

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

Monday, August 21, 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, and City Clerk Wilt. **Absent:** Attorney McCoy, Chief Poyner. Also present: Mr. Jon Rainey, Mr. Dan Hiett, Mr. Tim Johnson, Ms. Penny Flesner.

Mayor Myers administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed First Ward Alderman Jon Rainey.

Public Comments: Mr. Tim Johnson asked about a resolution to the stump grinding issue he had told the Council about at the August 7, 2023 Council meeting. Mayor Myers replied that he had not been able to speak with anyone at Ameren who was able to assist in this matter, as he feels that Ameren should have been responsible for the grind. Mayor Myers stated that Mr. Johnson would not be required to pay for the half of the stump grind that the City had billed him for previously, and the invoice would be voided.

Approval of Minutes: Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve the Minutes of the August 7, 2023 City Council Meeting. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

GENERAL REPORTS

Attorney Report: Clerk Wilt reported for Attorney McCoy that the motion for default on 209 Hebard St will be on September 11, 2023.

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 eight (8) Yes votes.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Employee Health Insurance:** Dan Hiett with Hiett Insurance presented annual renewal information for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois and Premium Saver, as well as ala

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carte vision and dental health coverage options from United Healthcare. Alderman **Hillier moved** to accept Dental Proposal 1 and Vision Proposal 1 from United Healthcare with the City paying 85% of the premium and employees paying 15%. Alderman **Moore seconded** the motion which **passed** with eight (8) Yes votes. Alderman **Eiker moved** to renew annual employee health coverage with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois and with Premium Saver. Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion, which **passed** with eight (8) Yes votes. Mr. Hiatt will meet with employees to explain the new dental and vision options.

NEW BUSINESS

None

Mayor's Report:

- Contracted painting of the upper portion of the Old Courthouse has begun.
- The demolition of 109 W Main St is on hold pending asbestos testing.
- The new backhoe bucket arrived but was the wrong one.
- The 18th Annual Knoxville Car Cruise and the Grills and Guitars Festival at Big Catz BBQ will both be held on Saturday, August 26, 2023.
- An electrical aggregation contract with Homefield Energy was signed as per the terms set in Resolution 2023-36 at the July 17, 2023 Council meeting. Residents will be receiving letters from Homefield Energy about the program.
- The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 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:** Alderman Gruner reported that repairs are needed for the wastewater treatment plant roof, and that the blowers at the plant are coming to the end of life. Options for both will be presented at the September 5, 2023 Council meeting.

Adjourn: At 7:28 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