

**CITY OF CHILLICOTHE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
September 22, 2014**

The City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session September 22, 2014. 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.

Mayor Crew directed the Clerk to call Roll.

Present: Mayor Douglas P. Crew
City Treasurer B.L. Bredeman

Aldermen: Ronald Beaumont, Danny Colwell,
Patricia Connor, Dennis Gould,
Michael Hughes, Mel Witte
James Thornton, Gary Sharp

Also Present: City Attorney Michael Seghetti
City Engineer Ken Coulter
Superintendent of Public Works Josh Cooper
Police Chief Scott Mettillie

Absent: None

Mayor Crew declared a Quorum present.

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, held on September 8, 2014, were presented.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Witte, that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the September 8, 2014 Regular Council Meeting and approve the Minutes as presented. Motion carried via voce vote.

Clerk Hurd presented City Reports as follows:
City Engineer Report dated September 22, 2014
City Treasurers Report dated August 31, 2014
City Budget Comparison Report dated September 8, 2014

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

Alderman Connor stated that last Saturday was the annual Illinois River Sweep and that 35 volunteers showed up to assist in the river clean up. This is an annual event for the state of Illinois known as “Illinois River Day” sponsored by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

Alderman Hughes reported that the Public Safety Committee had met and discussed the pending liquor license application. The committee decided all liquor license will be put on hold.

Alderman Witte reported that he attended the annual Illinois Municipal League Conference. He stated that it was well attended and a “good conference”.

Chairman Crew stated that he received notice from the Illinois Department of Transportation that there would be an open house public information/ input meeting held on October 7, 2014 from 4:00 pm to 6:30pm in the District Four headquarters located at 401 Main Street in Peoria.

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

Heard was Citizen Michael Cox of Chillicothe. Mr. Cox stated that he has repeated flooding in his home and sewage back up. Chairman Crew asked if Mr. Cox would consider having a meeting with him and the public works department supervisor. Mr. Cox stated he felt that would be a good idea and he would contact the Mayor to schedule a meeting.

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, Colwell, Connor, Gould,
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Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Colwell that the Council approve the following application for the sidewalk program. Tom Goegel at 714 Elm for \$1,000.00, Chillicothe Village Apts at 1324 Finney for \$1,000.00, Chillicothe village Apts at 1312 Finney for \$1,000.00. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Witte that the Council approve an expenditure of \$31,800.00 payable to Complete Asphalt Services for the 2014 crack sealing program. Payable from the Motor Fuel Tax Account. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Colwell that the Council authorize the Superintendent of Public Works to advertise for a full time public works employee. Motion carried via Voce Vote.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Thornton that the Council approve the changing of employment status of Zach Isreal, from part time status to full time status, effective September 24, 2014. Motion Carried via Voce Vote.

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Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Beaumont that the Council approve Ordinance no. 14-09-16 an ordinance amending Section 26-37 C-4 of the City Code, Monument & Marker Foundation and Procedures. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared Ordinance No. 14-09-16 passed and signed the same.

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Colwell that the Council approve the request from Renee Crawford to vary from the five inch cap requirement for a monument base. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Alderman Hughes withdrew agenda item Security Reimbursement Fee Increase.

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Sharp that the Council approve a Notice for Special Event held on Public Property, as submitted by Mercedes Granados, IVC Student Council, for the use of the city Park and the use of closing of Second Street from Cedar Street to Elm Street, on Friday, October 10, 2014 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm for the IVC Homecoming Parade. Subject to receiving the certification of insurance. Motion carried via Voce Vote

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Sharp that the Council approve the request from Chris Cassidy, General Manager Three Sisters Park, to extend the playing of amplified music on September 27, 2014 from 11:00pm to 1:00pm, for the Harvest Moon festival. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Colwell that the Council approve the Notice for Special Event held on public property, as submitted by the Chillicothe Chamber of Commerce, requesting the use of the 900 and 1000 block of Second Street for the Merchants Trick or Treat to be held on Friday, October 31, 2014 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm Subject to receiving the certification of insurance. Motion carried via Voce Vote.

Motion Alderman Hughes that the Council approve the variance request for an in ground swimming pool at 820 N Hushaw, with insufficient rear yard setback. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Hughes that the Council accept the plan for the planting of the median on Walnut Street, as presented by the Shademakers Beautification Committee. Motion carried via Voce Vote.

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Gould that the Council approve a reimbursement to Plaza Park Group pursuant to its Redevelopment Agreement with the City in the amount of \$9,000.00 Payable from Plaza TIF. Roll Call vote was:

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

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Colwell that the council approve applications for the 2014 -2015 Facade Grant Program for the following individuals:

Jerry See, 916 N. Second St. for the amount of \$1592.50

Jay Close, 1032 N. Second St. for the amount of \$3675.00

And authorize payout once projects are complete, receipts submitted and work verified by the ED Director. Payable from the Central Business TIF District Project Facelift. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Colwell that the Council approve the replacement of the two Welcome Signs at the South and North entrances of the City in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 as budgeted. Payable from the Central Business TIF. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Sharp that the council approve the advertising agreement between the City of Chillicothe and the Chillicothe Optimist

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Town Theatre, in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the term of one year, that begins October 1, 2014 thru September 30, 2015 and authorize the Mayor to execute said agreement. Payable from the M&T Funds. **Roll Call Vote Was:**

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Thornton that the Council authorize the city attorney to prepare a RFP (Request for Proposal) to accept proposals for the financing of the public works projects. **Roll Call Vote Was:**

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Colwell that the Council instruct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance amending Chapter 86 Taxation of the city Code by amending Article V amusement tax, section 112-A-4 by changing the fee from \$50.00 to \$30.00. **Roll Call Vote Was:**

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Colwell that the Council adjourn into closed session at 7:40pm for the personnel Section 2 C1, and allow

