

# CITY OF KNOXVILLE

## Regular Council Meeting

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

Tuesday, September 5, 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, Rainey, and Taylor; Mayor Myers, Chief Poyner, Attorney McCoy and City Clerk Wilt. **Absent:** Alderman Reed, Treasurer Barnum, Engineer Cooper. Also present: Mrs. Jill Davis. Mr. Bernard Mates joined the meeting at 7:10 PM.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** Alderman **Eiker moved** to approve the Minutes of the August 21, 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:** Clerk Wilt noted that Account Specialist Tuthill was successful in collecting an old \$489.00 water bill that was previously written off due to age.

#### INFORMATION ITEMS

None.

#### OLD BUSINESS

None.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Wastewater Treatment Plant Roof Repairs:** Alderman Gruner presented a bid from Brad's Home Improvement for \$11,100.00 to repair the main building and garage roofs at the wastewater treatment plant. He noted that after the bid was submitted, the owner as lowered the bid by \$300.00. Alderman **Gruner moved** to select Brad's Home Improvement to repair two roofs at the wastewater treatment plant for \$10,800.00. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.
- 2. Wastewater Treatment Plant Blower Repair/Replacement:** Alderman **Gruner moved** to purchase a new blower for the wastewater treatment plant with a two year

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warranty for \$18,900.00 plus professional laser alignment and freight. Alderman **Hillier** **seconded** the motion, which **passed** by seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.

- 3. Personnel Policy – Paid Leave:** Attorney McCoy noted that the current personnel policies pertaining to sick leave and funeral bereavement leave do not reflect current law, and recommended that the policies be updated to reflect the broader uses of these respective leaves. He also noted that the Paid Leave for All Workers Act, effective January 1, 2024, states that all employees are entitled to paid leave per terms of the Act. Full time employees currently accrue vacation and sick time, but part time and seasonal employees do not. By general consent, Attorney McCoy will draft an ordinance updating these policies, which will include a provision for part time employees to accrue one (1) hour of sick time per every forty (40) hours worked per calendar year.

### Mayor's Report:

- The air conditioning system in the City Hall Annex is being reviewed by a system engineer, as there are system and ductwork issues.
- The solar field at the wastewater treatment plant is running.
- The new basketball hoops at James Knox Park are up.
- A card from the family of former mayor Bernadine Fleisher was circulated, thanking the City for the memorial donation.
- The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be on Monday, September 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

### Committee Reports:

- **Administration:** No report.
- **Cemetery:** Alderman Hillier noted that the Public Library will be closed on Saturday, October 7, and Saturday October 14, 2023, for the Knox County Scenic Drive.
- **Economic Development:** No report.
- **Parks:** No report.
- **Police:** No report.
- **Sanitation:** No report.
- **Streets:** No report.
- **Water/Sewer:** No report.

**Adjourn:** At 7:24 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