

**CITY OF CHILLICOTHE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
July 10, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session July 10, 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 announced that in the absence of Clerk Hurd, Alderman Colwell will serve as Clerk for the purpose of this meeting.

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

Aldermen: 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 Mettille,
Economic Development Director Rachael Parker
Superintendent of Public Works, Shawn Sutherland
Fire Chief Mike Denzer
City Engineer Ken Coulter

Absent: City Clerk Margaret Hurd
Alderman Judith Cantwell

Chairman White declared a Quorum present.

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 26, 2017 were presented.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Hughes that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the June 26, 2017 Regular Council Meeting and approve the Minutes as presented.

Motion carried via voice vote.

In the absence of Clerk Hurd, Alderman Colwell presented the following:

- City Engineer Report dated July 10, 2017
- City Treasurers Report dated June 30, 2017

Motion Alderman Jenkins, second Alderman Gould that the communications as presented by Alderman Colwell in the absence of Clerk Hurd be placed on file. **Motion carried via voice vote.**

Committee Communications were as follows:

Public Safety – Alderman Hughes gave no report.

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Public Works – Alderman Gould gave no report.

Cemetery and Parks – Alderman Connor announced there will be a meeting July 19th.

Finance – Alderman Thornton gave no report

Economic Development – Alderman Colwell announced there will be a meeting Wednesday at 4:30pm.

Marketing Tourism Committee – No Report

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Hughes that the Council accept the resignation of Officer Nieu Kirk, effective July 25, 2017.

Motion carried via voce vote.

Motion Alderman Sharp, second Alderman Hughes that the Council approve the agreement between the City of Chillicothe and Peoria-Pekin Urbanized Area Transportation Study (PPUATS) and authorize the Mayor to sign said agreement.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Chairman White stated that he had missed Communications from the Aldermen and Mayor on the agenda and asked if there were any Communications from the Aldermen.

Alderman Connor announced that the Grand Opening for Triple Dipple's would be Saturday, July 15th with a ribbon cutting at 2:30pm.

Chairman White announced that The Illinois Municipal League Conference would be held Sept 21-23 in Chicago. He asked that any Aldermen that would like to attend to contact Office Manager Passage.

Chairman White announced that the city received a renewal for energy rate for municipal buildings.

Chairman White announced that City Hall would be publishing all regular scheduled meeting.

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Chairman White gave an update on the FLM Gravel pit. He stated that FLM had asked the judge to allow digging on the site and that there would be a hearing for that on July 23rd.

Chairman White announced that the request Darin LaHood made to rename the Chillicothe Post Office be renamed in honor of Ryan Owens had been approved.

Chairman White announced that he along with all elected officials had received a letter from Superintendent of IVC, Chad Allison with additional items in regards to allowing the Alternative School to be located downtown.

Motion Alderman Hughes, that the Council take from the table the motion to approve an amendment to the zoning code to allow schools as a special use in the CB-1 District, made at the June 26, 2017 regular council meeting by Alderman Hughes and seconded by Alderman Connor. Motion was seconded by Alderman Sharp.

Motion carried via voce vote.

Chairman White then gave an explanation of the motion and asked for public input.

Heard was Citizen John Girsch of 819 N Hushaw.

Mr. Girsch questioned how the students would be monitored, if the building has been modified for fire exits and if the basement was going to be used.

Mr. Girsch then replied to the letter that was sent by IVC stating that he had not stated that the American Legion was on the market. He questioned "if" in the future the American Legion would go on the market if the building could be sold as a bar.

Heard was American Legion member Don Thompson. He voiced concerned about hosting funeral dinners and using the outside pavillion.

Heard was Don Ebbing, finance officer of the American Legion. He voiced concern about classrooms in the basement of building and questioned will construction meet building codes and fire codes. He told the Council that he felt that the school should have to show their building plans before the Council takes a vote.

Heard was David Ausberger past commander of the American Legion. He questioned the statute regarding the distance of buildings.

Adam Buzzaro Assistant Superintendent of IVC asked if anyone had questions in regards to the letter that was sent by IVC Superintendent Allison. He then read the letter aloud.

Heard was IVC School Board member Mike Birch. Mr. Birch stated that the students that will be attending were students that have dropped out or currently attending wildlife Prairie Park. He stated that the school will teach basic skills. He stated that they have no intentions for use of the basement and that they have been working with architect for modifications to the building.

