

CITY OF KNOXVILLE
Regular Council Meeting
Council Chambers, Knoxville City Hall Annex, 33 N Public Sq, Knoxville IL

Monday, June 16, 2025, 7:00 PM

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, and Reed, Mayor Myers, Treasurer Barnum, and City Clerk Kirchgessner. **Absent:** Alderman Hope and Alderman Taylor. Also present: Mr. James Jones, Mr. Bernard Mates and Ms. Penny Flesner.

Public Comments: Mr. James Jones 38 Lincoln Street 6-8 weeks prior Ms. Linda Pyle was having work done to her residence and employees had parked a truck and trailer along the roadway. The vehicle resulted in cracked and busted concrete as well as ruts in ditch. Alderman Eiker said he would be down to take a look. Also stated his wife questioned water bill increase with recent letter.

Approval of Minutes: Gruner moved to approve the Minutes of the June 2, 2025, City Council Meeting. Alderman Hillier seconded the motion which passed by voice vote (6) yes and (2) absent.

GENERAL REPORTS

Attorney Report: No report.

Engineer Report: No report

Treasurer's Report: No report.

City Clerk's Report: No report

Payment of City Bills: Alderman Hillier moved to approve payment of City Bills. Alderman Gruner seconded the motion which passed with six (6) Yes votes and (2) Absent.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Zoning Board Appeals: Jason and Jackie Motz, 306 East Main St:** Jason and Jackie Motz submitted a TIF request for \$40,000.00 for improvements to 306 E Main St. The Zoning Board of Appeals reviewed and recommended approval of this request at their July 15, 2025 meeting. The Economic Development Group has approved the finalized grant application. Alderman Hillier moved to approve distribution of a TIF grant for \$40,000 dollars for Jason and Jackie Motz. Alderman Eiker seconded the motion which passed with six (6) Yes votes and two (2) Absent.
2. **Band Fund:** Mayor Myers explained that we needed to increase the Band fund for the Summer band series, the band director would receive \$500.00 and members currently

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receiving \$20.00 would receive \$25.00. Members out of the local area currently receiving \$25.00 would receive \$30.00. This action would put the City of Knoxville in line with surrounding communities. Alderman **Gruner** made a **motion** to move forward with the Band pay increase. Alderman **Hillier** **seconded** the motion which passed with six (6) Yes votes and (2) Absent.

3. **Cancellation of July 7, 2025 meeting:** Mayor Myers explained due to lack of agenda items he suggested that the July 7, 2025 meeting be canceled. Alderman **Rainey** moved to cancel the July 7, 2025 Council meeting. Alderman **Eiker** **seconded** the motion, which passed by voice vote with no dissent.

Mayor's Report:

- The city has started the transition of switching the city bank account to Tompkins Sate Bank.
- June 30th is the workday for the 2025-26 Appropriations ordinance. The board will look at items line by line. City Collector Wilt and Account Specialist Tuthill will be in attendance.
- July 21, 2025 a public hearing will be held on Ordinance 2025-05 for the 2025-2026 Appropriations prior to the Council meeting at 7PM.
- The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be on Monday, July 21, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

Committee Reports:

- **Administration:** No report.
- **Cemetery:** Alderman Hillier reported that she had received many compliments on the cemetery and was pleased with the appearance. The Fire Department is interested in trying to make July 4th an all day event.
- **Economic Development:** No report.
- **Parks:** Alderman Reed report that he still hadn't received movie equipment.
- **Police:** No report
- **Sanitation:** No report.
- **Streets:** Alderman Eiker reported that Dale Gibbs, 107 North West St., wanted a tree to be looked at that was located on the corner of North and West Streets on city right of way.
- **Water/Sewer:** no report.

Other interest: Clerk Kirchgessner reminded board that the Presbyterian Church was having ice cream social at the band concert on Wednesday, June 18.

Adjourn: At 7:20 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:
Barbara Kirchgessner, City Clerk