

# CITY OF KNOXVILLE

## Regular Council Meeting

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

Monday, March 4, 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, Hope, Moore, Rainey, Reed and Taylor; Mayor Myers, Treasurer Barnum, Chief Poyner, Attorney McCoy, and City Clerk Wilt. **Absent:** None. Also present: Mrs. Heather Hawkinson, Miss Hope Hawkinson, Mr. Brian Wright, Mrs. Mandy Balser, Mrs. Jill Davis, Ms. Penny Flesner, Mr. Barnard Mates.

**Public Comments:** Miss Hope Hawkinson asked the City to sponsor Project Graduation for graduating Knoxville High School seniors. The item will be considered at the March 18, 2024 Council meeting.

Mr. Brett Wright and Mrs. Mandy Balser with the Knoxville Community Fund presented a mockup of a self-funded mural design intended to be placed on an exterior wall in the Big Catz Complex, and asked for approval of the content, which includes Knoxville landmarks and points of interest. This is on the agenda as New Business Item #1.

**Approval of Minutes:** Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve the Minutes of the February 19, 2024 City Council Meeting. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

### GENERAL REPORTS

**Attorney Report:** Attorney McCoy reported that foreclosure is pending on 109 W Main St, and that the status of the demolition of 209 N Hebard St is also pending. He also noted that he will be working with City Hall staff to prepare water ordinance updates to reflect current procedures.

**Engineer Report:** No report.

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

**City Clerk's Report:** No report.

### INFORMATION ITEMS

None.

### OLD BUSINESS

- 1. TIF Final Approval – Tim Eagle Market Street Mall 111 N Market St:** The Economic Development Group has approved the finalized grant application for Tim Eagle for 111 N Market St. Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve the distribution of a TIF grant for \$39,957.29 for Tim Eagle. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with eight (8) Yes votes.

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2. **Purchase Additional Dumpsters:** Alderman **Hope moved** to purchase sixteen (16) dumpsters in assorted sizes from Gregory Container for \$27,518.00. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with eight (8) Yes votes.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. **Approval of Downtown Mural Design:** See Public Comments above. Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve the mural design as presented. Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.
2. **2024-2025 Wheel Tax Sticker Design:** Alderman **Moore moved** to feature the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Knoxville Community Fund on the 2024-2025 Wheel Tax sticker. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent. Clerk Wilt will contact the sticker provider for a mock-up to be approved at the March 18, 2024 Council meeting.
3. **Resolution 2024-02 – Hire Part Time Police Officer Jason Paulsgrove:** Alderman **Moore moved** to approve Resolution 2024-02 to hire Part Time Police Officer Jason Paulsgrove at \$21.50 per hour. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with eight (8) Yes votes. Mr. Paulsgrove is police certified.

### Mayor's Report:

- Three separate bids for trash removal were sent to Knoxville School District #202, including a flat rate and rates for multiple weekly pick-ups.
- Knoxville currently has one K-9 officer, and having an additional one should be considered.
- Clerk Wilt will attend the Knoxville Fire Protection District meeting on March 14, 2024, to ask for their support in asking for a 12 year extension of the Knoxville TIF District.
- The Shamroxville celebration will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2024.
- The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be on Monday, March 18, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

### Committee Reports:

- **Administration:** No report.
- **Cemetery:** No report.
- **Economic Development:** No report.
- **Parks:** Alderman Reed stated that the pickleball court lines will be painted soon.
- **Police:** No report.
- **Sanitation:** No report.
- **Streets:** Alderman Eiker stated that some older street signs are being replaced with current compliant ones.
- **Water/Sewer:** No report.

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**Adjourn:** At 7:29 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