

CITY OF KNOXVILLE

Regular Council Meeting

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

Monday, March 6, 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, Chief Poyner, and City Clerk Wilt. **Absent:** Alderman Eiker, Engineer Cooper. Also present: Mr. Steve Morris, Mrs. Valerie Morris, Ms. Penny Flesner, Mrs. Addie Hebard, Miss Ava Hebard.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of Minutes: Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve the Minutes of the February 20, 2023 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: Treasurer Barnum stated that she had transferred \$11,649.70 from the Sewer Capital Improvement MMDA to the Sewer Fund Checking account in February to cover three invoices.

City Clerk's Report: No report.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Clerk Wilt passed out the 9 month financial report.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Ordinance Amending Chapter 10, Article 2 - Burning:** Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve Ordinance 2023-01 Amending Chapter 10, Article 2 – Burning, with the change of not allowing burning on Sundays, Monday, and Tuesdays. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with five (5) Yes votes, one (1) No vote (Taylor) and one (1) Absent. This Ordinance will be reviewed in one year.
- 2. Street Department Salt Shed:** Mayor Myers reported that this project is still out for bid. No action.
- 3. Purchase of Non-Highway Vehicle for City Use:** The purchase of this vehicle was approved at the February 20, 2023 Council meeting, but it was not determined which

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department(s) would pay for it as it was not appropriated. Alderman **Hillier moved** to finance the UTV until the 2023-2024 fiscal year, when it can be appropriated and paid for out of the Street Department. Alderman **Taylor seconded** the motion, which **passed** with five (5) Yes votes, one (1) No vote (Moore) and one (1) Absent.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Project Graduation:** Mrs. Addie Hebard and Miss Ava Hebard asked the City to sponsor Project Graduation, a fun, substance-free event for graduating Knoxville High School seniors. Alderman **Moore moved** to donate \$1,740.00 to Project Graduation, which is \$20.00 for each of the 87 seniors. Alderman **Taylor seconded** the motion, which **passed** with five (5) Yes votes, one (1) No vote (Gruner) and one (1) Absent.
- 2. Commercial Dumpster Rates:** The last commercial dumpster rate increase was over ten years ago, and landfill rates have risen considerably since then. Alderman **Gruner moved** to increase commercial dumpster rates by \$5.00 per dump for each size of dumpster effective May 1 for the June 1 billing. Alderman **Hope seconded** the motion, which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and one (1) Absent. The new rates will be 2 yard - \$25.00; 4 yard - \$35.00; 6 yard - \$45.00; 8 yard - \$55.00.
- 3. Residential Dumpster Rate Allowance for April 2023:** Spring Clean-up was abolished at the February 6, 2023 Council meeting. Alderman **Hope moved** to reduce residential dumpster rates by 50% during April 2023. Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent. Residents will only be allowed to rent a dumpster for one week. If the City does not have enough dumpsters on hand to fulfill all requests in April, the reduced rate will carry over into May. This agreement will be revisited to possibly offer this allowance again in the fall of 2023.

Mayor's Report:

- The construction on the solar farm at the Wastewater Treatment Plant will be starting up again soon.
- Rock River Energy has contacted the City about re-starting the electrical aggregation program for residents now that energy rates are going down again. They will continue to monitor rates for the best value, and asked the City to consider banding with other communities in an effort to negotiate a better rate. This item will be discussed at the March 20, 2023 Regular Council meeting.
- The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the City Hall Annex.

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.

Adjourn: At 7:42 PM, Alderman **Gruner moved** to Adjourn the Meeting; Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Leslie Wilt
City Clerk