

CITY OF KNOXVILLE

Regular Council Meeting

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

Monday, May 1, 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, Chief Poyner, Attorney McCoy and City Clerk Wilt. **Absent:** none. Also present: Mrs. Linda Jones, Mr. Jones, Ms. Penny Flesner, Officer Zac Cox.

Approval of Minutes: Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve the Minutes of the April 17, 2023 City Council Meeting. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

Swearing in of New Council: Mayor Myers administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Second Ward Aldermen Kristina Hope and Tyrone Taylor, Third Ward Aldermen Charles Gruner and Travis Moore, Fourth Ward Alderman Dan Eiker, and Treasurer Janet Barnum.

Adjourn: at 7:04 PM, Alderman **Hillier moved** to Adjourn Sine Die. Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes. The meeting was adjourned.

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Public Comments: None.

GENERAL REPORTS

Attorney Report: No report.

Engineer Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Barnum stated that she had transferred \$59,400.00 from the Sewer Capital Improvement MMDA to the Sewer Fund Checking account in March to cover one invoice.

City Clerk's Report: No report.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Mayor Myers read the Motorcycle Awareness Month Proclamation, provided by the Central Illinois ABATE.

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OLD BUSINESS

1. **Draft Ordinance Regarding the Sale of Food and Merchandise on Public Rights of Way:** Attorney McCoy presented a draft ordinance establishing a permit system for City-recognized festivals. Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve Ordinance 2023-03 Amending the City Code Regarding the Sale of Food and Merchandise on Public Rights of Way, with a permit fee of the lesser of \$300.00 or \$100.00 per day for which the permit is sought. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Knox County Fairgrounds Donation Request:** Alderman **Gruner moved** to table this item, awaiting further information. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.
2. **Appointment of City Attorney, City Engineer, Building Administrator, Auditor:** Alderman **Hillier moved** to make the following appointments for the 2023-2024 fiscal year: City Attorney Robert McCoy with Miller, Hall and Triggs, City Engineer Kevan Cooper with Bruner, Cooper & Zuck, Building Administrator Joe Lorenzen, and Auditor Ben Burgland with Blucker, Kneer & Associates. Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion, which passed with seven (7) Yes votes.
3. **Resolutions 2023-03 to 2023-31 Employee Compensation 2023-2024:** Employee compensation recommendations from the Administrative Committee meeting on April 17, 2023 were presented. Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve Resolutions 2023-03 through 2023-31 Employee Compensation 2023-2024. Alderman **Taylor seconded** the motion, which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and one (1) Abstention (Moore).
4. **Resolution 2023-32 Hire Part Time Grounds Maintenance Worker Scott Barnum:** Alderman **Eiker moved** to approve Resolution 2023-32 to hire Scott Barnum as Part Time Grounds Maintenance Worker at \$13.00 per hour. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.
5. **Purchase New Cemetery Mower:** Alderman **Hillier moved** to purchase a 2023 Cub Cadet zero-turn mower from Birkey's for \$10,452.00. Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.
6. **Car Cruise Donation Request:** Chief Poyner, on behalf of the Car Cruise Committee, requested a \$500.00 donation towards advertising for the August 26, 2023 Car Cruise. Alderman **Eiker moved** to donate \$500.00 to the Car Cruise for advertising. Alderman **Moore seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.

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7. **Sidewalk Removal Request 781 US Hwy 150E:** Mayor Myers, acting on behalf of the Jane Myers estate at 781 US Hwy 150E, requested permission to remove an unused city sidewalk in disrepair at that address. There are no other sidewalks in the area that are connected to it. Alderman **Eiker moved** to grant permission to remove the city sidewalk at 781 US Hwy 150E. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Charlie Gruner called for the votes, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.

8. **Request to Write Off Uncollectable Water Account Balances:** Account Specialist Melanie Tuthill had provided a list of nine uncollectable water account balances totaling \$1,480.64. Alderman **Gruner moved** to write off the uncollectable accounts. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.

Mayor's Report:

- Electricians are working onsite at the solar farm at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Big Catz BBQ will be hosting the Shiner Smoke-Off cook-off on August 26, 2023.
- The City may be receiving some refunds on the sewer televising project.
- The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 15, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the City Hall Annex.

Committee Reports:

- **Administration:** Alderman Hillier reported that she would be attending the May 2, 2023 Public Library Board meeting.
- **Cemetery:** No report.
- **Economic Development:** No report.
- **Parks:** No report.
- **Police:** Alderman Moore reported that Office Heath Milan has resigned, effective May 11, 2023.
- **Sanitation:** Clerk Wilt reported that about 28 residential dumpsters had been rented during the half price promotion during April.
- **Streets:** No report.
- **Water/Sewer:** No report.

Adjourn: At 7:31 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