

**CITY OF CHILLICOTHE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
September 14, 2015**

The City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session September 14, 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  
Police Chief Scott Mettille  
Economic Development Director Rachel Parker

**Absent:** None

**Chairman Crew declared a Quorum present.**

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 24, 2015 were presented.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Cantwell that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the August 24, 2015 Regular Council Meeting and approve the Minutes as presented.

**Motion carried via voce vote.**

Clerk Hurd presented Communications as follows:

1. City Treasurer's report dated August 31, 2015
2. City Engineer report dated September 24, 2015
3. Economic Development update dated September 2015 as submitted by Rachael Parker, ED Director
4. Request for live entertainment from American Legion. Request will be forwarded to Public Safety Committee.

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

Alderman Hughes stated that he was in receipt of an email from Chairman Crew announcing the resignation of Alderman Judy Cantwell. He stated to Mayor Crew his concern for Alderman Cantwell responsibilities at this meeting. Chairman Crew stated that that status had changed and would be addressed as the first item on this meeting's agenda.

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Chairman Crew reported the following communications:

1. Letter from Lauren Malmberg, Director of Peoria County Animal Protection Services announcing her replacement as she is retiring.
2. Read Proclamation for National Preparedness Month from the Peoria County Board dated September 10, 2015.
3. Chairman Crew stated that he received a phone call from State Rep. David Leitch congratulating Chillicothe on a successful 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event for Shore Acres that was held over the weekend.

Chairman Crew had nothing further to report.

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

Chairman Crew asked if there were any Committees with communications. Alderman Thornton stated that the City was notified by the State that due to the absence of a State Budget, Municipalities will not receive the share of the Motor Fuel Tax and Video Gaming Tax.

Alderman Hughes stated he had several complaints about the price of gas in Chillicothe being much higher than Peoria. Chairman Crew stated that he would investigate.

Chairman Crew asked if there was anyone with business concerning city government that would like to be heard. City resident Raymond Pence addressed the issue of the new golf cart ordinance stating he would like the Council to consider clarifying the rules and regulations when a golf cart is applying for a permit. City resident Steve Garrison announced he would like to make public his opposition to having golf carts in the city. Chairman Crew encouraged Mr. Garrison to attend the next public safety meeting where it would be addressed.

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 announced to the Council that he had been in receipt of a letter of resignation from Alderman Cantwell due to the fact that she would be leaving the area and shortly after that she contacted him stating that her situation had changed and that she would not be leaving. Chairman Crew under the advice of the City Attorney concluded that since her letter of resignation was not notarized he could disregard the letter. Alderman Connor asked for affirmation that since the letter had went out to the Council by email and that there was an “ad” placed on the City website that the City had not made it official. Chairman Crew stated that under the advice of the City Attorney it was not an issue.

Chairman Crew then withdrew agenda item: Resignation of 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman Judy Cantwell.

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Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Beaumont that the Council approve the following applications for the sidewalk program.

Ken Rumbold, 709 Bradley Ave. for \$934.40

Richard Greene 1303 N Fifth St. for \$1,000.00

Total amount of \$1934.40. Leaving a balance of \$16,920.80 in the Sidewalk fund. 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 Colwell that the Council authorizes Superintendent Cooper to advertise for sealed bids for the sale of the 1995 International Dump Truck with plow and spreader and the 1992 Ford Pickup Truck. **Motion carried via voce vote.**

Motioned Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Sharp that the Council approve the priority one Fire Department project grant match as a project and approve an expenditure of \$1,000.00 payable to Kidde Fire Safety Products for the city's share of the grant match to purchase smoke detectors. 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 Gould that the Council approve the Notice for Special Event held on Public Property as submitted by Dennis Frakes, IVC High School for the use of the City Park and the use and closing of Second Street from Cedar Street to Elm Street on Friday, October 2, 2015 from 2:00PM TO 4:00PM for the IVC Homecoming Parade. **Motion carried Via Voce Vote.**

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Colwell that the Council approve a Notice for Special Event held on Public Property as submitted by Kathy Crank, IVC Band Boosters, for the use of Second Street from Cedar Street to Shore Acres on Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 7:00am to 11:00am for the 1<sup>st</sup> annual IVC 5K Ghost Chase Run/Walk.

**Motion Carried Via Voce Vote.**

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Sharp that the Council approve an expenditure of \$68,469.61 payable to Schaefer & Son Construction for the demolition and site preparation of city owned property located at 227 W. Cedar Street. Payable from TIF Central Funds.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

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

**Nays:** **None**

**Chairman declared motion carried**

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Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Hughes that the Council waive the failure of J&W Unlimited to make payments due on its promissory note to the city dated April 27, 2015 for the months of August and September 2015; allowing his payments to begin October 1, 2015 due to the delay in the opening of his store.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

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

**Nays:** **None**

**Chairman declared motion carried**

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Gould that the Council adjourn to Closed Session at 7:29pm for the review of closed Session Council and Committee Minutes and that action may be taken regarding the review of the Council Committee Closed Session Minutes and the City Council Session Minutes. **Roll Call Vote was:**

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

**Nays:** **None**

**Chairman declared motion carried**

Council Returned to Open Session at 7:39 PM.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Cantwell that the Council adopt Resolution No. 15-09-08, a Resolution regarding minutes and verbatim recordings of Closed Sessions.

**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 7:40pm.

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Margaret E. Hurd  
City Clerk