

**CITY OF CHILLICOTHE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
January 11, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session January 11, 2016. Mayor Douglas P. Crew 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.

Chairman Crew directed Clerk Hurd to call Roll.

Present: Mayor Douglas P. Crew
City Treasurer B.L. Bredeman
City Clerk Margaret Hurd

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

Also Present: Office Manager Denise Passage
City Attorney Michael Seghetti
City Engineer Ken Coulter
Fire Chief Michael Denzer
Police Chief Scott Mettille
Economic Development Director Rachel Parker

Absent: None

Chairman Crew declared a Quorum present.

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 14, 2015 were presented.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Cantwell that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the December 14, 2015 Regular Council Meeting and approve the Minutes as presented.

Motion carried via voce vote.

Clerk Hurd presented Communications as follows:

1. City Engineer report dated January 11, 2016
2. Economic Development Quarterly Update dated December 2015 as submitted by Rachael Parker, Director of Economic Development.
3. 2015 Fourth Quarter Building Permits Report dated October-December as submitted by Denise Passage, Zoning Officer.

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

Alderman Cantwell reported that she had a request from Citizens to look at the sidewalks on the East side of 2nd Street and that there were Citizens in the audience that will be addressing the Council later.

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Chairman Crew reported the following communications:

1. Letter from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency stating that the contractual agreement between the City of Chillicothe and Stanley Sayre had been reviewed and approved.

Chairman Crew announced that there would be a Committee of the Whole meeting on Monday, January 18, 2016 at 5:00pm.

Chairman Crew had nothing further to report.

Motion Alderman Cantwell, second Alderman Gould, that the communications, as presented by the Mayor be placed on file. **Motion carried via voce vote.**

Chairman Crew asked if there were any Committees with communications. There were no communications from Committees.

Chairman Crew asked if there was anyone with business concerning city government that would like to be heard. Business owner and Chamber President Denise Amundson asked to be heard. She stated that there are several business owners on 2nd Street that have requested she address the issue of the elevated sidewalks on 2nd Street. She stated that they are a hazard to the downtown and that they keep people from patronizing the downtown businesses. Alderman Crew stated that the Public Works Committee would work with the City Engineer in coming up with a solution to better the accessibility of the businesses and improve the sidewalks.

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Gould 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**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Chairman Crew read a Mayoral Proclamation proclaiming January 17, 2016 as “Ruth McLaughlin Day” in the City of Chillicothe. Ruth McLaughlin will be celebrating her 100th birthday on January 20, 2016 and a celebration will be held on January 17, 2016 at the VFW Post #4999.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Cantwell that the Council concur with the Mayoral Proclamation, proclaiming January 17, 2016 at “Ruth McLaughlin Day” in the City of Chillicothe. **Motion carried via voce vote.**

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Colwell that the Council adopt Resolution No. 16-01-01, a Resolution that the City of Chillicothe appropriate the sum of \$65,000.00 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the purpose of maintaining streets and highways under the applicable provisions of the Illinois Highway Code, from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

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Chairman declared Resolution No. 16-01-01 passed and signed the same.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Cantwell that the Council approve the preliminary engineering service agreement for federal participation for the South School sidewalk-addendum for engineer fees of sidewalk construction along Benedict Street from Sycamore Street to Hickory Street.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Alderman Gould withdrew agenda item **Lease Agreement – Verizon.**

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Sharp that the Council accept and award the bid for replacement of windows at City Hall to Illinois Sash Erectors, Inc., in the amount of \$35,449.00 for the base bid, \$2,621.00 Alt No. 2 and \$1,311.00 Alt No. 3 for a total of \$39,491.00. Payable from the General Fund.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Colwell that the Council approve a loan in the amount of \$15,000.00 to Michael and Cynthia Scime d/b/a Little Shop of Hoarders and direct City Attorney to prepare necessary documents. The Loan will be personally guaranteed by Michael and Cynthia Scime at an interest rate of 3% to be repaid over a 5 year term and additionally secured by a 2nd lien on rental property they own. Proceeds will be used for renovations of the property located at 1017 N Second Street, Chillicothe, IL. Payable out of Central Business TIF.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Sharp that the Council approve an expenditure in the amount of \$2,800.00 payable to Michael Scime for reimbursement of façade improvements at 1017 N. Second for new awning, trim work, insulation of windows, painting, tuck-pointing and signage. Payout will be made upon completion of the work a presentation of paid receipts. Payable from the Central Business TIF.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Chairman declared motion carried.

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Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Colwell that the Council approve expenditure in the amount of \$500.00 for the sponsorship of the Bald Eagle Days to be held Saturday February 13, 2016 Payable to the Chillicothe Rotary Club using funds from Marketing and Tourism.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Sharp that the Council adjourn into Closed Session at 7:25pm for personnel section 2-c-1 and allow Fire Chief Mike Denzer to attend said closed session upon returning from closed session action may be taken.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Council returned to Open Session at 7:50pm.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Cantwell that the Council hires Karen Moewe as a part time employee at an hourly wage of \$15.00 per hour effective Wednesday, January 13, 2016.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Abstain: **Sharp, Thornton**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Chairman Crew announced that there being no further business the Council meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.

Margaret E. Hurd
City Clerk