

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

Monday, July 17, 2023, 7:00 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order: Mayor Myers called the City of Knoxville Public Hearing on the 2023-2024 Appropriations Ordinance 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. Dan Hiatt, Ms. Penny Flesner, Officer Zac Cox.

Public Comments: None.

Mayor Myers requested that the Council consider raising the Fireworks appropriation in the Town Fund from \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00.

Adjourn: Alderman **Eiker moved** to adjourn the Public Hearing. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent. The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:02 PM.

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Call to Order: Mayor Myers called the regular Council Meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

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. Dan Hiatt, Ms. Penny Flesner, Officer Zac Cox.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of Minutes: Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve the Minutes of the July 3, 2023 City Council Meeting. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with one (1) Abstention.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance 2023-04 Appropriations:** Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve Ordinance 2023-04 2023-2024 Appropriations, with a \$2,000.00 increase to Town Fund line item 731.000 Fireworks. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes. As clarification, Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve amended Ordinance 2023-04 2023-2024 Appropriations, totaling \$5,171,070.00. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Employee Health Insurance:** Dan Hiett with Hiett Insurance presented the employee health insurance renewal package from current provider Blue Cross Blue Shield. There is a 5% increase, and Mr. Hiett suggested that the coordinating Premium Saver plan could be increased to help with the coverage. Mayor Myers asked Mr. Hiett to provide some additional options, including the possibility of adding dental and vision to the plan. Mayor Myers also suggested that the City cover the cost of the increase this year as a benefit to the employees. This topic will be discussed at the August 7, 2023 Council meeting.
2. **Resolution 2023-36 Aggregate Electrical Contract:** Rock River Energy Services, Knoxville's third party energy source is working with several communities to combine to sign a municipal aggregation contract. Since the communities have different meeting dates, and bid pricing changes daily, swift authorization by the Mayor or designee could be necessary. Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve Resolution 2023-36 Authorizing Execution of an Electrical Contract, granting the Mayor or a designee authority to approve a contract. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes.
3. **Wine Run 5K July 23, 2023:** Alderman **Hillier moved** to allow a Wine Run 5K on Sunday, July 23, 2023. Alderman **Taylor seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes. The course runs from Hidden Hills Winery onto County Road 9, on Douglas St, around the cemetery, and then back.
4. **Ordinance 2023-05 Sale of Personal Property:** Alderman **Taylor moved** to approve Ordinance 2023-05 Sale of Personal Property of a X540 Mower from the Cemetery Department, for a minimum price of \$25.00. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes. Supervisor of Public Works Rossell will be directed to sell the mower.
5. **Update Website Design:** Watson Web Design submitted proposals for two options for a website upgrade, as the current design is no longer supported by the developer.

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Alderman **Eiker moved** to select Option 2 – Updated Web Design for \$16,480.00, with an annual fee of \$750.00. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes. For the August 7, 2023 Council meeting, Clerk Wilt will prepare options for which department(s) will be used to pay for this upgrade.

Mayor's Report:

- No donations were collected at the fireworks due to no one available to do so. A fundraiser or donation canisters should be considered.
- The repairs to the Old Courthouse roof are to start this week.
- The new backhoe has already broken down four times. We are working with the vendor on the issue. The bucket for it has not yet been delivered. The backhoe was paid for in full from the Street account with no financing.
- The James Knox Park playground equipment cannot be installed until the vendor comes to set up the posts.
- The Central Park gazebo roof has been completed. Some additional sheeting was required.
- The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on Monday, August 7, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

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