

The Common Council of the City of Knoxville met in regular session at the Knoxville City Hall at 7:00 PM CST with the following members present: Mayor, Rick Chambers; Clerk-Treasurer, Jeff Houston; Councilmembers, Don Kring, Greg Matt, Jeff Berg, Linda Berndt and City Attorney, Dave Matsey. Councilmember Ron Parker was absent.

RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Chambers asked to add as item 4-B "Ordinance #1140 - Toll Brothers Revenue Bonds" and item 7-B "Police Rank" to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were mailed to the Councilmembers prior to the meeting for their review. Councilmember Jeff Berg asked that the name of Pulaski County Sheriff Geyer be changed from Mark to Mike with that change, Jeff Berg made a motion to accept the minutes as presented with the change made. Motion was seconded by Linda Berndt. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING - TOLL BROTHERS BONDS

Mayor Chambers opened the public hearing for the Toll Brothers Bonds.

Tyler Kalachnik, an attorney from Ice Miller explained why Toll Brothers wants to reissue bonds. They would pay off the 2006 series and have a little left over for improvements. They will be backed by Bank of America and will be of no obligation to the City. The debt limit of the City also would not be affected. Brian Trappe, Plant Manager of Toll Brothers in Knoxville asked that the Council approve the ordinance authorizing the issuance of the new bonds. He said they added additional truss capacity and upgrade some saws at the plant.

Charlie Weaver, Executive Director of Starke County Economic Development Commission spoke in favor of the ordinance. He noted that the company had actually spent more than originally promised. His hope is that eventually the factory will hire more employees.

City Attorney Matsey also spoke in favor of the ordinance stating that he was glad to see that Toll was doing well and plans to stay in the community.

The public hearing was closed.

RE: ORDINANCE #1140 - TOLL BROTHERS REVENUE BONDS

Greg Matt made a motion, seconded by Linda Berndt to approve Ordinance #1140 on first reading by title only. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

Don Kring made a motion, seconded by Greg Matt to suspend the rules and have a second reading. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

Linda Berndt made a motion, seconded by Jeff Berg to approve Ordinance #1140 on second reading by title only. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

Greg Matt made a motion, seconded by Jeff Berg to suspend the rules and have a third and final reading. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

Greg Matt made a motion, seconded by Don Kring to approve ordinance #1140 on third and final reading by title only. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: VOLUNTEER FIREMAN'S COMPENSATION

Mayor Chambers said that on the recommendation of City Attorney, Dave Matsey the issue of volunteer fireman's compensation for lost time wages will be considered in an executive session.

RE: FIRE CONTRACT FOR CENTER TOWNSHIP

Clerk-Treasurer Houston presented the fire contract between the City of Knoxville and Center Township.

Greg Matt made a motion, seconded by Don Kring to approve the contract. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT WITH JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Clerk-Treasurer Houston presented the interlocal agreement between the City of Knoxville and Jackson Township for fire protection. Fire Chief Kenny Pfof said he thought the area description was wrong.

Clerk-Treasurer Houston asked that the agreement be tabled till the next meeting and said he would attach a plat map. Linda Berndt made a motion, seconded by Jeff Berg to table the agreement until the February 11th meeting. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: POLICE RANK

Mayor Rick Chambers told the Council that Police Chief, Clint Norem requested another rank of sergeant in the department, making a total of two sergeant positions. This would allow the promotion of Corporal Dave Combs to that position. Mayor Chambers said the Board of Public Works and Safety had recently recommended the promotion on the merits of the corporals job duties and performance. The difference in pay of \$1,062.00 would come from the unfilled eighth

