

**CITY OF CHILLICOTHE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2014**

The City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session January 13, 2014. 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 the Clerk to call Roll.

Present: Mayor Douglas P. Crew
City Clerk Sharon A. Crabel
City Treasurer B.L. Bredeman

Aldermen: Ronald Beaumont, Danny Colwell,
Patricia Connor, Dennis Gould,
Michael Hughes, Gary Sharp,
James Thornton, Mel Witte

Also Present: City Attorney Michael Seghetti
City Engineer Ken Coulter
Office Manager Denise Passage
Superintendent of Public Works Josh Cooper
ED Director Rachael Parker
Fire Chief John Myers

Absent: Police Chief Scott Mettille

Chairman Crew declared a Quorum present.

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, held on December 9, 2013, were presented.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Witte, that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the December 9, 2013, Regular Council Meeting, and approve the Minutes as presented. Motion carried via voce vote.

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Clerk Crabel presented the City Engineer's Report dated January 13, 2014.

Clerk Crabel presented the City Collector's Report for the month ending December 31, 2013.

Clerk Crabel presented the Zoning Officer's Building Permits Report for the fourth Quarter 2013, and the Annual Building Permit Report for the year ending 2013.

Clerk Crabel announced that the City has received a letter from the Greater Chillicothe Sanitary District Attorney, Richard Laukitis, and enclosed was a copy of an Ordinance passed by the District's Trustees, stating that as of January 1, 2014, the sewage rates will be increased from \$2.60 per one-hundred cubic feet of the amount of water used, to a new rate of \$3.37 per one-hundred cubic feet of the amount of water used. The City bills and collects for the said District.

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

Alderman Gould reported that he received a call from a citizen in regards to a backed-up sewer that the Superintendent of Public Works is working on, and that a claim has been filed and turned over to the City's insurance company.

Alderman Witte stated that he received a call from a citizen inquiring when the pot holes on the City's roads would be filled.

Alderman Witte stated that he has a dead possum on the corner of his residence, and he is not sure who to call since the City does not have an animal control officer anymore.

Chairman Crew stated he would get an answer to Alderman Witte's question regarding the disposal of dead animals.

Alderman Connor reported that she received calls commending our Public Works employees on responding to their calls regarding frozen pipe issues.

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Alderman Connor reported that her neighbor, across the street, had an issue and called the Fire Department, and were very impressed on how quickly the Fire Department responded and handled their issue.

Alderman Thornton gave a report in regards to a meeting that was held with members of the Greater Chillicothe Sanitary District, in reference to the amount of money that the City receives for billing and collecting for the Sanitary District. The City only wants to meet the expenses for the billing and collection for the Sanitary District, and at the present time, it is at 4.5 percent. The Sanitary District wanted the City to lower the cost to 4.0 percent.

Alderman Thornton stated that he told the members of the Sanitary District to come back in 6 months, and at that time the City will review the said percentage issue, but at this time the cost will remain at 4.5 percent for the City's billing and collection fee.

Alderman Sharp reported that he was invited to attend a meeting at the VFW Hall, in regards to a joint venture of the Chillicothe VFW and the American Legion, to construct a Veterans Memorial to honor and thank our Veterans for the sacrifices they have made on our Nation's behalf.

Alderman Sharp stated that it could take up to two years to raise the funds needed to build the Veterans Memorial for our Community.

Alderman Sharp stated that there will be regular meetings held at the VFW Hall to discuss the construction of a Veterans Memorial, and that they would like a representative from the City to attend their meetings. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2014, at 6:00 P.M.

Alderman Sharp presented a copy of the VFW and American Legion's Memorial Committee's Mission Statement and Vision.

Chairman Crew reported on the pot holes, and flooding water, under the viaduct, and stated that he contacted a representative from IDOT in regards to said issue.

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Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Colwell, that the Council recommend that the Department of Transportation award the bid for contract number 89644, Proposed 2013 Safe Routes to School Project, to the low bid submitted by Gensini Excavating, Inc., in the amount of \$255,698.55. 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 priority one project radio upgrade for the Police Department as a project, and approve an expenditure of \$43,032.00, payable to Ragan Communications, for the purchase of 13 portable radios with accessories and programming. Payable from the General 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 priority one project radio upgrade for the Fire Department as a project, and approve an expenditure of \$37,846.38, payable to Ragan Communications, for the purchase of 13 portable radios with accessories and programming. Payable from the General Fund. Roll Call vote was:

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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 Special Event Request, submitted by Rhonda Tank, as amended, for the use of City property for the 48th Annual Claud-Elen Days Festival, to be held June 1, 2014 through June 8, 2014. Motion carried via voce vote.

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Sharp, that the Council approve Resolution No. 14-01-01, a Resolution approving execution of Engagement Letter and Risk Disclosures for the potential refinancing of the debt certificates, series 2006. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared Resolution No. 14-01-01 passed and signed the same.

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Sharp, that the Council approve Ordinance No. 14-01-01, and Ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2014 (Series 206 Debt Certificates) of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared Ordinance No. 14-01-01 passed and signed the same.

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Chairman Crew announced that, there being no further business, the Council Meeting adjourn at 7:45 P.M.

**Sharon A. Crabel
City Clerk**