

**CITY OF CHILLICOTHE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2014**

The City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session January 27, 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
Police Chief Scott Mettille
Fire Chief John Myers

Chairman Crew declared a Quorum present.

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, held on January 13, 2014, were presented.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Witte, that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the January 13, 2014, 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 27, 2014.

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

Clerk Crabel presented the Economic Development Director's Report dated December 31, 2013.

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

Chairman Crew read a letter, dated January 22, 2014, from David Wickster, Executive Director of the Illinois FOP Labor Council, requesting a Bargaining Unit Roster.

Chairman Crew read a letter dated January 7, 2014, from Bruce Gluckman, Deputy General Counsel for Mediacom, as follows:

By this letter, Mediacom Illinois LLC is providing notice pursuant to 220 ILCS 5/21-301 (c) that it intends to file an application, not less than 180 days after the date of this letter, with the Illinois Commerce Commission to obtain a State-issued authorization to offer or provide cable service or video service. Mediacom has a Franchise Agreement to offer cable video service in Chillicothe that expires on March 14, 2015. Per the Cable and Video Competition Law of 2007, as amended, that agreement shall be terminated on the date that the Commission issues the State-issued authorization.

Chairman Crew read a letter, dated January 22, 2014, from Joseph E. Crowe, Deputy Director of Highways, Region Three Engineer for I.D.O.T., in reference to the Chillicothe Speed Study – Illinois 29. A copy attached to Minutes.

Chairman Crew read a letter from Chris and Jim Wright, that read as follows:

We just wanted to commend your street department workers on the outstanding job they did on Tuesday, January 21st repairing the water main break in front of our house on Elm Street. They had great

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attitudes, and it definitely was a team effort, while working in adverse conditions. The temperature was 8 degrees, and they worked for at least 10 hours, with 2 or more of the men getting soaked with water several times. A group to be proud of!

Chairman Crew commended the Public Works Employees who worked on the Water Main break located on Elm Street for a job well done.

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

Alderman Hughes reported to the Council that the City’s Police Department K9, “Gosh”, was laid to rest today, January 27, 2014.

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**

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Chairman Crew read a “Bald Eagle Days” Mayoral Proclamation.

Motion Alderman Connor, second Alderman Witte, that the Council concur with the “Bald Eagle Days” Mayoral Proclamation, proclaiming February 1, 2014, thru February 8, 2014, as “Bald Eagle Days” in the City of Chillicothe. Motion carried via voce vote.

Alderman Connor introduced members of the I.V.C. Leadership Group, and explained to the Council the Grey Ghost carving, located in the median across from Geiger’s True Value Hardware Store, has been taken on by the said group, as a project to have the Ghost moved to I.V.C. Unit District 321 High School.

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Alderman Connor stated that the Shademakers Committee has held several meetings, along with Tim Gill, the artist who carved the Ghost, and with members of the I.V.C. Leadership Group, in regards to relocating the said Grey Ghost.

Megan Connor, a member of the I.V.C. Leadership Group, appeared before the Council to explain how said Group works, and its' ideas on the Grey Ghost Project.

Megan Connor requested that the Council grant permission, to the I.V.C. Leadership Group, to relocate the Grey Ghost carving, located in the median across from Geiger's True Value Hardware Store, to the I.V.C. High School.

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Colwell, that the Council grant the request from the I.V.C. Leadership Group, to donate the Grey Ghost carved by Mr. Gill, to I.V.C. School District 321, and to have the Grey Ghost carving relocated to the I.V.C. High School. 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 adopt Resolution No. 14-01-02, a Resolution appropriating \$22,000.00 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the purpose of maintaining streets and highways. (Walnut Street Project.) Roll Call vote was:

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

Chairman declared Resolution 14-01-02 passed and signed the same.

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Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Colwell, that the Council approve the Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement, between the City of Chillicothe and Midwest Engineering Associates, for the use of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the Walnut Street Improvement. 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 \$939.00, payable to AAIM Employer's Association, for three full days of Supervisor Essentials Series Classes for the Superintendent of Public Works. 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 Thornton, second Alderman Colwell, that the Council approve Resolution No. 14-01-03, a Resolution approving execution of Engagement Letter and Risk Disclosures, with Miller, Hall & Triggs, LLC., 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. 14-01-03 passed and signed the same.

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Alderman Thornton withdrew Agenda Item 2) Purchase Office Furniture – City Hall.

Chairman Crew announced that, there being no further business, the Council Meeting adjourn at 7:34 P.M.

**Sharon A. Crabel
City Clerk**