

**CITY OF CHILLICOTHE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
December 12, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session December 12, 2016. Mayor Douglas Crew called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Chairman Crew asked Boy Scouts Keaton Harper and Zach Scherer from Troop #91 to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. 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 Crew  
City Clerk Margaret Hurd  
City Treasurer B.L. Bredeman

**Aldermen:** Ronald Beaumont, Judith Cantwell,  
Danny Colwell, Patricia Connor,  
Dennis Gould, Michael Hughes,  
Gary Sharp, James Thornton

**Also Present:** City Attorney Michael Seghetti  
Police Chief Scott Mettillie  
Office Manager Denise Passage  
ED Director Parker  
City Engineer Ken Coulter  
Superintendent of Public Works, Shawn Sutherland

**Absent:** Fire Chief Mike Denzer

**Chairman Crew declared a Quorum present.**

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 28, 2016 were presented.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Cantwell that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the November 28, 2016 Regular Council Meeting and approve the Minutes as presented.

**Motion carried via voice vote.**

Clerk Hurd presented Communications as follows:

1. City Engineer Report dated December 12, 2016
2. Treasurer's Report dated month end November 30, 2016
3. Collector's Report dated month end November 30, 2016
4. Letter from Mediacom notifying of rate changes

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

Alderman Connor reported that she had been asked by a citizen as to why the minutes of the council meetings were not published. Discussion ensued. It was the consensus of the Council to have Clerk Hurd email the approved minutes to the Times Newspaper.

Chairman Crew presented communications from Attorney Danny Schroeder in regards to the FLM Enterprises, LLC vs. Peoria County Zoning Board of Appeals. Attorney Schroeder enclosed a copy of the City of Chillicothe's Petition for Leave to Intervene and Proof of Service.

Chairman Crew read communications from Emily Thompson thanking the City for their assistance with the Pearl Harbor Memorial Ceremony that was held December 4, 2016.

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

Citizen Lee Nordstrom questioned to the Council the amount of money that has been taken in this year in building permits. Alderman Cantwell addressed his question by stating that approximately 14 new buildings last year. Mr. Nordstrom questioned if it was correct that the city has no one doing inspections currently. Alderman Cantwell replied “absolutely”. Mr. Nordstrom questioned if there had been any problems thus far. Alderman Cantwell stated that “yes” the city has had complaints in the past and “hence” the reason why the city is pursuing inspections. Mr. Nordstrom stated that he feels it is hard for a city the size of Chillicothe to do this. Alderman Cantwell stated that she would argue that because Elmwood’s done it, Hanna City has done it, Brimfield done it. She then asked Mr. Nordstrom to please continue. Mayor Crew stated that the City of Chillicothe is probably the only city in Peoria County that does not have a code. Mr. Nordstrom stated that what the City is trying to do is a good thing but hopes that the cost does not go too high. Alderman Cantwell stated that hopefully by the end of the year they will have a cost breakdown and have it figured out. If it is not cost effective it will not be pursued however she stated they are staying positive and hope to move forward.

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.**

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Sharp that the Council approve the termination agreement between the City of Chillicothe and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local Union No. 627 – Chillicothe Dispatchers, effect January 12, 2017, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign said agreement.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

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

**Nays:** **None**

**Chairman declared motion carried.**

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Cantwell that the Council authorize the Police & Fire Commission to begin the process of hiring an additional Police Officer. Alderman Sharp then read a statement as to how he would be voting. Alderman Hughes spoke stating he would be voting no. Alderman Colwell then stated that all the Aldermen had spoken with the Police Chief and felt that they were all well informed.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:** **Beaumont, Cantwell, Colwell**

**Nays:** **Connor, Gould, Hughes, Sharp, Thornton**

**Chairman declared motion failed 3/5.**

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Sharp that the Council approve **Ordinance No. 16-12-23**, an Ordinance Amending Article IV (Video Gaming) of Chapter 10 of the City Code. Chairman Crew then asked Alderman Hughes to explain the amendment. Alderman Hughes referred the question to Attorney Seghetti who then explained.

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**Roll Call Vote was:**

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

**Nays:** **None**

**Chairman declared Ordinance No. 16-12-23 passed and signed the same.**

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Sharp that the Council approve **Ordinance No. 16-12-24**, an Ordinance Amending Section 6-55 Liquor Licenses Classifications (A) of the City Code. Attorney Seghetti gave a brief explanation of the amendment.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

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

**Nays:** **None**

**Chairman declared Ordinance No. 16-12-24 passed and signed the same.**

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Colwell that the Council approve an expenditure of \$1,250.00, payable to Pearl Technology, for installation of the Application Data System at the Police Station. 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 Gould, second Alderman Colwell that the Council approve an expenditure of \$4,775.00, payable to Doug's Dock Service for the repair of the boat docks. Payable from the TIF Business Fund.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

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

**Nays:** **None**

**Chairman declared motion carried**

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Colwell that 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:** **Beaumont, Cantwell, Colwell, Connor  
Hughes, Sharp, Thornton**

**Nays:** **None**

**Present:** **Gould**

**Chairman declared motion carried**

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Colwell that the Council accept and place on file the 2015-2016 Financial Audit as prepared by McElhiney, LLC. Alderman Thornton stated that no funds were in a deficit and that speaks very highly of the City. **Motion carried via Voce Vote.**

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Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Colwell that the Council post an ad in the Times Bulletin and Peoria Journal Star for Request for Proposals for the 721 Third Street Property. Proposals should be submitted in writing to the office of the City Clerk, 908 North Second Street, Chillicothe, Illinois 61523, between the hours of (9:00am and 3:00pm on or before January 18, 2017. All proposals should specify the consideration for the conveyance, and assistance requested form the City and the details of the proposed development. **Motion carried via Voce Vote.**

Chairman Crew gave closing comments referring back to Alderman Thornton’s review of City’s financial condition of the city. Chairman Crew recognized the work of the Council to maintain a good financial status. Chairman Crew then thanked the Council for providing input over the last several months. He stated that he felt that the City had got some things done that we can point to with satisfaction.

Chairman Crew announced that there being no further business the Council meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Margaret E. Hurd

City Clerk