

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

Monday, March 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, Chief Poyner and City Clerk Wilt. **Absent:** None. Also present: Mr. Luke Crouse, Ms. Penny Flesner, Mrs. Kathy Breeden.

Public Comments: Ms. Penny Flesner, 450 Broad Ave, stated that she took offense to the comment made at the March 6, 2023 Council meeting that “people don’t notice tax levies.” She stated that she is the only person in her household, and she certainly notices that all expenses have gone up, including taxes. She stated that the Council needs to be accountable to all constituents. She continually invites others to attend the Council meetings, but there seems to be a blind trust in each Council member to do the right thing. She asked the Council to remember and respect that trust.

Approval of Minutes: Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve the Minutes of the March 6, 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: No report.

City Clerk’s Report: No report.

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Street Department Salt Shed:** Mayor Myers reported that only one bid has been received for this project, and the City will continue to seek out bids. This item will be revisited at a later Council meeting.

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2. **2023-2024 Wheel Tax Sticker Design:** Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve the final proof of the 2023-2024 Wheel Tax sticker, featuring the Knoxville Fire Protection District. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting 3-9-2023:** Mr. Luke Crouse has requested two variances for his property on Parcel 10-33-101-009 across from his residence at 640 Abingdon St. At their March 9, 2023 meeting, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted to recommend approval of a building larger than 1,000 sq ft, and to allow the building to be built closer to the property line than the required 50 ft setback. Alderman **Eiker moved** to approve the variances on Parcel 10-33-101-009. Alderman **Hope seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.
2. **Resolution 2023-01 Adoption of the 2023 Knox County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan:** Mayor Myers reported that to become eligible for any federal mitigation funding, the City needs to adopt a mitigation plan resolution. Alderman **Hope moved** to approve Resolution 2023-01 Adoption of the 2023 Knox County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan. Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.
3. **Residential Electrical Aggregation Program:** No new information at this time.
4. **Food Trucks:** A food truck vendor inquired what types of permits are needed to operate a food truck at events at Hidden Hills Winery and Knoxville High School. Attorney McCoy noted that trucks are not specifically addressed in Chapter 24 of the Municipal Code, and that the City may want to offer a festival permit for food trucks. Other communities will be polled, and the item will be placed on the April 17, 2023 Council agenda.

Mayor's Report:

- The Knoxville Booster Club is holding a side-by-side fun run fundraiser on April 22, 2023. The other communities involved, including Knox County, have waived the vehicle permit fees for that event, and Mayor Myers waived the fees for Knoxville as well.
- An Illinois community has asked for a review of the company providing solar at the wastewater treatment plant.
- The City could potentially rent a large roll-off dumpster in April for residents to dispose of their large items since there is no spring clean-up.
- The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on Monday, April 3, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Committee Reports

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

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- **Parks:** No report.
- **Police:** No report.
- **Sanitation:** Alderman Hope stated that clarification is needed in the updated Chapter 10 of the Municipal Code to determine if commercial lawn care businesses could dispose of lawn waste for free at the tree dump area as the residents do, or if other arrangements should be made. The item will be placed on the April 3, 2023 Council agenda.
- **Streets:** No report.
- **Water/Sewer:** No report.

Adjourn: At 7:40 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