

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

Monday, November 20, 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 and Rainey; Mayor Myers, Treasurer Barnum, Chief Poyner, and City Clerk Wilt. **Absent:** Aldermen Moore, Reed and Taylor, Attorney McCoy. Also present: Officer Zac Cox, Ms. Penny Flesner.

Public Comments: Ms. Penny Flesner, 450 Broad Ave, asked when the pickleball courts at James Knox Park would be striped. Mayor Myers responded that they were not able to be striped this fall due to the late resurfacing of the courts, but they will be painted in the spring of 2024. Ms. Flesner also stated that it would be better for the nets if they are taken down during the winter months.

Approval of Minutes: Alderman **Eiker moved** to approve the Minutes of the November 6, 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 provided the 6 month financial report.

Payment of City Bills: Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve payment of the City Bills.

Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion which **passed** with five (5) Yes votes and three (3) Absent.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Property and Liability Insurance Renewal:** Alderman **Eiker moved** to accept the 2024 Property and Liability insurance renewal with Porter-Hay Insurance for \$77,945.10, as presented at the November 6, 2023 Council meeting. Alderman **Rainey seconded** the motion, which **passed** with five (5) Yes votes and three (3) Absent.
2. **Final TIF Approval – Tim Eagle 240 E Main St:** Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve the final distribution of \$1,447.69 for a TIF grant to Tim Eagle for 240 E Main

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St. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with five (5) Yes votes and three (3) Absent. The initial partial distribution was approved at the June 5, 2023 Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Car Show Parade May 24, 2024:** No one from this proposed event was present to discuss this item. The item will be discussed at a future Council meeting.
2. **2023-2024 Tax Levy:** Mayor Myers has suggested a 2.5% tax increase. An Administrative Committee meeting will be held at 6:30 PM prior to the 7:00 PM Council meeting on Monday, December 4, 2024.

Mayor's Report:

- The new playground equipment at James Knox Park was installed with City employee and volunteer labor on November 9, 2023. River Bottom Tree Service provided their lift to install the upper portion of the equipment. The City provided lunch for the volunteers.
- The Christmas Parade, luminary display, and business open houses will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2023.
- The Employee/Board Member Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2023.
- The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on Monday, December 4, 2023 at 7:00 pm, preceded by an Administrative Committee meeting at 6:30 PM.

Committee Reports

- **Administration:** No report.
- **Cemetery:** No report.
- **Economic Development:** No report.
- **Parks:** No report.
- **Police:** No report.
- **Sanitation:** No report.
- **Streets:** Alderman Eiker reported that the Christmas lights are beginning to be set up and installed in the Central Square Park and on the Main Street light poles. He also stated that the area around the new playground equipment at James Knox Park had been covered with mulch.
- **Water/Sewer:** No report.

Adjourn: At 7:21 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