a flat fee of \$1,200.00 for seven dumpsters. Mayor Myers met with Interim Superintendent Grimm to discuss raising the rates to cover costs more accurately. It is difficult to determine the volume and weight of trash generated monthly by the District. Alderman **Gruner moved** to increase monthly dumpster rates for Knoxville School District #202 from \$1,200.00 to \$1,600.00 beginning March 1, 2023, and then increasing to \$2,000.00 on July 1, 2023. Alderman **Hope seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes. Clerk Wilt will notify the school district of this change.
4. **Motor Fuel Tax Resolution:** Engineer Cooper noted the three Motor Fuel Tax projects for the year are cold patch, rock and culverts; oil and chip; and resurface the north and south sides of the Public Square. Alderman **Moore moved** to appropriate \$300,000.00 for Motor Fuel Tax for 2023. Alderman **Taylor seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.
5. **Construction of Street Department Salt Shed:** The current salt shed was built incorrectly for proper salt storage. Bruner, Cooper, and Zuck prepared drawings of a new shed, and Supervisor of Public Works Rossell is in the process of getting bids. The old shed will be repaired to use for other storage. The item will be discussed at the March 6, 2023 Council meeting.
6. **James Knox Park Pickleball Equipment:** Alderman Reed presented bids for improvements to James Knox Park: a pickleball system for \$1,488.00 and a playground system including a basketball court for \$6,550.00. If both systems were ordered together, there would be a savings on shipping. There is a possibility that the Knoxville Community Fund would cover some of this expense. Alderman **Reed moved** to purchase both systems. Alderman **Taylor seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.
7. **Purchase of Non-Highway Vehicle for City Use:** Mayor Myers stated the need for a utility vehicle to be used by all departments to transport employees, winter snow removal and additional uses as needed, and presented a bid from AC McCartney. Alderman **Gruner moved** to purchase a 2022 Kubota Utility Vehicle from AC McCartney for \$37,900.00. Alderman **Taylor seconded** the motion, which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and one (1) No vote (Alderman Moore). Clerk Wilt will research which percentage

# CITY OF KNOXVILLE

## Regular Council Meeting

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

of the cost could come from each department, and provide the results for the March 6, 2023 Council meeting.

8. **Wastewater Treatment Plant Blower Bids:** Alderman Gruner presented bids for repairs to blowers at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Of the four blowers, one needs immediate repair, one needs repair within the next 6-12 months, and the final two will need attention within 3-4 years. Alderman **Gruner moved** to accept Option A bid from Berryman Equipment Co for \$14,412.00 to rebuild blower 1 only. Alderman **Hope seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes. The other options will be re-evaluated in the 2023-2024 fiscal year.
9. **2023-2024 Wheel Tax Sticker Design:** Clerk Wilt presented a draft Wheel Tax design commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Knoxville Fire Protection District. Alderman **Gruner moved** to accept the design as presented. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion with **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.

### Mayor's Report:

- The Mayor met with Knoxville School District #202 Interim Superintendent Grimm, and came to a resolution on the late water bill payment issue, which will allow the school to get the payment in before the due date.
- The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

### Committee Reports

- **Administration:** No report.
- **Cemetery:** No cemetery report. Alderman Hillier stated that the Public Library Board has a vacancy.
- **Economic Development:** No report.
- **Parks:** No report.
- **Police:** No report.
- **Sanitation:** No report.
- **Streets:** No report.
- **Water/Sewer:** Alderman Gruner stated that Water Superintendent Johnson discovered three dead end water mains on the east end of Main St, causing water loss. Repairs are the responsibility of the City. The Sewer lining project will start in March on the ten worst areas discovered during the televising and cleaning process.

**Adjourn:** At 8:05 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.

Submitted by:

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

Leslie Wilt, City Clerk