

**CITY OF CHILLICOTHE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
June 26, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session June 26, 2017. 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 call Roll.

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

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

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

Absent: None

Chairman White declared a Quorum present.

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 12, 2017 were presented.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Cantwell that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the June 12, 2017 Regular Council Meeting and approve the Minutes as presented.

Motion carried via voice vote.

Clerk Hurd presented minutes from the following committees:

Cemetery & Parks: June 12, 2017
Finance committee: June 19, 2017
Public Works: June 21, 2017
Public Safety: June 21, 2017

Hurd presented the following rezoning applications:

1. Application for rezoning of 417 N Fourth Street. Hearing date July 11, 2017
2. Application for rezoning of 912 N Front Street. Hearing date July 11, 2017

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3. Request from Jeff Anderson on behalf of the VFW Memorial Commission for a refund of the amounts paid for a fence permit and zoning board of appeals fees.
4. Letter from Judith Gajdik urging the council to vote no on allowing IVC to take over the Commerce Bank Bulking.
5. Clerk Hurd stated that she received notification by mail from Illinois State Water Survey informing that there will be surveying done in the Chillicothe area from July 17 – August 11, 2017.

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

Chairman White gave an update on the FLM properties in regards to the hearing that was held May 19, 2017. Chairman White stated that he had received a letter from the Judge that stated he has sent the case back to the Lawyer for Peoria County Zoning Board of Appeals Attorney to substantiate evidence that was heard at the hearing.

Chairman White gave an update of the letters sent to the trailer park owners.

Chairman White presented a letter from Illinois Department of Transportation stating that all state funding will be suspended until the State Appropriation Budget is passed.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Gould that the communications from the Mayor be placed on file. **Motion carried via voice vote.**

Committee Communications were as follows:

Public Safety – Alderman Hughes stated that he has had complaints in regards to motorized bicycles. He announced that the City is working with Maurer Stutz to obtain a contract for them to provide Building inspections, as building codes will go into effect September 1. It will be discussed at the July 3 Public Safety meeting and then brought to council for approval.

Public Works – Alderman Gould told the council that Committee discussed the possibility of the city purchasing property from David Kelone, however; the committee feels it would better serve the city to look at other options and not purchase the property.

Cemetery and Parks – Alderman Connor told the council that Cemetery & Parks had a meeting earlier in the day. Items discussed were park signage, walk/exercise paths and a monument request.

Finance – Alderman Thornton announced that a public hearing was held earlier in the evening. He reported that the committee had approved the purchase of a copy machine for the office.

Economic Development – Alderman Colwell told the council that the 721 Third Street Property was discussed and that the committee made a counter offer. Economic Development Director Parker gave an update on grants.

Marketing Tourism Committee – No Report

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Chairman White asked that if anyone in the audience had comments concerning items on the agenda to wait to comment at that time.

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: Cantwell, Colwell, Connor, Gould,
Hughes, Jenkins, Sharp, Thornton

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Chairman White withdrew agenda item Ordinance – Liquor License Amendment – Not for Profit.

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Connor that council approve **Ordinance No. 17-06- 17** , an Ordinance amending the Chapter 106 Zoning (CB-1 allowing Schools). Discussion was held. Chairman White called on Citizen John Girsch. Mr. Girsch of 819 Hushaw told the council that he was there on behalf of the American Legion. He expressed concern in regards to the future of the American Legion trying to sell the property and the new owners not having the ability to have a liquor license. He asked the council to give a full review of how this will affect everyone before a vote is taken.

Chad Allison Superintendent of School gave a handout to the council with information regarding the proposed IVC Learning Center. He stated that the school board has agreed that the old commerce Bank building would be the best location for the school. He gave several reasons why the location would work. Dennis Parkins of the Planning Commission was in the audience to answer any questions. Citizen Judith Gajdk questioned how much time and money the City Attorney had spent on this project. City Attorney gave a brief explanation of State Statue. Aldermen discussion ensued. Motion Alderman Connor to withdraw her second. Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Jenkins to table.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Gould,
Hughes, Jenkins, Sharp, Thornton

Nays: Cantwell, Colwell, Connor

Chairman declared motion carried.

Alderman Hughes withdrew agenda item Request IVC Special Use CB1-School.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Hughes that the council approve an expenditure of \$2,565.70, payable to Martin Equipment, for the repair of the John Deer Backhoe. Payable from the Water/Sewer Fund and Road & Bridge Fund.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

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Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Colwell that the council approve **Ordinance No. 17-06-17**, an Appropriation Ordinance for the City of Chillicothe commencing May 1, 2017 and ending April 30, 2018.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared Ordinance No. 17-06-17 passed and signed the same.

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Sharp that the Council approve the priority one project, Copier as a project and approve an expenditure of \$5,669.50, with a service agreement of \$31.20 a month, payable to R.K.Dixon for the purchase of a copy machine. Payable from the General Fund.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Connor, second Alderman Hughes that the Council approve the General Fund priority one project, Utility Tractor as a project and approve an expenditure of \$23,500.00, payable to Kelly Sauder Rupiper Equipment, for the purchase of John Deere 3032E Compact Utility Tractor, John Deere D160 Loader, and Frontier GM1072 Rear Discharge Grooming Mower. Payable from General fund.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Chairman White announced that there being no further business the Council meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Margaret E. Hurd

City Clerk