

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

The City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session December 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: Office Manager Denise Passage
Attorney Michael Seghetti
City Engineer Ken Coulter
Fire Chief Michael Denzer
Police Chief Scott Mettille

Absent: Economic Director Rachel Parker

Chairman Crew declared a Quorum present.

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 23, 2015 were presented.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Cantwell that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the November 23, 2015 Regular Council Meeting and approve the Minutes as presented.

Motion carried via voce vote.

Clerk Hurd presented Communications as follows:

1. City Engineer Report dated December 14, 2015
2. City Treasurers Report dated November 30, 2015
3. Thank You note from Ken Coulter Family

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

Alderman Hughes reported that a tree on the corner of Benedict and Walnut is diseased and needs to be removed. He will present the information at the next Public Works Committee for review.

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

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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 Gould, second Alderman Beaumont that the Council authorize the City Engineer to apply for additional funding for the Safe Route to Schools Grant, to put sidewalk on the west side of Benedict Street between Sycamore Street and Hickory Street. Approximate additional Cost to the City is \$7,000.00. **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 concur with the Mayoral appointment of Fire Chief Mike Denzer to the Plan Commission to fill the unexpired term of John Myers. **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 has created a Fourth Street Improvement Committee. He stated that the individuals on the committee are business owners and plan commission members that will meet with Economic Development Director Parker to give ideas on improving Fourth Street.

Motion Alderman Connor, second Alderman Beaumont that the Council approve Ordinance No. 15-12-25 an Ordinance authorizing the city to create the Rural Peoria Enterprise Zone and approve the Rural Peoria Enterprise Zone Intergovernmental Agreement. **Roll Call Vote was:**

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Sharp that the Council approve an expenditure of \$3,700.00 payable to Miller Electric Manufacturing Co., for the purchase of a Millermatic 252 welding machine. Payable from the Water/Sewer Fund and Road & Bridge Fund.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Chairman declared motion carried

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Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Colwell that the priority one Road & Bridge project drainage improvement be approved as a project and authorize the City Engineer to prepare bid specification for a drainage improvement on Truitt Avenue.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Connor that the Council adopt Resolution No. 15-12-09, a resolution authorizing the execution of a service agreement for the supply of electricity for residential and small commercial retail customers who do not opt out of such a program (electrical aggregation).

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Cowell that the Council approve the amendment to the Service Agreement between the City of Chillicothe and Good Energy, L.P. for professional energy consulting services and authorize the Mayor to execute said agreement.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Cantwell that the Council approve Ordinance No.15-12-26 an Ordinance for Tax Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the City's Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2016 and ending April 30, 2017 in the amount of \$604,324.00

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 the Council approve the following application for the 2014-2015 Project Facelift Program and subsequent payout of \$406.57 for work completed:

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Judith Gajdik
Pritographi
935 N Second Street

In the amount of \$406.57
Payable from the Central Business TIF District Project Facelift.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Connor that the Council approve an expenditure of \$1,200.00 payable to the Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau for advertising in the Enjoy Peoria 2016 Official Experience Guide. Payable from Marketing & Tourism Fund.

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 7:45pm.

Margaret E. Hurd
City Clerk