

CITY OF KNOXVILLE

Regular Council Meeting

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

Monday, April 1, 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. Gina Martin, Mr. Larry Lynch, Mrs. Jill Davis, Ms. Penny Flesner.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of Minutes: Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve the Minutes of the March 18, 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

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Request for Street Closure September 7, 2024 – Grills & Guitars, Big Cat BBQ:**
Alderman **Taylor moved** to approve closure of Timber St from the North Side Public Sq to West North St on September 7, 2024 for the Grills & Guitars event, sponsored by Big Catz BBQ. Alderman **Hope seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.
- 2. Zoning Board of Appeals – TIF Request GFDM – Pinwheel Insurance & Investments 110 S Broad St:** Mrs. Gina Martin presented a TIF request for \$40,000.00 for building façade repair, and interior renovations at 110 S Broad St. The Zoning Board of Appeals reviewed and recommended the approval of this request at their March 19, 2024 meeting. Alderman **Eiker moved** to approve the TIF request for GFDM – Pinwheel Insurance & Investments 110 S Broad St. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with eight (8) Yes votes.

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3. **Zoning Board of Appeals – Building Variance 101 E Mill St:** Mr. Larry Lynch asked for a variance to build a 1,152 sq ft garage at 101 E Mill St. At their March 26, 2024 meeting, the Zoning Board of Appeals reviewed and recommended this variance. Alderman **Eiker moved** to approve the variance to build a 1,152 sq ft garage at 101 E Mill St. Alderman **Taylor seconded** the motion, which **passed** with eight (8) Yes votes.
4. **Resolution 2024-04 – Hire Full Time Utility Worker Johnathan German:** Alderman **Eiker moved** to approve Resolution 2024-04 to hire Full Time Utility Worker Johnathan German at \$19.00 per hour. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with eight (8) Yes votes.
5. **Unauthorized Persons on Private Property:** Attorney McCoy stated that as a municipality, halting squatters on private property can be addressed with a fine using the nuisance ordinance. He will check with other communities for a model ordinance. Also, busses bringing unauthorized immigrants to smaller towns is not happening like it is in larger cities, but if it did, the bus service could be fined.
6. **Approve July 4, 2024 Fireworks:** Alderman **Hillier moved** to allow \$10,000.00 for the annual fireworks display at James Knox Park on July 4, 2024. Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Abstention (Hope).
7. **Use of Central Park for Public Health Walk:** Alderman **Rainey moved** to allow the Knox County Health Department to hold a Public Health Walk around the Central Park in the Public Square on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, from 5:00-6:00 PM. Alderman **Hope seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

Mayor's Report:

- An Administrative Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 6:00 PM to discuss employee compensation for 2024-2025.
- A Special Council meeting to tour City facilities will be on Monday, April 29, 2024 at 6:00 PM.
- The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be on Monday, April 15, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Committee Reports:

- **Administration:** No report.
- **Cemetery:** No report.
- **Economic Development:** No report.
- **Parks:** No report.
- **Police:** Alderman Moore reported that he had been contacted by a resident about a dog in a neighboring yard that was separated from the resident's yard by a fence with a hole in it, and was concerned for safety from the dog. Chief Poyner will review the situation with Alderman Moore.

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- **Sanitation:** No report.
- **Streets:** No report.
- **Water/Sewer:** No report.

Adjourn: At 7:30 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:

Leslie Wilt, City Clerk