

# CITY OF KNOXVILLE

## Regular Council Meeting

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

Monday, May 15, 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: Ms. Tracy Parrish, Ms. Paula Monari, Ms. Penny Flesner.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve the Minutes of the May 1, 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 **Hillier moved** to approve payment of the City Bills. Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.

### INFORMATION ITEMS

- MidCentury Communications employees Tracy Parrish and Paula Monari recognized the City of Knoxville as a Smart Rural Community, having advanced infrastructure that provides for economic growth, ignites educational opportunities, and improves healthcare through telehealth.
- Mayor Myers noted that the monthly departmental operating reports were available in the online Council packet.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. **Knox County Fairgrounds Donation Request:** This item is awaiting further information, and was tabled.

### NEW BUSINESS

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- 1. Consider Resale of Old Unused Cemetery Spaces:** Cemetery Sexton Hurd was unable to attend the meeting. Alderman **Gruner moved** to table the discussion. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.
- 2. Old Courthouse Repairs:** Mayor Myers reported that he had met with an engineer from Bruner, Cooper, and Zuck who had inspected the roof of the Old Courthouse and found that the roof is sagging around the cupola between the trusses. There is approximately 10-15 years of life left in the roof before failure. The entire roof would need to be removed to perform the repairs, at an approximate cost of \$150,000.00. Mayor Myers suggested looking for grant and/or TIF funding to proactively address the issue.
- 3. Updating Water Meter Reading System:** The current water meters and reader system were installed in 2014, and the reader system was estimated to last for about ten years. There has begun to be some failures to meters, and the current system is not compatible with newer meters. Alderman **Gruner moved** to purchase a new meter reader system from Midwest Meter Inc for \$19,250.00, and to upgrade the current water billing software system for compatibility. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.
- 4. Library LED Lighting Upgrade:** Ameren Illinois has offered a program to the Public Library to replace the current interior lighting and replace it with energy-efficient LED bulbs. Alderman **Hope moved** to contract with Ameren Illinois for an LED lighting project for \$1,086.00. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes. The current fixtures are compatible with the new bulbs, and Ameren will take away the old bulbs.
- 5. Resolution 2023-33 Hire Full Time Utility Worker John Milan:** Alderman **Eiker moved** to approve Resolution 2023-33 to Hire Full Time Utility Worker John Milan at \$20.50 per hour. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes. Mr. Milan has obtained his CDL license and is transferring from the Sanitation Department.

### Mayor's Report:

- The City set up a training program for employees to train to qualify for a CDL license using the recently updated national mandates. The first City employee to use the program has obtained his license.
- The Spring Drive was held on May 6-7, 2023. The attendance was not as large as was projected, and coordinator Dawn Hutchison has indicated that she will suggest that the City no longer participate.
- The solar farm at the wastewater treatment plant is progressing.
- A note from the William Munson family was circulated, thanking the City for the memorial donation.
- The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on Monday, June 5, 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:** Alderman Gruner reported that he had attended the bi-annual law seminar on May 13, sponsored by Miller, Hall and Triggs.

**Adjourn:** At 7:23 PM, Alderman **Eiker 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