

**CITY OF CHILLICOTHE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
August 10, 2015**

The City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session August 10, 2015. 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: Superintendent of Public Works Josh Cooper
Office Manager Denise Passage
City Attorney Michael Seghetti
City Engineer Ken Coulter
Fire Chief John Myers

Absent: Police Chief Scott Mettille, Economic Development Director Rachel Parker

Chairman Crew declared a Quorum present.

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 27, 2015 were presented.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Cantwell that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the July 27, 2015 Regular Council Meeting and approve the Minutes as presented.

Motion carried via voce vote.

Clerk Hurd presented Communications as follows:

1. Certificate of Appreciation from Relay for Life
2. City Engineer Report dated August 10, 2015
3. Cemetery Collections report

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

Communications from Chairman Crew were as follows:

1. Invitation from Evergreen Senior Living open house August 23rd
2. Communications from IDOT concerning an Eastern Bypass Study Group meeting that was held June 18, 2015.
3. Chairman Crew stated he was in receipt of a letter from Pete Christensen concerning response times to an accident in Hopewell on July 7, 2015.

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Communications from Alderman were as follows:

1. Alderman Cantwell stated that she was questioned about shepherd hooks in the cemetery that were tagged with yellow ribbon. She explained that the cemetery workers had put them on the empty shepherd hooks for a precaution when mowing.
2. Alderman Connor announced that the Optimist Club's Kids Count night was being held at 7:30pm this evening at the Town Theatre.

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

Citizen Judy Gajdik addressed the council questioning the expenditure of item agenda Underglow Lights – Police Vehicles. She stated that she thought that such lighting was illegal. Alderman Hughes responded that these were the safety of the police officers and that they would only be activated when the police vehicle is stopped. Ms. Gadik also questioned why the building at 940 N Second Street was not completed. She asked that he council look into the 1 year time frame that was given to the developer stating that she believes it has passed. Mayor Crew said that he would look into the time frame that was stated on the agreement.

Citizen Joe Harper gave the council a progress update on his Second Street property stating he was still working with the health department and hoped to be open soon.

Citizen Carl Spencer questioned why the Moffitt Park drop off site had been closed. Chairman Crew responded stating that it was closed for clean-up and maintenance and that the he hoped to have it opened back up by the following Saturday.

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 introduced to the Council the 2015 Shademaker's Beautification Award Winners.

The winners were as follows:

- Commercial Winner – South Elementary School
- Residential Winner – Jim and Linda Tolley
- Special Feature – Carl and Trudy Spencer
- Landscaping Winner – Larry and Kitty Baxter
- All Around Winner – Dave and Becky Grochowsky

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Gould that the Council concur with the Mayoral Proclamation recognizing and congratulating those in and around our community who participated in activities to raise money for St. Jude and all those who donated. **Motion carried via Voce Vote.**

Citizen Rick Lingenfelter thanked the City for their support stating that the Chillicothe community ranked second in fundraising in the state Illinois this year.

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

Jeffrey Kimler	201 White Clover	\$336.00	
Jason McCord	1403 N Fifth	\$972.80	
Total Sidewalk Program			\$1,308.80

Balance \$20,163.60

Approved \$1,308.80

Balance \$18,854.80

Payable from the Road & Bridge Fund.

Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Hughes that the Council approve Ordinance No. 15-08-19 an Ordinance authorizing the execution of a first amendment to annexation agreement for property owned by Sycamore Group, LLC. Discussion included Attorney Seghetti stating that Alderman Colwell and Alderman Thornton would be abstaining from the vote since they are members the Chillicothe First United Methodist Church that is a party to the amendment and that it would need six yes votes to pass.

Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Abstain: **Colwell, Thornton**

Chairman declared Ordinance No. 15-08019 passed and signed the same.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Colwell that the Council approve the proposal from Midstate Asphalt Repair, Inc. in the amount of \$5,775.00 for the spray patching of various streets. Payable from the Motor Fuel Tax 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 a Notice for Special event Held on Public Property as submitted by Mary Adams of St. Edward School for the use of city streets and city park for a family fun day to be held on September 27, 2015 from 11:00am to 5:00pm. **Motion carried via Voce Vote.**

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Alderman Hughes withdrew agenda item Cemetery Fence.

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Thornton that the Council approve Officer Podobinski to attend the LETAC Center Taser Instructor class in Springfield, IL on September 28-29.

Motion carried via voce vote.

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Cantwell that the Council approve Sgt. Bridges and one other officer to be determined at a later date to attend the National K-9 Competition in Houston, TX on October 26-28, 2015.

Motion carried via voce vote.

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Colwell that the Council approve an expenditure of \$1,350.00 payable to Blankenship Visual Impact for the purchase and installation of underglow lights for six police vehicles.

Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Sharp that the Council authorize the Police Chief to advertise for bids for the sale of the following surplus police vehicles, A-4 2GIWD5E38C1178528; K9 2G1WD5EM3A1253030; Cadillac 1G6ET12941B103350. **Motion carried via voce vote.**

Chairman Crew announced that there being no further business the Council meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.

Margaret E. Hurd
City Clerk