

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

**Monday, December 18, 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, Reed, and Taylor; Mayor Myers, Treasurer Barnum, Attorney McCoy, Chief Poyner, and City Clerk Wilt. **Absent:** None. Also present: Officer Zac Cox.

**Public Comments:** Clerk Wilt and Chief Poyner thanked the Council for their Christmas bonuses and the Christmas party. A card from employee Marilyn Greenfield was circulated, thanking the Council for the same items.

**Approval of Minutes:** Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve the Minutes of the December 4, 2023 City Council Meeting. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

**GENERAL REPORTS**

**Attorney Report:** Attorney McCoy updated the Council on current abated properties: 109 W Main St – getting a lien on file this week; 209 N Hebard St – still in process.

**Engineer Report:** No report.

**Treasurer's Report:** No report.

**City Clerk's Report:** Clerk Wilt noted the dates of the 2024 Regular Council meetings, including changes due to holidays.

**Payment of City Bills:** Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve payment of the City Bills. Alderman **Taylor 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. **Review of Plumbing Work at 174 Northview Dr:** As noted at the December 4, 2023 Council meeting, the homeowner wants the City to pay their plumbing bill for sewer back up from November 2023. Due to equipment constraints, Water Superintendent Johnson has been unable to televisive this area again to determine if roots were causing sewer problems in the area, as the contracted plumber had stated. Alderman **Gruner moved** to pay Basio Plumbing Heating and Air Conditioning \$235.88 for plumbing work at 174 Northview Dr. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with eight (8) Yes votes. Clerk Wilt, with Alderman Gruner, will draft a letter to Basio Plumbing to include

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with their payment, stating that in the future, the main can only be accessed with approval from the City.

- 2. Demolition Bids for 209 N Hebard St:** No new demolition bids that include asbestos removal for 209 N Hebard St have been received yet from either Gibbs Construction or Lockwood Excavating & Construction. Alderman **Moore moved** to accept the lowest demolition bid for 209 N Hebard St from the company that includes asbestos abatement without changing their bid. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with eight (8) Yes votes.

### NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Ordinance 2023-09 Tax Levy:** As per discussion at the December 4, 2023 Administrative Committee meeting, a 2.5% increase was presented for the 2023-2024 tax levy. Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve Ordinance 2023-09 2023-2024 Tax Levy. Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion, which **passed** with eight (8) Yes votes.
- 2. Zoning Board of Appeals – TIF Request Knoxville Bar & Grill 310 E Main St:** David Fuentes had submitted a TIF request for \$39,675.00 for flooring, painting, roof and parking lot improvements. The Zoning Board of Appeals reviewed and recommended approval of this request at their December 14, 2023 meeting. Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve the TIF request for Knoxville Bar & Grill, 310 E Main St. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.
- 3. Zoning Board of Appeals -- TIF Request Beavers Teeth Axe Throwing, Brew & Chew 320 E Main St:** Rafael Fuentes had submitted a TIF request for \$40,000.00 for flooring, painting, siding and parking lot improvements. The Zoning Board of Appeals reviewed and recommended approval of this request at their December 14, 2023 meeting. Alderman **Moore moved** to approve the TIF request for Beavers Teeth Axe Throwing, Brew and Chew 320 E Main St. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.
- 4. Zoning Board of Appeals – TIF Request Tim Eagle Market Street Mall 111 N Market Street:** Tim Eagle had submitted a TIF request for \$40,000.00 for door, roof, parking lot and overhang improvements. The Zoning Board of Appeals reviewed and recommended approval of this request at their December 14, 2023 meeting. Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve the TIF request for Market Street Mall, 111 N Market St. Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

### Mayor's Report:

- The Employee/Board Member Christmas Party, held on Saturday, December 9, 2023, was attended by 55 employees, board members, and guests.
- The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

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### Committee Reports

- **Administration:** No report.
- **Cemetery:** Alderman Hillier stated that she will be meeting with Cemetery Sexton Hurd and Superintendent of Public Works Rossell in January to discuss options for mausoleum maintenance and repair.
- **Economic Development:** No report.
- **Parks:** No report.
- **Police:** No report.
- **Sanitation:** No report.
- **Streets:** No report
- **Water/Sewer:** No report.

**Adjourn:** At 7:21 PM, Alderman **Hillier moved** to Adjourn the Meeting; Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Leslie Wilt, City Clerk