

**CITY OF CHILLICOTHE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
August 10, 2020**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session in person and via conference call August 10, 2020 at 7:00 P.M with Mayor Donald Z White presiding and with proper notice having been posted.

**Electronic Attendance:**

In accordance to Governor JB Pritzker’s Executive Order members of the Council were allowed to attend by teleconference. Those members attending the meeting via phone shall be declared present.

To comply with these recommendations and requirements, the City is complying with the spirit of the Open Meetings Act by permitting this meeting open to the public by teleconference using Zoom Meeting to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to comply with the recommendations and requirements of Executive Order.

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.

**Physically Present:**

**Mayor Donald Z. White  
City Clerk Margaret Hurd  
Treasurer B. L. Bredeman  
Alderman Braun, Alderman Bredeman,  
Alderman Hughes, Alderman Dennis Gould,  
Alderman Gary Sharp**

**Attending by Phone:**

**Alderman Jeff Jenkins,  
City Engineer Ken Coulter**

**Also, Physically Present:**

**City Attorney Seghetti, Office Manager Denise Passage  
Police Chief Scott Mettille,  
Superintendent Shawn Sutherland  
Economic Development Director Amanda Beadles**

**Absent:**

**Alderman Connor**

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**Chairman White declared a Quorum present.**

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 27, 2020 were presented.

Motion Alderman Gould , second Alderman Braun that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the July 27, 2020 Regular Council Meeting and approve the Minutes as presented.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:**                                 **Braun, Bredeman,  
  Gould, Hughes, Jenkins, Sharp**

**Nays:**                                 **None**

**Chairman declared motion carried**

Clerk Hurd presented the following Committee Minutes:

- Human Resource – July 28, 2020
- Judicial – July 29, 2020
- Finance/EDC – August 3, 2020
- Joint meeting of the Committee of Whole and Public Works – August 3, 2020

Clerk Hurd presented the following reports:

- City Collector for the month end of July 2020
- City Engineer report dated August 10, 2020

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Braun to approve the communications as presented by Clerk Hurd be accepted and placed on file.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:**                                 **Braun, Bredeman,  
  Gould, Hughes, Jenkins, Sharp**

**Nays:**                                 **None**

**Chairman declared motion carried**

No reports from Mayor and Alderman.

Alderman Braun reported the following from the Economic Development Committee:

1. The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter budget review (May2020-July 2020), Economic Development Q1 report (May 2020 – July 2020) and Budget Review for TIF Central, TIF Plaza, HELP and Façade were in packet of information for the council meeting.

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2. The request for proposals for the First and Walnut Street Properties have been submitted to the paper for publishing.

Jerome “Jerry” Donnelly 523 W Walnut Street appeared before the council. Mr. Donnelly asked to talk about the committee meeting that was held last Wednesday. He stated that there was no call for public comment. Chairman White informed him that there was call for public comment at the start of the meeting. Alderman Gould, chairman of the committee, confirmed. Mr. Donnelly stated that the audio recordings he has does not call for public comment. MR. Donnelley stated that it was not clear and concise. Mr. Donnelly stated later in the meeting he was denied a chance to speak. He stated that he will notify the Attorney General that there was no time allotted for public comment and that he was denied time to speak.

Mr. Donnelley informed the council that at the previous council meeting he brought up inconsistencies on water billing. He stated that the City has no legal right to transfer a bill to a person who has nothing to do with the property that the city is claiming to bill the money. He asked where it was in the City’s policy and procedures.

He asked, in regards to the Jackie Guiliani account, why she was not called to attend the meeting it was being discussed at. He brought up inconsistencies in the charges of the account. Chairman White then called for public comment to close.

Motion Alderman Braun, second Alderman Bredeman that the bills as presented be paid and the payrolls and transfers be approved.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:** **Braun, Bredeman,  
Gould, Hughes, Jenkins, Sharp**

**Nays:** **None**

**Chairman declared motion carried**

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Sharp that the Council approve the following application for the sidewalk program: Chuck Miar, 223 Beech Street in the amount of \$704.00. Payable from the Road and Bridge Fund.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:** **Braun, Bredeman,  
Gould, Hughes, Jenkins, Sharp**

**Nays:** **None**

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**Chairman declared motion carried**

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Sharp that the Council approve an expenditure of \$1,800.00 payable to New view for the removal of the tree at Ash Street and Second Street. Payable from the Road and Bridge Fund. Chairman White explained that this was an emergency item approve at the public works committee meeting.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:** **Braun, Bredeman,  
Gould, Hughes, Jenkins, Sharp**

**Nays:** **None**

**Chairman declared motion carried.**

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Sharp that the Council approve the final plat for Riversound Phase 6 as approved by the City Engineer and Plat Officer. Engineer Coulter informed the Council that the Plat included eight new lots.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:** **Braun, Bredeman  
Gould, Hughes, Jenkins, Sharp**

