

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

The City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session March 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, Gary Sharp,
James Thornton, Mel Witte

Also Present: City Attorney Michael Seghetti
Office Manager Denise Passage
Superintendent of Public Works Josh Cooper
ED Director Rachael Parker
Fire Marshall David Price

Absent: City Engineer Ken Coulter
Fire Chief John Myers
Police Chief Scott Mettille

Chairman Crew declared a Quorum present.

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, held on March 10, 2014, were presented.

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Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Witte, that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the March 10, 2014, Regular Council Meeting, and approve the Minutes as presented. Motion carried via voce vote.

Clerk Crabel presented the City's Audit Report No. 66 covering the receipt and disbursement of Motor Fuel Tax Funds, for the period beginning January 1, 2005, and ending December 31, 2012, from Joseph E. Crowe, Deputy Director of Highways, Region Three Engineer of the Illinois Department of Transportation, dated March 7, 2014.

Clerk Crabel presented a letter from Joseph E. Crowe, Deputy Director of Highways, Region Three Engineer of the Illinois Department of Transportation, dated March 7, 2014, stating that the City's supplemental resolutions adopted on May 28, 2013, appropriating \$4,007.78 for 2007, and \$28,006.58 for 2008, of Motor Fuel Tax Funds are approved.

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, voicing his concerns in regards to the proposed new Kroger's gas station to be located off of Rt. 29, and the lighting that will be used.

Alderman Gould stated that he referred the lighting issue to the City Engineer for a review.

Alderman Connor stated that she received calls from citizens who reside in the area of the old Pizza Hut building, in regards to the sale of the building and what type of business would be located in their neighborhood.

Chairman Crew presented a "Thank You" card from Diane Colwell, who retired as a Realtor and has been involved in several projects in our Community for a number of years.

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Chairman Crew announced that, at the request of a former Mayor, Irvin Latta, he stopped by Diane Colwell's retirement party and presented her with a Key of the City.

Chairman Crew read a letter of resignation from City Clerk Sharon A. Crabel, resigning her position as City Clerk, and that of City Collector, effective March 31, 2014. A copy of the letter attached to Minutes.

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

Tazio Grivetti appeared before the Council and stated that the residents in the neighborhood surrounding the former Pizza Hut building, located at 701 Fourth Street, are in opposition of a Pub/Restaurant occupying said build, for the following reasons:

- Operating Hours
- Type of Market Served
- Class of Liquor License
- Parking
- Noise

Tazio Grivetti stated that there are over a dozen minor children living in homes immediately to the SW, W, and NW of the property. There are many more within one block of the property. The circumstances listed above would be detrimental to their sleep, and the general atmosphere of the neighborhood. It would also be severely detrimental to property values of the homes nearest. We implore the City to commit, in writing, to ensure that our concerns are addressed in perpetuity.

Tazio Grivetti stated that he and Wes Green plan to go to the houses in the neighborhood and circulate a Petition, in regards to what he said, and present the Petition to the City Council and the Economic Development Committee.

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Wes Green appeared before the Council in support of Tazio Grivetti's comments to the Council.

Chairman Crew stated that the project that Wes Green and Tazio Grivetti voiced their concerns about is only in the formality stage, and that their concerns are certainly well noted.

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Witte, 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.

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Sharp, that the Council approve the Notice for Special Event held on Public Property, as submitted by Mallory Audo, for the use of various City streets, for an American Cancer Society Relay for Life 5K Run/Glow run to be held on June 14, 2014, from 8:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. Motion carried via voce.

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Colwell, that the Council approve the Notice for Special Event held on Public Property, as submitted by Shirley Loser, for the use of the City Park on April 19, 2014, from 8:00 A.M. until 12:00 Noon, for the Downtown Merchants Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Motion carried via voce vote.

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Sharp, that the Council approve the request, submitted by Matt Blair, Peoria Casting Club, to extend the playing of amplified music on their property located at 1530 N. Second St., on Saturday, May 17, 2014, from 11:00 P.M. until 12:00 Midnight. Motion carried via voce vote.

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Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Beaumont, that the Council approve an expenditure of \$1,438.00, payable to Ray O'Herron Co., Inc., for the purchase of two Police vests. Payable from the Police Protection Fund. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman Crew declared motion carried.

Chairman Crew requested the Council members join him to pay tribute to the City's Master Clerk Sharon A. Crabel.

The Council stood and applauded, to pay tribute to Master Clerk Sharon A. Crabel.

Chairman Crew announced that, there being no further business, the Council meeting adjourn at 7:20 P.M.

**Sharon A. Crabel
City Clerk**