

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

Monday, April 17, 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, Reed, and Taylor; Mayor Myers, Treasurer Barnum, Attorney McCoy, Chief Poyner and City Clerk Wilt. **Absent:** Alderman Moore. Also present: Mrs. Darcy Thorp, Ms. Penny Flesner, Officer Zac Cox.

Public Comments: Mrs. Darcy Thorp, treasurer of the Knox County Fair Board, requested a \$15,000.00 donation towards the new community building being constructed at the fairgrounds. This request will be placed on the May 1, 2023 Council meeting agenda.

Ms. Penny Flesner stated that she was concerned about the Police Department issues discussed at the April 3, 2023 Council meeting. She also asked how the public could learn about the employee compensation discussed at the closed session portion of the Administrative Committee meeting from earlier in the evening. Mayor Myers noted that employee compensation will be addressed at the May 1, 2023 Council meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve the Minutes of the April 3, 2023 City Council Meeting. Alderman **Eiker 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 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. **Food Truck Regulations:** Attorney McCoy stated that the current temporary and annual sidewalk permits issued to businesses and vendors do not address food trucks. He will

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prepare guidelines for a permit system for council-recognized festivals and special events.

- 2. Ordinance 2023-02 Amending Tree Dump Usage Parameters:** Attorney McCoy presented a draft ordinance which reconciles the two places in the City municipal code that mention the tree dump. This change will still allow contractors to use the tree dump for trees and branches, but not for general yard waste. The Ordinance also corrects a numbering error within the City Code. Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve Ordinance 2023-02, Amending Chapter 10, Article 2, Sections 6 and 7, and Chapter 12, Article 6, Section 2. Alderman **Hope seconded** the motion, which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.
- 3. Final TIF Approval Ray's Auto Service:** The Economic Development Group has approved the finalized grant application for Chance Ray for 225 E Main St. Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve the distribution of a TIF grant for \$25,106.25 for Chance Ray for Ray's Auto Service. Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion, which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Appoint Patricia Rose to Public Library Board:** The Public Library Board submitted the name of Patricia Rose for their open position. Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve the appointment of Patricia Rose to the Public Library Board. Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion, which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.
- 2. City Wide Yard Sales:** Alderman **Hillier moved** to hold City Wide Yard Sales on June 9-10, 2023. Alderman **Taylor seconded** the motion, which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.

Mayor's Report:

- The solar farm at the wastewater treatment plant is progressing.
- The empty OSF building at 104 S Broad St has been sold to a local resident for an insurance agency.
- There is no new information on the status of the empty Old National Bank building at 324 E Main St. The bank donated office furniture to the City when the building was vacated in March 2023.
- The Knoxville Community Fund will issue a grant for \$4,940.00 for installing the posts for the Remembering Macy Mulvey playground equipment at James Knox Park.
- The Mayor met with outgoing School District #202 Interim Superintendent Grimm to discuss security options and upgrades for a possible multi-year intergovernmental TIF agreement. Also, the School District will support the proposed TIF district extension.
- The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 1, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

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Committee Reports

- **Administration:** No report.
- **Cemetery:** No report.
- **Economic Development:** No report.
- **Parks:** No report.
- **Police:** No report.
- **Sanitation:** No report.
- **Streets:** No report.
- **Water/Sewer:** No report.

Adjourn: At 7:43 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