

**CITY OF CHILLICOTHE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
April 27, 2015**

The City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session April 27, 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.

A moment of silence was taken in memory of William Prather.

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, Danny Colwell,  
Patricia Connor, Dennis Gould,  
Michael Hughes, Gary Sharp  
James Thornton, Melvin Witte

**Absent:** Economic Development Director Parker

**Also Present:** Superintendent of Public Works Josh Cooper  
Office Manager Denise Passage  
Police Chief Scott Mettill  
City Attorney Michael Seghetti  
Fire Chief John Myers

**Chairman Crew declared a Quorum present.**

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 13, 2015 were presented.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Witte that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the April 13, 2015 Regular Council Meeting and approve the Minutes as presented. **Motion carried via voce vote.**

Clerk Hurd presented the following communications from the Clerk's office:

1. City Engineer Report dated April 27, 2015
2. Request from American Legion Post #9 for live entertainment.
3. Letter from Gary Fyke requesting that action be taken to reduce traffic hazards on Hillcrest Drive.

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

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Alderman Gould stated that he was contacted by Jeff Anderson about junk storage in two separate locations in Ward 1. He will refer the matter to Public Safety Committee. He stated that he was also contacted about the traffic hazards on Hillcrest Drive.

Alderman Beaumont stated that people had voiced concerns about driving too fast on Cloverdale and Stillwater.

Alderman Sharp stated that he had been contacted for a second time by Bob Shepard in regards to the litter on Benedict Street at the bridge for a second time. Alderman Sharp stated it had reported this to Public Works two weeks ago. Alderman Sharp stated he personally went out to that location and found: 1 mattress, 1 bedframe, 1 counter top, 7TV's, and one large whole in the pavement that needed repaired. Mayor Crew asked Superintendent Cooper to take care of the litter.

Alderman Sharp said a citizen had contacted him about a 911 call she placed one week ago when her son broke his arm. Alderman Sharp was told by her that it took 30 minutes for an ambulance to respond. She was pleased with the care her son received but wanted to know why it took so long to respond. Mayor Crew stated that he would review this with the Police Chief, dispatch and the Fire Chief.

Alderman Connor stated that she had two calls about items that were not picked up during the spring clean-up. She stated that ED Director Parker contacted Wigand Disposal and was told the items would be picked up.

Chairman Crew reported the 911 call that was reported at the last council meeting by Alderman Sharp took place in Marshall County. The Police Chief check with Marshall County and they did not receive a 911 call. Mayor Crew stated that if the call had come into Marshall County they would have forwarded the call to the City's dispatch.

Chairman Crew reported he had information from IDOT on a listening tour.

Chairman Crew read a letter of resignation from Police Officer Julia Carrell dated April 24, 2015. Chairman Crew stated that Officer Carrell was still in her probationary time with the department therefore the Council did not need to take action.

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

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**Nays:** None  
**Chairman declared motion carried.**

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Connor that the Council accept the resignation of Heather Cox. A statement was read by Alderman Sharp in regards to Heather Cox resignation.

**Roll Call vote was:**

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

**Nays:** **Alderman Gould**

**Abstain:** **Alderman Sharp**  
**Chairman declared motion carried.**

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Witte that the Council approve an expenditure of \$2,447.00 payable to Engbrecht Concrete for the replacement of sidewalks at various locations. Payable from the Water/Sewer Fund.

**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 accept the bid and award the contract to Galena Road & Gravel to furnish aggregate grade CA-6 to the City at a unit price of \$7.30 per ton.

**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 accept the quotes from the Advanced Asphalt and River City Supply Inc. to supply cold patch material to the City of Chillicothe as follows:

Advanced Asphalt Unit Price: \$75.00 per ton

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River City Supply Inc. Unit Price: \$140.00 per ton

**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 \$2,500.00 payable to Lauber Tree Service for the removal of a tree at the corner of Ash and Fifth Street. Payable from the Road and Bridge Fund.

**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 City enter into a contract with P.A. Atherton, for the Cloverdale Sewer Redirection Project in the amount of \$84,000.00, and that the City shall enter into such contract without advertising for bids as set forth in Section 8-9-1 of the Illinois Municipal Code. The Contractor agrees to pay all employees employed pursuant to this contract the “prevailing rate of wages” as determined by the City under the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/1 *et seq.*) and comply with all other provisions of such Act. The “prevailing rate of wages” are revised by the Illinois Department of Labor and are available on the Department’s official website. Payable from the Water/Sewer Fund.

**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 and expenditure of \$990.12 payable to H.D. Supply for the supplies needed for the water main repair at Sixth Street and Pine Street. Payable from the Water/Sewer Fund.

**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 Gould, second Alderman Witte that the Council approve the partial payment of \$107,311.68 payable to Hoerr Construction for the Walnut Street Water Main Project. Payable from the Water/Sewer Fund.

**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 the hiring of Nicholas Ramos and Jay Jeakins for part time seasonal help at a salary of \$8.25 hourly.

**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 an expenditure in the amount of \$1,500.00 payable to the Chillicothe 4<sup>th</sup> of July for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration to be held on Saturday, July 4, 2015. Payable from the Hotel Motel Tax.

**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 an expenditure in the amount of \$1,500.00 payable to the Chillicothe Historical Society for the Zorro Fest to be held on Saturday, June 13, 2015. Payable from the Hotel Motel Tax.

**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 an expenditure in the amount of \$500.00 payable to Pearce Community Center for the Run for the Health of It to be held on Saturday, July 11, 2015. Payable from the Hotel Motel Tax.

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**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 Ordinance No. 15-04-07 an Ordinance approving a redevelopment agreement between the City of Chillicothe and J&W Unlimited Corporation. Payable from the TIF Central.

**Roll Call vote was:**

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

**Nays:** **None**

**Chairman declared motion carried.**

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Sharp that the Council adjourn into closed session at 7:33pm for personnel Section 2 C 1 and to allow Superintendent Cooper to attend. Upon returning from closed session possible action may be taken.

The Council returned to Open Session at 8:35pm.

Motion Alderman Sharp, second Alderman Colwell that the Council move to terminate Nate Smith's employment with the payment of sick time, personal time, vacation time and any comp time up to the date of termination, April 25, 2015.

**Roll Call vote was:**

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

**Nays:** **Gould**

**Chairman declared motion carried.**

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Hughes that the Council approve personnel leave of absents for Jake Jackson beginning on April 16, 2015 for a period of three months.

**Roll Call vote was:**

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

**Nays:** **None**

**Chairman declared motion carried.**

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Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Thornton that the City Clerk be assigned the administration duties regarding the City Cemetery for additional compensation of \$6,000.00 a year for a one year period.

**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 8:45P.M.

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Margaret E. Hurd  
City Clerk