

**CITY OF CHILLICOTHE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
November 10, 2014**

The City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session November 10, 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 Clerk Hurd 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
Superintendent of Public Works Josh Cooper
Office Manager Passage
Economic Development Director Parker
Police Chief Scott Mettillie
City Engineer Ken Coulter

Absent: Fire Chief John Myers

Mayor Crew declared a Quorum present.

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on October 27, 2014 were presented.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Witte that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the October 27, 2014 Regular Council Meeting approve the Minutes as presented. Motion carried via voce vote.

There were no communications from the Clerk.

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Alderman Witte stated he has had citizen's voice concern about the rezoning of the public works property on Santa Fe. Mayor Crew stated that there will be a meeting scheduled within the next couple of weeks for community input.

Alderman Witte pointed out that there are pot holes in the alley behind Helping Hands. Mayor Crew asked Superintendent Cooper to add it to the list of repairs.

Alderman Gould reported a press conference was held earlier in the day at the VFW POST #4999 to announce the new Veteran's Memorial. He stated it was very well attended.

Alderman Beaumont stated neighbors were concerned with the condition of a property located on Hollybrook. Mayor Crew asked that Chief Mettille have an officer look into it.

Alderman Thornton reported that he met with the VFW Memorial Committee. The committee asked Alderman Thornton to consider a request for a monetary donation to the memorial from the City. Alderman Thornton asked that the Committee submit a request in writing to the City.

Mayor Crew read a letter from the Illinois Valley Central School District requesting the Mayor to contact the Illinois Department of Transportation to request signs be placed at both the north and south edges of town with the following information: IVC High School

Marching Grey Ghosts
2013 and 2014
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Mayor Crew read a letter from the Iowa Interstate Railroad in response to a letter he sent requesting a similar event for 2016.

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

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,
Hughes, Sharp, Thornton, Witte**

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Witte that the Council accept the resignation of Henry Truitt, from the Plan commission. Motion carried via voce vote.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Connor that the Council concur with the Mayoral appointment of, Thu Truitt to the Plan Commission to fill the unexpired term of Henry Truitt. . Motion carried via voce vote.

Motion Alderman Hughes, Second Alderman Sharp that the council instruct the Office Manager to advertise for a part-time office employee. Motion carried via voce vote.

Motion Alderman Gould, Second Alderman Colwell that the Council approve the following applications for the TIF Sidewalk program: Donald Connor 1217 N. Second, payable from the TIF Central Business District.

Roll Call vote was:

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

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Hughes that the Council approve the hiring of Trenton Turner as a full time public works employee subject to pre-employment testing.

Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Sharp that the Council approve ordinance No. 14-11-17 an ordinance authorizing the sale of items of personal property owned by the city of Chillicothe (2009 Chevrolet Impala).

Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Sharp that the Council approve an expenditure of \$8,944.49 payable to Blankenship Visual Impact for the purchase of equipment and the installation for the new Tahoe police vehicle. Payable from the police protection fund and general fund.

Roll Call vote was:

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

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Colwell that the Council determine that the amount of \$575,602.00 is necessary to be raised by taxation for 2015.

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 accept the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year Audit and recommendations as presented by L. Patrick McElhiney, CPA.

Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Gould that the Council approve Resolution No. 14-11-13 a Resolution supporting the viaduct project.

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 the expenditure of \$127,047.27 payable to Illinois Municipal League Risk Management for the 2015 renewal contributions for insurance. Payable from the Tort Liability Account.

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 an application for the Façade Grant Program for Denise and Randy Amundson owners of Fun and Fitness Center located at 929 N 2nd St. in the amount of \$3,365.37 and authorize payout once projects are complete, receipts submitted and work verified by ED Director. Payable from the Central Business TIF District Project Facelift

Roll Call vote was:

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

Chairman declared motion carried.

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Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Sharp that the Council approve an expenditure of \$760.00 payable to the Optimist club as the City's reimbursement portion of the sidewalk participation program for work done at the Town Theater.

Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Chairman Crew announced that, there being no further business, the Council meeting adjourn at 7:47 P.M.

Margaret E. Hurd
City Clerk