

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

Monday, July 21, 2025, 7:00 PM

Call to Order: Mayor Myers called the City of Knoxville Public Hearing on the 2025-2026 Appropriations Ordinance to order at 7:00 PM.

All rose to recite the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Roll Call: Present: Aldermen Gruner, Hillier, Hope, Moore, Rainey and Reed; Mayor Myers, Treasurer Barnum, Attorney McCoy, Chief of Police Poyner and City Clerk Kirchgessner. **Absent:** Aldermen Eiker and Taylor. Also present: Mr. Michael Rozum, Ms. Penny Flesner, Mrs. Jill Davis, Mrs. Emily Lester and Mr. Tim Eagle.

Public Comments: None.

Adjourn: Alderman **Hillier moved** to adjourn the Public Hearing. Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent. The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:04 PM.

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Call to Order: Mayor Myers called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Roll Call: Present: Aldermen Gruner, Hillier, Hope, Moore, Rainey, and Reed; Mayor Myers, Treasurer Barnum, Attorney McCoy, Chief of Police Poyner, City Clerk Kirchgessner. **Absent:** Aldermen Eiker and Taylor. Also present: Mr. Michael Rozum, Ms. Jill Davis, Ms. Penny Flesner, Ms. Emily Lester, and Mr. Tim Eagle.

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: Alderman **Rainey moved** to approve the Minutes of the June 16, 2025 City Council Meeting and the June 30, 2025 Work Session. 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: The Illinois Department of Transportation certified that they have reviewed the books and records in so far as they pertain to the receipt and disbursement of the Motor Fuel Tax Fund of the City of Knoxville for the period beginning Jan 1, 2024 and ending Dec 31, 2024 and the entries for receipts in these books and record are true and correct.

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

OLD BUSINESS

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NEW BUSINESS

1. **Employee Health/ Dental/Vision Insurance Renewal:** Mr. Michael Rozum presented the option and pricing for new Health, Dental and Vision plans. Alderman **Gruner moved** that Michael Rozum present to employees with the options and ultimately let the employee choose the plan that best suits them. Alderman **Moore seconded** the motion which **passed** with six (6) Yes votes and two (2) Absent.
2. **Employee Life/AD&D/ Short Term Disability Insurance Renewal:** Mr. Michael Rozum presented comparisons and options for employee life insurance, accidental death and dismemberment insurance, and short term disability insurance renewal. Alderman **Hillier moved** to accept Met Life as the new provider for employee Life/AD&D/Short Term Disability. Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion which **passed** with six (6) yes votes and two (2) Absent.
3. **Ordinance 2025-05 2025-2026 Appropriations:** Alderman **Gruner moved** to approve Ordinance 2025-05 Appropriations as submitted. Alderman **Hillier seconded** motion which **passed** with six (6) yes votes and two (2) Absent.
4. **Knoxville Welcome Sign:** **Tabled** due to the fact the Knoxville Community Fund meeting was canceled.
5. **Knoxville Mausoleum:** Alderman **Hillier moved** that we accept the bid from Carroll Wells in the amount of \$2,500.00 to make repairs to the mausoleum. Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion which **passed** with six (6) yes votes and two (2) Absent.
6. **Knoxville Car Show:** Mr. Tim Eagle spoke about the 20th Annual Knoxville Car Show and asked the board for their support financially. Alderman **Gruner moved** to give the Knoxville Car Show up to \$1,000.00 to help with expenses such as insurance and advertising. Alderman **Hope seconded** the motion which **passed** with six (6) yes votes and two (2) Absent.
7. **Security Light 310 Locust Street:** Alderman **Gruner moved** that we table this item due to the fact the homeowner wasn't present to explain the request. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.
8. **Library Air Conditioning System:** Alderman **Hillier moved** that we replace the library air conditioning unit for \$10,000.00 using Ring Sheet Metal Heating and Air Conditioning. Alderman **Hope seconded** the motion which **passed** with six (6) yes votes and two (2) Absent.

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9. **City Hall Air Conditioning System:** This item was moved to the next agenda as pricing information wasn't yet available.
10. **Zoning Board of Appeals-Minor Subdivision 1337 Knox Hwy 8:** Mayor **Myers** explains the reasoning behind the appeal. Alderman **Rainey moved** to accept the recommendation of the zoning board. Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion which carries with six (6) yes votes and two (2) Absent.
11. **Police Vehicle Cameras:** Alderman Moore explained the police cameras would be funded from the current DUI fund. The cost would be \$17,050.49, not including installation. The fund currently has \$21,000 which will cover the cost. After the installation the police should be up to date on all equipment. Alderman **Moore made a motion** to move forward with the purchase and installation by Supreme Radio Communications. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion which carried with six (6) yes votes and two (2) Absent.

Mayor's Report:

- July 4 fireworks were a success.
- Water pitcher grant is still in the works.
- Unsightly properties were discussed.
- The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be on Monday, August 4, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

Committee Reports:

- **Administration:** No report.
- **Cemetery:** Alderman Hillier reported that the Librarian, Michelle Walker, had written and received a grant for \$12,500.00 to help cover lost funding. She commended her efforts.
- **Economic Development:** No report.
- **Parks:** Alderman Reed reported that the screen still had not arrived and Movies in the Park will be coming soon.
- **Police:** No report
- **Sanitation:** No report.
- **Streets:** No report.
- **Water/Sewer:** No report.

Adjourn: At 8:04 PM, Alderman **Gruner moved** to Adjourn the Meeting; Alderman **Hope seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Barbara Kirchgessner, City Clerk