

CITY OF KNOXVILLE
Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting
Knoxville Police Station, 215 N. Hebard St., Knoxville

Monday, August 17, 2020, 7:00 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order: Mayor Maurer called the Meeting to order at 7:00 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, Chief of Police Poyner, Attorney McCoy, Engineer Cooper, and City Clerk Wilt. **Absent:** Alderman Naslund. Also in attendance: Knox County Clerk Scott Erickson, Ms. Dawn Hutchison with the Knox County Scenic Drive, and Mr. David Wilt.

Public Comments: Knox County Clerk Scott Erickson addressed the Council asking permission to house a drop box at City Hall for election ballots for the November 3, 2020 General Election. By general consensus, the Council approved placing a box inside City Hall. Clerk Erickson also stated that the information for the local general election in April 2021 will soon be made available.

Approval of Minutes: Alderman **Howard moved** to approve the Minutes of the August 3, 2020 City Council Meeting. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

GENERAL REPORTS

Attorney Report: No report.

Engineer Report: Engineer Cooper reported that the annual oil and chip project has been completed. He stated that there is federal money available for the Henderson Road resurfacing project, which could go out for bid in Spring 2021. He is also working with Water Superintendent Johnson on the hydrant and valve replacement list, plus the continuation of the sewer lining project.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

City Clerk's Report: No report.

Payment of City Bills: Alderman **Eiker moved** to approve payment of the City Bills; Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Mayor Maurer noted that the monthly departmental operating reports were available in the online Council packet.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Fall Clean-Up:** Alderman Hope reported that the new garbage truck will be arriving this week. She suggested that the Fall Clean-up could be scheduled for the week of

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September 14, 2020, the same week that Galesburg has selected for their clean-up. By general consensus, this date was approved.

2. **Knox County Scenic Drive – Knoxville Stop 2020 Participation:** Mrs. Dawn Hutchison with the Knox County Scenic Drive reported that the Scenic Drive County Committee had officially cancelled the Drive for 2020, based on concerns for complying with Health Department guidelines due to COVID-19. Knoxville will not host a stop for 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **RV and Camper Addition to Nuisance Ordinance:** Attorney McCoy presented a draft ordinance that defines an inoperable or nuisance vehicle for Chapter 15 Nuisances. Alderman **Myers moved** to adopt Ordinance 2020-09 Inoperable or Nuisance Vehicle Definition. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.
2. **Library Windows:** Alderman Myers recommended completing this project by contracting with Glass Specialty to replace the windows on the east side of the Library for \$3,212.84, which would be paid with TIF funds. Alderman **Myers moved** to approve the project. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion, which **passed** with seven (7) Yes votes and one (1) Absent.

Mayor's Report:

- The Illinois Corona Urgent Remediation Program (CURE) would reimburse local governments for COVID-19 related expenses, and will begin accepting requests on August 26, 2020.
- A note from East Galesburg Community Chapel was circulated, thanking the City for the memorial donation following the passing of former Alderman Frank Olin.
- The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 7:00 pm. The date is adjusted due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 7.
- The next Library Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Committee Reports

- **Administration:** No report.
- **Cemetery:** No report.
- **Economic Development:** No report.
- **Parks:** Alderman Howard thanked Treasurer Bivens for ordering city logo stickers for the new trash cans. No decision was made on what to do with the old concrete trash cans.
- **Police:** Chief Poyner reported that newly-hired Officer James Bradford had resigned.
- **Sanitation:** No report.
- **Streets:** No report.
- **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.

Submitted by:

Leslie Wilt
City Clerk