

CITY OF KNOXVILLE
Special Council Meeting
Knoxville Police Station, 215 N. Hebard St., Knoxville

Thursday, March 19, 2020, 6:00 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order: Mayor Maurer called the Special City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 PM. All rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Aldermen Benjamin, Eiker, Gruner, Hillier, Hope, Howard, and Myers; Mayor Maurer, Treasurer Bivens, City Clerk Wilt. **Absent:** Alderman Naslund, Chief of Police Poyner, Attorney McCoy.

Public Comments: None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance 2020-03 – Regarding Emergency Powers of the Mayor: Attorney McCoy had provided this draft ordinance to address the current COVID-19 pandemic, plus other health or national disaster emergencies. The Council made the following changes:

- Section B: add “or special” after regular with regard to the type of meeting
- Section C – 8: remove the words “suspend or” with regard to the sale of specific types of items
- Section E: add the Public Library to the list of places to post emergency notices, plus add the City All Call System as a type of public notification

Other changes were suggested, including adding a sunset clause to the entire ordinance, and the ordinance will be revisited at the April 6, 2020 Council meeting. Alderman

Gruner moved to approve amended Ordinance 2020-03. Alderman **Benjamin seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.

Adjourn: At 7:06 PM, Alderman **Gruner moved** to Adjourn the Meeting; Alderman **Benjamin seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

Submitted by:

Leslie Wilt, City Clerk