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Heard was Principal Kenton Bergman of IVC. He stated that there would be approximately 13 students attending the school and those students struggle and currently behind in credit to graduate. He stated that it is not a behavioral school and that it is to assist students to graduate that struggle.

Heard was IVC school board member Brent Cranford 1606 Greystone Ct. Mr. Cranford told the council that he feels it would be best for the downtown area. He asked that the council for a yes vote.

Heard was John Girsch. Mr. Girsch stated that the letter that was received by the American Legion was the first communication between the American Legion and IVC. Mr. Girsch stated that perhaps the American Legion would have a better understanding if communications from IVC were made prior to the letter being sent.

Heard was Emily Thompson of Rome, IL former IVC teacher. Mrs. Thompson stated that she supports the school but questioned the life skills training. Mrs. Thompson stated she has concerns with the location.

Heard was Dennis Parkins from the City of Chillicothe Planning Commission. Mr. Parkins stated that it currently allows for job training but adding a school would be a special use.

Heard was David Kelone. Mr. Kelone stated he believes the school has done their homework and believes it will be good for the downtown.

Discussion ensued among council members.

Attorney Seghetti gave an explanation of the state statue.

Chairman White reviewed the motion and called for the question to change the Ordinance.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Connor, Gould,
Jenkins, Sharp, Thornton

Nays: Colwell, Hughes

Chairman declared Ordinance 17-07-18 passed and signed the same.

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Gould that the Council grant a special use zoning to IVC School District, for the building located at 1057 Second, to allow a school use for said building.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Gould, Jenkins, Sharp, Thornton

Nays: Colwell, Connor, Hughes

Chairman declared motion carried.

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Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Sharp that the Council approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Chillicothe and the Fire District and authorize the Mayor to sign said agreement.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Gould that the council approve the agreement between Maurer Stutz and the City of Chillicothe for building code inspections and authorize the Mayor to sign said agreement.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Sharp that the Council authorize the Police Chief to proceed with the implantation of Application Data System, Inc. (ADSI) in seven police vehicles at a cost not to exceed \$25,600.00 and approve a monthly service charge of \$495.00 for licensing. Payable from the Police Protection Fund.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Sharp that the Council approve the following applications for the Sidewalk Program:

Lee Nordstrom 1012 Manning Dr.	\$ 784.00
Beau Shepard 1429 Logan	<u>\$1,000.00</u>

Total \$1,784.00

Prior Balance	\$17,600.00
Approved	<u>\$ 1,784.00</u>

Balance \$15,816.00

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: None

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Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Jenkins that the Council approve a second location for an Honorary Street Name Sign, as submitted by Carmen Jenkins, for Galindo Way.

Motion carried via voce vote.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Hughes that the Council proceed with the 2017 Overlay Project.

Motion carried via voce vote.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Hughes that the Council approve an expenditure not to exceed \$10,000.00 payable to Midstate Asphalt Repair, Inc., for the 2017 spray patching. Payable from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Sharp that the Council approve an expenditure not to exceed \$1,000.00 payable to Carl's Season Control, for the repair of the air conditioning at Public Works. Payable from the Water/Sewer and Road & Bridge Fund.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Hughes that the Council accept the improvements of Section 3 of the Sycamore Trail Subdivision.

Motion carried via voce vote.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Gould that the Council approve **Ordinance No 17-07- 19**, an Ordinance Removing Territory from Central Business District/Riverfront Development project Area. (946 Second St.)

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: None

Chairman declared Ordinance No. 17-07-19 passed and signed the same.

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Jenkins that the Council waive the variance fee of \$75.00 and the building permit fee of \$20.00 for the Veterans Memorial Commission to construct a fence at the memorial triangle.

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Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Colwell that the Council approve the Intergovernmental Cooperation Contract between the City of Chillicothe and Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association regarding participation in the Risk Management program.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Hughes that the council instruct the Police and Fire Commission to begin the process of hiring a replacement Police Officer.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Jenkins that the council approve the following wage increases for part time employees effective July 12, 2017

	Current	New
Dan Johnson	8.25	\$ 9.00
Matt Storti	8.25	\$ 8.50
Fred Reyling	8.25	\$ 8.50
Jerry Myers	12.50	\$12.75
Dave Welch	9.00	\$ 9.25

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: 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 8:30 p.m.

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Margaret E. Hurd

City Clerk