

**CITY OF CHILLICOTHE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
March 14, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session March 14, 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 led by Girl Scout Troop #4097.

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
Economic Development Director Rachael Parker
Public Works Superintendent Shawn Sutherland
City Engineer Ken Coulter

Absent: Fire Chief Mike Denzer

Chairman Crew declared a Quorum present.

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 22, 2016 were presented. Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Cantwell that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the February 22, 2016 Regular Council Meeting and approve the Minutes as presented.

Motion carried via voce vote.

Clerk Hurd presented Communications as follows:

1. City Treasurer Report dated February 29, 2016
2. City Engineer Report dated February 14, 2016
3. Read letter from Judith Gajdik dated March 14, 2016 in regards to property at 1353 N Second Street. Letter on file in Clerk's office.

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

Alderman Connor stated that she had been contacted by several citizens with concerns and displeasure PDC (Wigand Disposal) in regards to garbage not being picked up in the city alleys.

Alderman Hughes stated that he had been questioned about whether or not the city would be placing a water fountain in the park in Riversound.

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Chairman Crew had the following communications:

1. Chairman Crew stated that he had been in contact with PDC (Wigand Disposal) and expressed his concerns that the citizens were under the impression based on the letter they received from PDC that the city had mandated the new policy for pickup. He stated that the representative from PDC expressed regret.
2. Chairman Crew announced that the PPUATS meeting for March had been cancelled.
3. Chairman Crew announced that he attended the State of the County breakfast last week.
4. Chairman Crew announced that he had been in contact with Congressman LaHood in regards to the city viaduct. He was told that there would be another round of Tiger Grants to apply for.
5. Chairman Crew read a thank you letter from the Chillicothe Rotary Club.
6. Chairman Crew summarized a letter from Governor Rauner encouraging him to contact his elected officials and urge them to choose the preferred budget path.
7. Chairman Crew announced that bids for electrical aggregation had been received.
8. Chairman Crew recognized Girl Scout Troop #4097 was in attendance.

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

Chairman Crew asked if there were any Committees with communications. There were none.

Chairman Crew asked if there were any people in the audience with business concerning City Government that would like to speak.

Heard was Citizen Mary Callahan. Mrs. Callahan stated that she had followed the instructions given to her by Mayor Crew in regards to the property at 1353 N. Second Street. She stated that when she contacted the Peoria County Health Department they referred her back to the City. She stated that she has tried to contact Prairie State Legal Service and they have not returned her call. She stated that she would like for the Landlord to be accountable for the property. Chairman Crew responded with sympathy stating that he would contact Rep. David Leitch's office the next day to see if his office could give them any direction.

Heard was Citizen James Callahan. Mr. Callahan addressed concerns with the property at 1353 N. Second Street stating that there was termite and water damage on the roof. He presented pictures to Chairman Crew.

Heard was Citizen Patricia Christian who is a tenant at the said property. She stated that she and her 10 year old son had been hospitalized due to the mold issues. She stated that she told the Landlord that she would not pay the rent until the issue was corrected.

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**

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Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Cantwell, second Alderman Hughes that the Council approve the amendment to the contract between the City of Chillicothe and Maurer-Stutz, Inc., for building inspection services and authorize the Mayor to sign said agreement.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Cantwell that the Council rescind action taken on September 14, 2015 to advertise for bids for the sale of the dump truck and adopt **Ordinance No. 16-03-02** an Ordinance authorizing the sale of the 1995 International Dump Truck.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: None

Chairman declared Ordinance No. 16-03-02 passed and signed the same.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Beaumont that the Council approve **Resolution No. 16-03-02** a Resolution for sidewalk construction, driveway removal and replacement curb and gutter removal and replacement, seeding and all collateral work regarding the safe route to school second grant.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: None

Chairman declared Resolution No. 16-03-02 passed and signed the same.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Hughes that the Council waive the tapping fee of \$500.00 for a water line to be ran to the VFW Memorial.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Chairman declared motion carried.

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Alderman Gould announced that the Moffitt Park drop off will open March 30, 2016 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm and the schedule will remain the same as last year. It is posted on the website and will be posted at the drop off site.

Alderman Hughes announced that the Public Safety Committee is recommending some changes to the golf cart ordinance and that all Aldermen have received a copy of the proposed ordinance. He asked that all Alderman review the proposed ordinance as it will be presented to the Council for vote on March 28, 2016.

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Cantwell that the Council adopt **Ordinance No.16-03-03**, and Ordinance authorizing the execution of an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Chillicothe and Illinois Valley Central School District #321 for a School Resource Officer.

Discussion ensued.

Under the direction of Chairman Crew, Police Chief Mettille then addressed the Council. He explained to the Council that a current officer of the department will be interviewed for the position of School Resource Officer and that the new Officer would fill that vacant position on the department.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared Ordinance No. 16-03-03 passed and signed the same.

Chariman Crew then asked Chief Mettille to address the council and give them an update on what happened at the Elementary School earlier in the day. Chief Mettille told the Council that there had been a bomb threat, the school was evacuated and other resources were called in (Peoria County Sherriff and Peoria City Police). There was no threat found.

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Cantwell that the Council authorize the Police Chief to begin the process of hiring a police officer once the intergovernmental agreement regarding the School Resource Officer is signed by the School District.

Under the direction of Chairman Crew, Police Chief Mettille then addressed the Council thanking them for their consideration on the motion. **Motion carried via voce vote.**

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Sharp that the Council approve an expenditure of \$720.00 payable to Peoria County Sheriff's Department for the training of nine officers for F.A.T.S firearm training. Training will take place in Mid-April. Payable from Police Protection Fund.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Colwell that the Council approve the priority one project Training Tower as a project and approve an expenditure of \$1,800.00 payable to Energy Resource Roofing for the repair of the tower roof at Fire Station 1. Payable from the General Fund. The contractor

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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 provision of such Act.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Cantwell that the Council approve the priority one Cemetery Project as a project and approve expenditure of \$8,580.00 payable to Bill’s Small Engine, for the purchase of 2016 Grasshopper riding mower. 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 Hughes, second Alderman Cantwell that the Council approve an expenditure of \$778.00 payable to Beau’s Tire for the purchase of four tires for the Cemetery Truck. 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 Hughes, second Alderman Sharp that the Council approve the Notice of Special Event Held on Public Property, as submitted by Tom Harms, VFW Post #4999 for the use of Santa Fe Avenue from Wilnot to Matthews for a cruise in/auction for the benefit for VFW, to be held on June 25, 2016 from 11:00am to 8:00pm.

Motion carried via voce vote.

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Sharp that the Council approve the Notice of Special Event Held on Public Property, as submitted by Tom Harms, VFW Post #4999 for the use of various Streets, for the dedication of the new memorial to be held on July 4, 2016 from 11:00am to 3:00pm.

Motion carried via voce vote.

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Gould that the Council approve the Notice of Special Event Held on Public Property, as submitted my Mallory Audo for the use of various city streets for the American Cancer Society relay for life 5K run/glow run to be held on June 11, 2016 4:00pm to 5:00pm.

Motion carried via voce vote.

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Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Gould that the Council authorize Superintendent Sutherland to advertise for sealed bids for sale of the chain length fence that was removed from the cemetery.

Motion carried via voce vote.

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Colwell that the Council approve an expenditure of \$1,559.16 payable to Rick Coffey Construction for work done in conjunction to the window project. Payable from the General 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.)

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Chairman Crew announced that there being no further business the Council meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

Margaret E. Hurd
City Clerk