

**CITY OF CHILLICOTHE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
March 12, 2018**

The City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session March 12, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Donald Z. White 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 White directed Clerk Hurd to take roll.

**Present:** Mayor Donald Z. White  
City Clerk Margaret Hurd  
City Treasurer B.L. Bredeman

**Aldermen:** Dean Braun, Danny Colwell,  
Patricia Connor, Dennis Gould,  
Michael Hughes, Jeffrey Jenkins  
Gary Sharp

**Also Present:** City Attorney Michael Seghetti  
City Engineer Ken Coulter  
Police Chief Scott Mettillie  
Economic Development Director Rachael Parker  
Office Manager Denise Passage  
Superintendent of Public Works, Shawn Sutherland  
Fire Chief Jim Benisch

**Absent:** James Thornton  
Chairman White declared a Quorum present.

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 26, 2018, were presented.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Braun that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the February 26, 2018 Regular Council Meeting and approve the Minutes as presented.

**Motion carried via voce vote.**

Clerk Hurd presented the following committee minutes:

Public Safety – March 6, 2018

Clerk Hurd read communications from Patricia Pierson asking the council to consider turning the entrance at 4<sup>th</sup> and Gail Street into a cul-de-sac. A short discussion was held and it was the consensus of the council to forward the request to the Public Works Committee.

Clerk Hurd announced that the annual Cemetery Clean-up will be begin April 9, 2018 and that all residents are asked to remove anything they might want to save before April 9, 2018.

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Clerk Hurd presented a Special Event request from Billy and Connie Ware for the use of Cutright Park and City Park. The request will be forwarded to the Public Safety Committee.

Clerk Hurd presented the following reports:

- City Engineer Report dated March 12, 2018
- City Treasurer's Report month end February 28, 2018
- Budget Comparison Report for February 2018
- Collector's Report for February 2018

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

Chairman White introduced Ashley Larson who was recently named as one of the State's top honorees in the 2018 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program. Ms. Larson was recognized for her program "Cuddles for Kids". Ms. Larson addressed the council telling them about her "Cuddles for Kids" program.

Chairman White announced that the City was awarded a planning grant by the Tri-County Planning Commission. He told the committee that Midwest Engineering will be conducting a study to begin next week and will be completed by the end of June.

Chairman White stated that he received information from the Illinois Municipal League that State Legislators are considering lowering the Home Rule population threshold from 25,000 down to 5,000. He urged all council members to contact their legislators in favor of the reform.

Chairman White asked that all Council members fill out their ballot for the Civic Award to be presented later in the month.

Chairman White announced state lawmakers this week officially designated Illinois Route 29 as the Senior Chief Petty Officer William "Ryan" Owens Memorial Highway.

Motioned Alderman Gould, second Alderman Hughes that the communications from the Mayor be placed on file.

**Motion carried via voce vote.**

There were no committee communications.

Chairman White asked if there was anyone with business concerning city government. There were none.

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

**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:** **Braun, Colwell, Connor, Gould,  
Hughes, Jenkins, Sharp**

**Nays:** **None**

**Chairman declared motion carried.**

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Colwell that the Council approve the Agreement between the City of Chillicothe and Data Flow Systems for the use of a Loaner Module for the SCADA System and authorize Superintendent of Public Works, Sutherland to sign said agreement.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:** **Braun, Colwell, Connor, Gould,  
Hughes, Jenkins, Sharp**

**Nays:** **None**

**Chairman declared motion carried.**

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Gould that the Council approve an expenditure of \$1,600.00, payable to Lauber Tree Service, for the removal of a tree in the Cemetery. Payable from the Road & Bridge Fund. The Contractor on this project must pay the "prevailing rate of wages" as determined by the City pursuant to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/1 *et seq.*) and comply with all other provisions of such Act.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:** **Braun, Colwell, Connor, Gould,  
Hughes, Jenkins, Sharp**

**Nays:** **None**

**Chairman declared motion carried.**

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Braun that the Council approve the Notice for Special Event Held on Public Property, as submitted by Shirley Loser, for the use of the City Park, on March 31, from 8:00 a.m. till noon , for the annual Easter Egg Hunt.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:** **Braun, Colwell, Connor, Gould,  
Hughes, Jenkins, Sharp**

**Nays:** **None**

**Chairman declared motion carried.**

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Jenkins that the Council approve an expenditure of \$2,068.00, Payable to Peoria County Sheriff Department for the annual K-9 recertification. Payable from Police Protection Fund. Discussion ensued. An amendment to the motion was made by Alderman Jenkins, second by Alderman Hughes to state that the Council approve an expenditure of

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\$3,400.00, Payable to Peoria County Sheriff Department for the annual K-9 recertification. Payable from Police Protection Fund.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:** **Braun, Colwell, Connor, Gould,  
Hughes, Jenkins, Sharp**

**Nays:** **None**

**Chairman declared motion carried.**

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Braun that the Council approve the Monthly Legal Update & Review Service and License Agreement between the City of Chillicothe and the Police Law Institute, Inc., for police department, at a cost of \$1,045.00 annually for three years, and authorize the Police Chief to sign said agreement. Payable from the General Fund.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:** **Braun, Colwell, Connor, Gould,  
Hughes, Jenkins, Sharp**

**Nays:** **None**

**Chairman declared motion carried.**

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Colwell that the Council approve a two year Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Chillicothe and the Illinois Valley Central School District #321, for the purpose of providing a school resource officer, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute said agreement. Discussion ensued. Alderman Hughes motioned to table said motion until a future meeting, second Alderman Jenkins.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:** **Braun, Colwell, Connor, Gould,  
Hughes, Jenkins, Sharp**

**Nays:** **None**

**Chairman declared motion carried.**

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Sharp that the Council approve the School Resource Officer, Podobinski, to attend the ALICE Instructor Certification Training at Lake County Forest Preserve, on April 16 and 17, 2018. Cost to be split between the City of Chillicothe and the IVC School District.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:** **Braun, Colwell, Connor, Gould,  
Hughes, Jenkins, Sharp**

**Nays:** **None**

**Chairman declared motion carried.**

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Sharp that Council approve the School Resource Officer, Podobinski to attend the National School Safety Conference, on July 23 – 27, 2018, in Orlando, Florida. Cost to be split between the City of Chillicothe and the IVC School District. Discussion ensued. An amendment to the motion was made by Alderman Sharp, second Alderman Hughes to state Motioned Alderman Sharp, second Alderman Hughes to amend the motion to state that Council approve the School Resource Officer, Podobinski to attend the National School Safety Conference, on July 23 – 27, 2018, in Orlando, Florida. Cost to be split between the City of Chillicothe and the IVC School District. amount not to exceed \$1000.00.

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**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:** **Braun, Colwell, Connor, Gould,  
Hughes, Jenkins, Sharp**

**Nays:** **None**

**Chairman declared motion carried.**

Chairman White announced that there being no further business the Council meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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Margaret E. Hurd

City Clerk