

CITY OF KNOXVILLE

Regular Council Meeting

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

Monday, November 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, Hope, Moore, Rainey and Reed; Mayor Myers, Treasurer Barnum, Attorney McCoy, Chief Poyner, and City Clerk Wilt. **Absent:** Aldermen Gruner, Hillier and Taylor. Also present: Mr. Chad Morse, Ms. Penny Flesner, Mrs. Jill Davis.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of Minutes: Alderman **Eiker moved** to approve the Minutes of the October 21, 2024 City Council Meeting. Alderman **Rainey 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: Clerk Wilt noted that the dates to file nominating petitions for the April 1, 2025 Consolidated Election are November 12-18, 2024.

INFORMATION ITEMS

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. 1% Sales Tax:** The IL Municipal Code empowers a non-home rule municipality to impose sales tax up to 1% to provide property tax relief and investment in public infrastructure. Alderman **Eiker moved** to approve **Ordinance 2024-06** Implementing a Non-Home Rule Municipal Retailers' Occupation Tax and a Non-Home Rule Municipal Service Occupation Tax. Alderman **Rainey seconded** the motion, which **passed** with five (5) Yes votes and three (3) Absent. This Ordinance will be filed with the IL Department of Revenue, and will take effect on July 1, 2025.
- 2. TIF Final Approval – Linda Anderson 232 E Main St:** The Economic Development Group has approved the finalized grant application for Linda Anderson for 232 E Main St. Alderman **Moore moved** to approve the distribution of a TIF grant for \$22,097.46 for Linda Anderson. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with five (5) Yes votes and three (3) Absent.

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NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Property and Liability Insurance Renewal:** Chad Morse, President of Porter-Hay Insurance Agency, presented the 2025 Property and Liability Insurance renewal plan from the IL Municipal League Risk Management Association, which included a 5% increase over the 2024 plan. Alderman **Rainey moved** to contract the 2025 Property and Liability insurance renewal with Porter-Hay Insurance Agency for \$82,162.21. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with five (5) Yes votes and three (3) Absent.
- 2. Supplemental Appropriations:** Due to major storms in July 2024, the Contract Labor line item amount appropriated for the Street Department has already been overspent by \$21,175.00, with more to follow. Attorney McCoy presented a draft ordinance which transfers \$60,000.00 from the Street Dept Acct 715.000 Repair and Maintenance of Buildings appropriation to the Street Dept Acct 742.000 Contract Services appropriation. Also, the City has received \$978,26.18 in loan proceeds from the IL EPA for the lead line replacement project since the adoption of the Annual Appropriation Ordinance, so funds need to be added as a supplement. As the Ordinance required a super-majority for adoption, Mayor Myers was required to vote. Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve **Ordinance 2024-07** Providing for Supplemental Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes (which included Mayor Myers) and three (3) Absent.
- 3. Illinois Local Debt Recovery:** Mayor Myers tabled this item, pending additional review.
- 4. Wash South Water Tower:** Mayor Myers, on behalf of Alderman Gruner, presented two bids to wash the south water tower. Raff Sand & Gravel quoted the lower bid of \$6,750.00. Alderman **Rainey moved** to contract with Raff Sand & Gravel for \$6,750.00 to wash the south water tower. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with five (5) Yes votes and three (3) Absent.

Mayor's Report:

- The bathroom at James Knox Park was vandalized today.
- The Mayor attended the Knoxville Community Fund innovation visioning session on October 30, 2024. Ideas for the parks and the downtown area were discussed.
- A note from Summer Band Director Bob Fornander was circulated, thanking the City for the donation made in memory of Vera Fornander.
- The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be held on Monday, November 18, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Committee Reports:

- **Administration:** No report.
- **Cemetery:** No report.

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- **Economic Development:** No report.
- **Parks:** No report.
- **Police:** No report.
- **Sanitation:** No report.
- **Streets:** No report.
- **Water/Sewer:** No report

Adjourn: At 7:32 PM, Alderman **Rainey 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