

**CITY OF CHILLICOTHE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 2014**

The City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session February 24, 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, 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

Absent: Alderman Gary Sharp

Chairman Crew declared a Quorum present.

The Minutes of the Public Hearing and the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, held on February 10, 2014, were presented.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Witte, that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the February 10, 2014, Public Hearing and the

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Regular Council Meeting, and approve the Minutes as presented. Motion carried via voce vote.

Clerk Crabel presented the City Engineer's Report dated February 24, 2014.

Clerk Crabel presented the Economic Development Director's Revolving Loan Fund Report dated February 20, 2014.

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

Alderman Witte reported that he received a call, in regards to vehicles traveling at a high rate of speed on Truitt Avenue, West of the City, by Casey's gas station.

Chairman Crew stated that he would discuss the speeding matter with Alderman Witte, along with the Police Chief, after the Council meeting adjourned.

Alderman Connor stated that Todd Hammer was in the audience and that he is concerned with the standing water on Truitt Avenue.

Todd Hammer, of 1237 W. Truitt Avenue, was allowed to appear before the Council, and voice his concerns with the ongoing standing water on Truitt Avenue.

Chairman Crew stated that he, along with the Superintendent of Public Works and the City Engineer, would review the water issue on Truitt Avenue and try to solve the problem.

Alderman Hughes stated that he was contacted in regards to the ongoing problem of vehicles using the Cemetery roads as a cut-across.

Alderman Hughes stated that he would list the Cemetery road issue on the Agenda for the March 4, 2014 meeting.

Alderman Connor, as a member of the Town Theatre Board, extended a "Thank You" to the Council for all its support of the Theatre.

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Alderman Connor stated that tonight the Board gave out \$12,000.00, to different civic clubs and organizations serving the youth in our community.

Chairman Crew reminded the Council members that each year the City's Elected Officials select a member of the business community as the recipient of the Civic Achievement Award. This award is given to that individual of the business community who steps out and performs a measure of service that exemplifies quality of civic pride and responsibility. Deadline to submit nominations is February 24, 2014.

The Award winner will be announced at the Chamber of Commerce banquet to be held on March 22, 2014.

Chairman Crew reported on the ICC recently approving the expansion of natural gas choice to small volume customers within Ameren's territory.

Chairman Crew presented a letter from Standard & Poor's Ratings Services in reference to US\$1,395,000 City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), dated: Date of delivery, due: December 01, 2025.

Chairman Crew stated that the Ratings Services has assigned the City a rating of "AA-", which means a lower interest rate for the City.

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

Brook Cranford, a representative of Parents of IVC Unit District No. 321, appeared before the Council and presented a pamphlet, in regards to the Peoria County School Facility Sales Tax, that will be on the March 18, 2014, Election Ballot. The Question on the ballot will read as follows: "Shall a retailer's occupation tax and service occupation tax (commonly referred to as a "Sales Tax") be imposed in the Peoria County at a rate of 1% to be used exclusively for school facility purposes?"

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Brook Cranford asked the Council members to vote “Yes” for the proposed 1% Sales Tax for School Facility Purposes and explained, in detail, why this is so important, not only for the schools within the said District, but also to the City.

Steve Garrison appeared before the Council in support of the said Sales Tax and gave his reasons as to why the Sales Tax is needed.

Chairman Crew thanked Brook Cranford and Steve Garrison for attending this Council meeting and for providing the Council with information regarding the proposed said Sales Tax.

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, Thornton, Witte**

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Colwell, that the Council adopt Resolution No. 14-02-06, resolving that the City of Chillicothe hereby appropriate the sum of \$65,000.00 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the purpose of maintaining streets and highways, under the applicable provisions of the Illinois Highway Code, from January 1, 2014, to December 31, 2014. (2014 MFT General Maintenance Resolution). Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared Resolution No. 14-02-06 passed and signed the same.

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Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Gould, that the Council approve Ordinance No. 14-02-02, an Ordinance authorizing and providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2014 of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, for the purpose of paying the costs of refunding its previously issued 2006 Debt Certificates in the original principal amount of \$2,000,000.00 which financed improvements to the City's water system; prescribing all of details of said bonds, approving the execution and delivery of the Official Statement and providing for the imposition of taxes with respect to said issue. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared Ordinance No. 14-02-02 passed and signed the same.

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Colwell, that the Council accept, and approve, a proposal from Central Illinois Insulation Company, in the amount of \$1,260.00, for insulation of the north wall of the City owned building, located at 940-944 N. Second Street, commonly known as the Prince Building, and to authorize the Mayor to execute said proposal. The Contractor agrees to pay all employees employed pursuant to this contract the "prevailing wage" 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. Payable from Central Business TIF 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 Thornton, second Alderman Connor, that the Council approve an expenditure not to exceed \$2,500.00, payable to Midwest Engineering, for cost estimates for the following projects:

- Remodeling the existing City Hall Building
- Remodeling another building to use as City Hall
- Construction of a new Public Works Facility
- Construction of a new Fire Station

Cost estimates will be based on mean costs established in the industry and generally based on square foot prices and Cost will include preliminary concept drawings as needed to determine parameters of the City Hall. Payable from the General Fund. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Beaumont, that the Council approve Ordinance No. 14-02-03, an Ordinance Amending Section 6-55 (Liquor License Classifications) of the City code by amending the number of licenses allowed for Class "B" Licenses to seven. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared Ordinance No. 14-02-03 passed and signed the same.

Chairman Crew requested that the Council adjourn to Closed Session for Personnel, Section 2 (C)1, and to allow Police Chief Mettillie to attend, and upon returning from Closed Session no action will be taken.

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Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Thornton, that the Council adjourn to Closed Session at 7:49 P.M., for Personnel, Section 2 (c)1, and to allow Police Chief Mettillie to attend, and upon returning from Closed Session, no action will be taken. Motion carried via voce vote.

The Council returned to Open Session at 7:55 P.M.

Chairman Crew announced that, in the Closed Session, the Council was informed of Personnel issues.

Chairman Crew announced that, there being no further business, the Council meeting adjourn at 7:56 P.M.

**Sharon A. Crabel
City Clerk**