

CITY OF KNOXVILLE

Regular Council Meeting

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

Monday, June 3, 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, and Reed; Mayor Myers, Treasurer Barnum, and Chief Poyner. **Absent:** Alderman Taylor, City Clerk Wilt, Attorney McCoy. Also present: Ms. Jill Davis and Ms. Penny Flesner.

Treasurer Barnum served as City Clerk Pro Tem.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of Minutes: Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve the Minutes of the May 20, 2024, City Council Meeting. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with one abstention.

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. Resolution 2024-36 – Hire FT Police Officer Brandon Blake:** Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve Resolution 2024-36 to hire FT Police Officer Brandon Blake at \$20.00 per hour. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.
- 2. Resolution 2024-37 – Hire FT Police Officer Joseph Roller:** Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve Resolution 2024-37 to hire FT Police Officer Joseph Roller at \$20.00 per hour. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.

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3. **Resolution 2024-38 – Hire PT Grounds Maintenance Worker Roger Donnelly:**
Alderman **Eiker moved** to approve Resolution 2024-38 to hire PT Grounds Maintenance Worker Roger Donnelly at \$14.00 per hour. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.
4. **Resolution 2024-39 – Hire PT Grounds Maintenance Worker Brad Cummings:**
Alderman **Eiker moved** to approve Resolution 2024-39 to hire PT Grounds Maintenance Worker Brad Cummings at \$14.00 per hour. Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.
5. **Resolution 2024-40 – Hire PT Grounds Maintenance Worker Tanner McGarry:**
Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve Resolution 2024-40 to hire PT Grounds Maintenance Worker Tanner McGarry at \$14.00 per hour. Alderman **Hope seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.
6. **Resolution 2024-41 – Hire PT Grounds Maintenance Worker Ty Taylor:** Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve Resolution 2024-41 to hire PT Grounds Maintenance Worker Ty Taylor at \$14.00 per hour. Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.

Mayor's Report:

- Attended one of several grant writing seminars; a digital grant will bring internet to low-income households and other organizations.
- Ribbon cutting ceremonies will be planned for the handicap playground and the downtown murals.
- Reports of turkeys/chickens running wild.
- The tree dump has been found locked on several occasions. Alderman Eiker holds a key and can unlock gate if this occurs again.
- Many residents do not purchase a wheel tax sticker; table discussion until next meeting.

Committee Reports:

- **Administration:** No report.
- **Cemetery:** Alderman Hillier received positive feedback on how nice the cemetery looked during Memorial Day weekend.
- **Economic Development:** No report.
- **Parks:** Alderman Reed has organized a fundraising pickleball tournament at James Knox Park for Saturday, July 27, 2024, at 9 AM (rain date is Sunday, July 28, 2024). The tournament will be on both days if there are a lot of entries. The cost is \$30 per team (\$15 per person).
- **Police:** No report.
- **Sanitation:** No report.
- **Streets:** Alderman Moore read an email from a resident concerned about large vehicles and trailers parked on narrow streets, which creates a safety issue if children are present. There are also speeding issues. Might need to update ordinances; will discuss at next meeting.
- **Water/Sewer:** No report.

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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:

Janet Barnum, City Clerk Pro Tem