

**CITY OF CHILLICOTHE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
December 11, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session December 11, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. 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 directed Clerk Hurd to take roll.

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

Aldermen: Dean Braun, Danny Colwell,
Patricia Connor, Dennis Gould,
Michael Hughes, Jeffrey Jenkins
Gary Sharp, James Thornton

Also Present: City Attorney Michael Seghetti
Office Manager Denise Passage
Superintendent of Public Works, Shawn Sutherland
Acting Fire Chief Jim Benisch
City Engineer Ken Coulter
Police Chief Scott Mettille

Absent: Economic Development Director Rachael Parker

Chairman White declared a Quorum present.

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 27, 2017 and the Minutes of the Special council Meeting held on November 29, 2017 were presented.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Gould that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the November 27, 2017 Regular Council Meeting and the Minutes of the November 29, 2017 Special Council Meeting and approve the Minutes as presented.

Motion carried via voce vote.

Clerk Hurd presented the following communications:

1. Committee Minutes from Public Works November 22, and December 6, 2017
2. Committee Minutes from Public Safety December 5, 2017
3. Committee Minutes from Marketing and Tourism December 6, 2017
4. City Engineer Report dated December 11, 2017
5. City Treasurer's Report dated November 30, 2017
6. Budget Comparison Report month end November 2017
7. Letter of thanks from Jane Harrison

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8. Annual Financial Report and Auditor's Report for year-end April 30, 2017

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

Alderman Gould reported that he had a request for replacement street sign on Finney and Santa Fe Ave. The request will be present to the Public Safety Committee in January.

Alderman Hughes reported that he had a request from former Alderman Witte for speed limit signs to be placed on Santa Fe the same as on Benedict Street. The request will be present to the Public Works committee in January.

Alderman Connor reported that she was thanked by Citizen Deb Johnick for the repair of a sidewalk.

There were no communications from the Mayor.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Jenkins that the communications from the Mayor and Aldermen be placed on file.

Motion carried via voce vote.

Committee Communications were as follows:

Public Safety – No Report

Public Works – Alderman Gould reported that the work at Three Sisters Park has been completed.

Cemetery and Parks – No Report

Finance – No Report

Economic Development – Alderman Colwell gave an update on the digital sign project on Fourth Street. He stated that proposals will be sent out.

Marketing Tourism Committee – No Report

Human Resources – Alderman Colwell reported that the department head reviews are being completed.

Chairman White asked if there was anyone with business concerning city government. There were none.

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:

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

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Nays: None
Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Connor that the Council concur with the Mayoral appointment of Van Thompson as Fire Chief for the City of Chillicothe Fire Department effective December 19, 2017. Discussion ensued.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Colwell, Jenkins

Nays: Gould, Hughes, Sharp, Thornton

Abstain: Braun, Connor
Chairman declared motion did not carry.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Hughes that the Council approve the waiving of the bid process for the Bacon Building roof project.

Motion carried via Voce Vote.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Sharp that the council adopt **Resolution No. 17-12-5** a resolution that the City of Chillicothe appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the purpose of maintaining streets and highways under the applicable provision of the Illinois Highway Code, from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: None
Chairman declared Resolution 17-12-5 passed and signed the same.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Jenkins the Council approve a Christmas Bonus of \$150.00 for full and part Time active employees. Payable from the General, Water/Sewer and Road & Bridge Funds.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: None
Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Sharp that the Council approve **Ordinance No. 17-12-31** an Ordinance adopting a Policy prohibiting sexual harassment for the City of Chillicothe

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: None

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Chairman declared Ordinance No. 17-12-31 passed and signed the same.

Motion Alderman Connor, second Alderman Jenkins that the Council approve **Ordinance No. 17-12-32**, an Ordinance amending Chapter 26 Cemeteries of the City code. (Columbarium)

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared Ordinance No. 17-12-32 passed and signed the same.

Motion Alderman Sharp, second Alderman Jenkins that the Council approve an expenditure of \$7,016.00, payable to MES for the purchase of 1200 feet of 5” hose and 200 feet of 1.75” Hose, for Engine #1. Payable from the Fire Protection Fund.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: **Braun, 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 7:24 p.m.

Margaret E. Hurd

City Clerk