

**CITY OF CHILLICOTHE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
January 23, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session January 23, 2017. Mayor Pro Tem Gould called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance, to the Flag of the United States of America, was recited.

Mayor Pro Tem Gould directed Clerk Hurd to call Roll.

**Present:** City Clerk Margaret Hurd  
City Treasurer B.L. Bredeman

**Aldermen:** Ronald Beaumont, Judith Cantwell,  
Danny Colwell, Patricia Connor,  
Dennis Gould, Michael Hughes,  
Gary Sharp, James Thornton

**Also Present:** City Attorney Michael Seghetti  
Police Chief Scott Mettillie  
Office Manager Denise Passage  
City Engineer Ken Coulter  
Superintendent of Public Works, Shawn Sutherland  
Fire Chief Mike Denzer

**Absent:** Mayor Douglas Crew  
ED Director Parker

**Mayor Pro Tem Gould declared a Quorum present.**

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 9, 2017 were presented. Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Cantwell that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the January 9, 2017 Regular Council Meeting and approve the Minutes as presented.

**Motion carried via voce vote.**

Clerk Hurd presented Communications as follows:

1. Fourth Quarter Building Report as submitted by Denise Passage, Zoning Officer
2. City Engineer Report dated January 23, 2017

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Beaumont that the communications as presented Clerk Hurd be placed on file. **Motion carried via voce vote.**

Alderman Gary Sharp updated the council on the American Legion Post #9 renovation project of the 4 Chaplains Memorial. He reported that the cost of the new flag pole would be \$3,750.00 and informed the Council that Post #9 would be requesting some financial help. He then read a news article from the June 1953 dedication. A short discussion ensued.

Alderman Hughes directed a question to Alderman Colwell in regards to a citizen that had questioned their Ameren bill. He questioned if the City was monitoring their rate verses rates available. Alderman

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Colwell responded that he too had spoken with the same citizen and that he told him exactly where on his bill to find the rates to compare and he gave him a website to access to give him the current rates available. Alderman Colwell said that he would have the web address posted on the City website.

Alderman Connor gave the Council an update on the privately owned memorial next to City Hall. She stated that the current owner is not willing to give up ownership at this time.

Alderman Connor reported that a Boy Scout has come to the Shademakers Committee for help on an Eagle Scout Project. He wants to get benches placed at Cutright Park and the Shademakers has agreed to help financially with his project and that Shademakers will be coming to the Council with some more beautification ideas for Cutright Park. She suggested that some garbage cans be purchased for the park. Alderman Hughes agreed to have garbage cans placed on the Public Works Committee Meeting Agenda.

Motion Alderman Cantwell, second Alderman Colwell that the communications from the Alderman be placed on file. **Motion Carried Via Voce Vote.**

Citizen Lee Nordstrom questioned how the communication with the new dispatching center will be handled from Chillicothe to Peoria Heights and where the records will be kept. Police Chief Mettille addressed his concerns. A discussion ensued. Mayor Pro Tem Gould encouraged Mr. Nordstrom to set a time to have a more depth discussion with the Police Chief.

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Colwell that the bills as presented be paid and the payrolls and transfers be approved.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:** **Beaumont, Cantwell, Colwell, Connor  
Gould, Hughes, Sharp, Thornton**

**Nays:** **None**

**Mayor Pro Tem declared motion carried.**

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Cantwell that the council authorize the Office Manager to advertise for the office position at City Hall. Discussion ensued. Alderman Hughes questioned how the ad would read and the qualifications. Alderman Colwell asked Office Manager Passage if she had a copy of the ad with her. She did not but gave a detailed description of how the ad would read. Further discussion ensued. Alderman Cantwell called for the questioned. **Motion Carried Via Voce Vote.**

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Beaumont that the Council approve the agreement between the City of Chillicothe and VoiceSpring for Phone service at the Police Station and authorize the Mayor to sign said agreement.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:** **Beaumont, Cantwell, Colwell, Connor  
Gould, Hughes, Sharp, Thornton**

**Nays:** **None**

**Mayor Pro Tem declared motion carried.**

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Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Cantwell that the council approve an expenditure of \$980.00 payable to Surveillance Technologies, LLC, for the relocation of monitors at the Police Station. Payable from the General Fund.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:** **Beaumont, Cantwell, Colwell, Connor  
Gould, Hughes, Sharp, Thornton**

**Nays:** **None**

**Mayor Pro Tem declared motion carried.**

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Cantwell that the Council approve **Ordinance No. 17-01-02**, an Ordinance Adding section 62-9 (Truancy) to Chapter 62 (Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions) to the City Code.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:** **Beaumont, Cantwell, Colwell, Connor  
Gould, Hughes, Sharp, Thornton**

**Nays:** **None**

**Mayor Pro Tem declared Ordinance No. 17-01-02 passed and signed the same.**

Motion Alderman Hughes that the Council terminate the contract agreement between the City of Chillicothe and Media Com for a static IP address at the Police Station.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:** **Beaumont, Cantwell, Colwell, Connor  
Gould, Hughes, Sharp, Thornton**

**Nays:** **None**

**Mayor Pro Tem declared motion carried.**

Motion Alderman Beaumont, second Alderman Sharp that the Council approve an expenditure of \$1,418.18, payable to Northern Tool Company, for the purchase of a motor for the easement machine. Payable from the water/sewer fund.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:** **Beaumont, Cantwell, Colwell, Connor  
Gould, Hughes, Sharp, Thornton**

**Nays:** **None**

**Mayor Pro Tem declared motion carried.**

Motion Alderman Beaumont, second Alderman Sharp that the Council authorize Public Works Committee to select a street to submit as a surfacing project and authorize the City Engineer to submit an application to PPUATS for partial funding for said project. City Engineer Coulter gave a brief explanation of the PPUATS application.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:** **Beaumont, Cantwell, Colwell, Connor  
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**Nays:** **None**

**Mayor Pro Tem declared motion carried.**

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Colwell that the Council approve the agreement between the City of Chillicothe and Media Com for a static IP address for the City at a cost of \$119.90 a month and a onetime cost for installation of \$54.95, payable from the General Fund and authorize the Mayor to sign said agreement.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:** **Beaumont, Cantwell, Colwell, Connor  
Gould, Hughes, Sharp, Thornton**

**Nays:** **None**

**Mayor Pro Tem declared motion carried.**

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Colwell that the Council approve the agreement between the City of Chillicothe and VoiceSpring for Phone service at the Police Station and authorize the Mayor to sign said agreement.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:** **Beaumont, Cantwell, Colwell, Connor  
Gould, Hughes, Sharp, Thornton**

**Nays:** **None**

**Mayor Pro Tem declared motion carried.**

Motion Alderman Beaumont, second Alderman Colwell that the Council adjourn into close session 7:41pm, for the purchase of lease of Real Estate, Section 2(c) (5) of the Open Meetings Act. Upon returning to open session no action will be taken.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:** **Beaumont, Cantwell, Colwell, Connor  
Gould, Hughes, Sharp, Thornton**

**Nays:** **None**

**Mayor Pro Tem declared motion carried.**

Council returned to open session at 7:54pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Gould announced that there being no further business the Council meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

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Margaret E. Hurd  
City Clerk