

CITY OF KNOXVILLE

Regular Council Meeting

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

Monday, February 5, 2024, 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, Moore, Rainey, Reed and Taylor; Mayor Myers, Treasurer Barnum, Chief Poyner, and Attorney McCoy. **Absent:** Alderman Hope, City Clerk Wilt. Also present: Mrs. Kathy Walker, Mr. Gary Walker, Mrs. Jill Davis, Mrs. Jessica Collins, and Ms. Penny Flesner.

Treasurer Barnum served as City Clerk Pro Tem.

Public Comments: Mrs. Jessica Collins requested that the Halloween Lighted Parade be placed on the next meeting's agenda. She also brought to the council's attention a few street signs in town that need to be fixed.

Mrs. Kathy Walker, 798 Prairieview Rd, had a question about widening their driveway and what distance is needed between the driveway and a fire hydrant on their property. Water Superintendent Johnson will be directed to make the determination.

Approval of Minutes: Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve the Minutes of the January 15, 2024 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: No report.

INFORMATION ITEMS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Demolition of 209 N Hebard St:** A bid was received from Lockwood Excavating & Construction Inc. in the amount of \$23,800.00 to demolish 209 N Hebard St including asbestos abatement. The City can retire water and sanitary lines to save \$1,500.00. Alderman **Gruner moved** to accept the bid with the charge for retiring water and sanitary lines removed. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which passed by seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.

NEW BUSINESS

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- 1. Farmer's Market Request:** Mrs. Kathy Walker, Organizer/Manager of Galesburg Farmer's Market, presented a Farmer's Market Proposal for Knoxville which would take place from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM every Wednesday from May 22, 2024 to September 25, 2024 in the park area between Main Street and South Public Square. Alderman **Eiker moved** to allow Mrs. Kathy Walker to organize and manage the Farmer's Market in Knoxville. Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion, which passed by seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.
- 2. Purchase Police Department Vehicle:** Chief Poyner presented a quote to purchase a 2023 Dodge Durango for \$41,917.00 from Galena Chrysler, Galena IL. They will allow \$6,000.00 trade-in for the 2017 Ford Explorer, which brings the final cost to \$35,917.00. There will be some additional costs to outfit the vehicle with required items. Alderman **Moore moved** to purchase the 2023 Dodge Durango with the trade-in. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which passed by seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.
- 3. Hiring Part Time Police Officer:** Item was tabled until next meeting.
- 4. Change Water Billing Cycles:** Alderman **Gruner moved** that all city water billing cycles move from two cycles a month to one cycle per month, effective May 1, 2024. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which passed with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent. For those residents on the cycle whose due date will need to be changed, there will be a one time adjustment from billing 30 day usage to 40 day usage, with the due date remaining 20 days from the billing date.
- 5. After Hours Water Meter Replacement Rate:** Item was tabled until next meeting.
- 6. Residential Dumpster Rate Allowance:** Alderman **Moore moved** to reduce residential dumpster rates by 50% during April and October of each year. Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion, which passed with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.
- 7. Resolution 2024-01 – Temporary Road Closure for St Patrick's Day Parade March 16, 2024:** Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve Resolution 2024-01 to hold a St Patrick's Day Parade at 1:00 PM on Saturday, March 16, 2024. Alderman **Taylor seconded** the motion, which passed with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.

Mayor's Report:

- A note from Jeff and Sue Jefferson was circulated, thanking the Council for the Christmas bonus and employee Christmas party.
- A note from Kevan Cooper and family was circulated, thanking the Council for the donation to Safe Harbor in memory of Kim Cooper.
- Will start assessing and repairing sidewalks in May. The Main Street business area will be first, then work the way around town.
- Contract for lead line repairs was signed.

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- Met with school district officials to get an idea of what is needed to update schools. For example, both MWES and KJHS need new roofs, MWES needs new desks. Also looking into solar for MWES, KJHS and bus garage.
- Knox County Historical Sites is working on fundraising ideas to offset costs of future Courthouse roof repair.
- The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be on Monday, February 19, 2024 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 Mike Johnson worked with Ty Cruse at the wastewater treatment plant to develop a sewage treatment plan. Alderman Gruner will put in a planning format for next meeting's agenda. Alderman Gruner also reported that two streets are scheduled for sewer lining as soon as the weather gets better.

Adjourn: At 7:40 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:

Janet Barnum, City Clerk Pro Tem