

The Common Council of the City of Knoxville met in regular session Tuesday, September 14, 2021, in the Knoxville City Hall at 6:00 P.M. CST with the following members present: Mayor Dennis Estok; Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder; Council Members Jeff Berg, Ron Parker, Don Kring, Bill Gustafson, Sherry Cowen and City Attorney Autumn Ferch. There were no amendments to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 8/24/2021

Minutes of the previous meeting were mailed to the Council Members prior to the meeting for their review. Don Kring made a motion, seconded by Bill Gustafson to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: RESOLUTION 2021-RE9 – ADOPTION OF 2022 BUDGET – 1ST READING AND ADOPTION

Mayor Estok presented Resolution 2021-RE9 to the Council. Bill Gustafson made a motion, seconded by Ron Parker to approve the Adoption of the 2022 Budget. Motion passed with a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: ORDINANCE 2021-OR5 – AMENDMENT TO 2021 SALARY ORDINANCE 1ST AND 2ND READING

PARK AND RECREATION

Director of Parks and Rec (Full-time, approx. 2080 Hr/Yr)	\$20.20 Min	\$24.04 Max
Maint. Supervisor (Part-Time/Seasonal, approx. 1120 Hr/Yr)	\$12.52 Min	\$15.64 Max
Laborer (Part-Time/Seasonal, approx. 1120 Hr/Yr)	\$9.39 Min	\$ 11.43 Max
Park Board President	\$99.38 per meeting	
Park Board Members (5 @ \$563.64)	\$46.97 per meeting per member	

Director of Parks and Recreation will work closely with the Park Board President and report directly to the Mayor. The Park Department will operate on flextime and a flexible schedule, as set by the Director and Mayor, to accommodate events and will be approved by the Mayor.

Mayor Estok presented Ordinance 2021-OR5 to the Council. Jeff Berg made a motion, seconded by Don Kring to approve the amended salary ordinance on the first reading. Motion passed with a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

Jeff Berg made a motion, seconded by Ron Parker to suspend the rules, and take a second vote on the ordinance. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

Sherry Cowen made a motion seconded by Jeff Berg to approve Ordinance 2021-OR5 on second and final reading. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: REQUEST FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING-CORNER OF PEARL AND WASHINGTON-VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

A short discussion was held about the addition of more handicap parking at the Veteran's Memorial. Don Kring made a motion, seconded by Ron Parker to approve the handicap parking. Motion passed with a vote of Five (5) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder informed the Council that a field examiner with the State Board of Accounts had just finished a Federal Audit for the year 2020 grants. She also gave the Council Members copies of paperwork needed for the 2021 AIM Ideas Summit.

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Just a reminder that trash and recycling will be curbside/street starting this week.
2. The city received the Blight Clearance Grant for the moose demolition. The plan is to take bids within a couple weeks. It will be green space for now.
3. Richard Mast donated \$18,000.00 for a new basketball court in Wythogan Park and attended the Fall Bash.
4. Peppermint Parade planning has begun. It is scheduled for December 4th.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Bill Gustafson asked Mayor Estok when the cameras are going in at the park? Mayor Estok informed Bill and the Council they are on order and will be installed when everything arrives. Don Kring asked about an update on Frisbee golf. Mayor Estok informed the Council that he walked it off with the designer and it should be completed before winter.

RE: CITIZEN'S COMMENT

Main Street United President Richard June gave an update on the October Fest. It is October 2nd and all businesses are on board with signatures. Three (3) bands will perform, cornhole tournament and BBQ Cook off. \$10.00 a person to sample it all. Also, the downtown WIFI should be in the end of October.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

The following properly files vouchers (See Voucher Docket, APV #31192 through #31278) were presented and approved.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time the meeting upon motion was duly adjourned.

Dennis Estok, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Cynthia Kidder, Clerk-Treasurer