**Nays:** **None**

**Chairman declared motion carried**

Motion Alderman Gould, second alderman Sharp that the TIF Business Priority one project – Cross Walks be approved and brought forward as a project and approve an expenditure of \$900.00 payable to Ace Striping for the striping of the cross walks along 4<sup>th</sup> Street at Ash, Cedar, Chestnut, Walnut, and Elm at Fourth Street. Payable from TIF Business.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:** **Braun, Bredeman  
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**Nays:** **None**

**Chairman declared motion carried**

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Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Sharp that the council approve an expenditure of \$200.00 payable to Ace Striping for the striping of the cross walk along 4<sup>th</sup> Street at Pine Street. Payable from the Road & Bridge Fund – Priority project Street Overlay/Curb Improvement.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:**                                 **Braun, Bredeman,  
Gould, Hughes, Jenkins, Sharp**

**Nays:**                                 **None**

**Chairman declared motion carried**

Motion Alderman Braun, second Alderman Gould that the Council approve **Ordinance No. 20-08-19**, an Ordinance amending Chapter 106 Zoning-Protest of Amendments.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:**                                 **Braun, Bredeman,  
Gould, Hughes, Jenkins, Sharp**

**Nays:**                                 **None**

**Chairman declared Ordinance No. 20-08-19 passed and signed the same.**

Motion Alderman Braun, second Alderman Gould that the council instruct the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance amending the city code to create guidelines and terms for the construction commission.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:**                                 **Braun, Bredeman,  
Gould, Hughes, Jenkins, Sharp**

**Nays:**                                 **None**

**Chairman declared motioned carried**

Motion Alderman Braun second Alderman Gould that the Council approve **Ordinance No. 20-08-20**, an Ordinance amending Section 6-98 of the city code. – Curb service.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:**                                 **Braun, Bredeman,  
Gould, Hughes, Jenkins, Sharp**

**Nays:**                                 **None**

**Chairman declared Ordinance No. 20-08-20 passed and signed the same.**

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Motion Alderman Braun, second Alderman Sharp that the Council instruct the City Treasurer to close the HELP account at Busey Bank and re-open the account at Better Bank, due to Busey bank closing.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:**                                 **Braun, Bredeman,  
Gould, Hughes, Jenkins, Sharp**

**Nays:**                                 **None**

**Chairman declared motioned carried**

Motion Alderman Braun, second Alderman Bredeman that the Council approve an expenditure of \$946.00, payable to Pearl Technology for the purchase of a laptop for the City Clerk. Payable from the General Fund.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:**                                 **Braun, Bredeman,  
Gould, Hughes, Jenkins, Sharp**

**Nays:**                                 **None**

**Chairman declared motion carried.**

Motion Alderman Braun, second Alderman Gold that the Council authorize Good Energy, our aggregation consulting firm, to bid our city electrical accounts for a term of 24 months.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:**                                 **Braun, Bredeman,  
Gould, Hughes, Jenkins, Sharp**

**Nays:**                                 **None**

**Chairman declared motioned carried**

Motion Alderman Braun, second Alderman Gould that the Council approve the loan extension payment agreement between the City of Chillicothe and Andrew Myers and authorize the Mayor to sign said agreement. Chairman White explained the terms of the agreement.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:**                                 **Braun, Bredeman,  
Gould, Hughes, Jenkins, Sharp**

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**Nays:** **None**  
**Chairman declared motioned carried**

Motion Alderman Sharp, second Alderman Brun that the Council prohibit peddlers within the city and suspend the issuing of peddlers permits through December 31, 2020 due to COVID.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:** **Braun, Bredeman,  
Gould, Hughes, Sharp**

**Nays:** **Jenkins**  
**Chairman declared motioned carried**

Motion Alderman Sharp, second Alderman Braun that the Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Chillicothe and the Fraternal Order of Police representing the Chillicothe Police Officers, granting a carry-over of vacation time, due to COVID.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:** **Braun, Bredeman,  
Gould, Hughes, Jenkins, Sharp**

**Nays:** **None**  
**Chairman declared motioned carried**

Motion Alderman Sharp, second Alderman Gould that the Council adjourn into closed session at 7:26p.m., as per the open meetings act Personnel – 5/ILCS 120/2 ( c ) (1)- Appointment/Removal for a Public Office or Attorney, and allow the City Attorney and Jerry Donnelly to attend. Possible action may be taken.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:** **Braun, Bredeman,  
Gould, Hughes, Jenkins, Sharp**

**Nays:** **None**  
**Chairman declared motioned carried**

Motion Alderman Braun second Alderman Gould to returned to open session at 8:17p.m.

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Chairman White directed Clerk Hurd to take roll.

**Physically Present:** Alderman Braun, Alderman Bredeman,  
Alderman Hughes, Alderman Dennis Gould,  
Alderman Gary Sharp

**Attending by Phone:** Alderman Jeff Jenkins

**Also present was Chairman White and Clerk Hurd.**

Motion Alderman Sharp, second Alderman Hughes that the City retain the Attorney Michael Seghetti as the City Attorney.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:** Braun, Bredeman,  
Hughes, Jenkins, Sharp

**Nays:** Gould

**Chairman declared motioned carried**

Council adjourned at 8:20 pm.

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Margaret E. Hurd, City Clerk