

**CITY OF CHILLICOTHE
PEARCE COMMUNITY CENTER-BANQUET ROOM
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 1, 2013**

By order of Mayor Douglas P. Crew, all members of the Chillicothe City Council, City Attorney, Fire Chief, Police Chief, Office Manager, and the News Media, were notified by the City Clerk of this Special Meeting and the purpose of said Meeting.

Date of the Special Meeting Notice was June 27, 2013.

The City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Special Session July 1, 2013, at 7:00 P.M., with Mayor Douglas P. Crew presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance, to the Flag of the United States America, was recited.

Chairman Crew directed the Clerk to call Roll.

Present: Mayor Douglas P. Crew
City Clerk Sharon A. Crabel

**Aldermen: Ronald Beaumont, Patricia Connor,
Danny Colwell, Dennis Gould,
Mike Hughes, Gary Sharp,
James Thornton, Melvin Witte**

Also Present: City Attorney Michael Seghetti
Fire Chief John Myers
Police Chief Scott Mettillie
Office Manager Denise Passage

Chairman Crew declared a Quorum present.

Chairman Crew announced that this was a Special Council Meeting, called by him, for the purpose of considering the following item:

- 1) Ordinance approving issuance of Ambulance Service Provider License

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There were approximately 205 citizens in the audience.

Chairman Crew announced that anyone in the audience that would like to speak in regards to the said Agenda Item, to please come up to the podium.

Chris Cassidy, Attorney for Rescue 33, LTD, appeared before the Council and stated that in reviewing the City's Ordinance on licensing an Ambulance Service Provider, he questioned if AMT met the requirement of the financial capacity to provide the proposed services.

City Attorney Michael Seghetti responded to Chris Cassidy's question by stating that AMT does meet the requirement, as the agreement includes the finances.

Fifteen citizens appeared before the Council, with most in support of Rescue 33, LTD being their preferred Ambulance Service provider.

Chairman Crew, Chillicothe Fire Chief John Myers and AMT Executive Director, Andrew Rand, responded to several questions asked by the citizens.

Chairman Crew announced that it is not about being for somebody and against somebody, it is about our belief as to who can best provide emergency medical service for the citizens of Chillicothe, and the immediate surrounding area, this is what this is about. No one around this Council table is for, or against, any one group. The question is who can best provide service. We have all supported Rescue 33 in the past, but unfortunately the issue is not about the past, it is about the future. Secondly, the Council has an obligation to provide what it thinks is in the best interest of the citizens that we were elected to represent.

Chairman Crew stated that no one on the Council is anxious to have to cast a vote on this issue.

Chairman Crew gave an overview of the procedures that were taken, prior to this meeting, that brought us to this point in time.

Chairman Crew stated that on May 13, 2013, the Council unanimously approved an amended Ordinance, under which the City selects an Ambulance provider. The

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Ordinance is the one in which the Council is legally obligated to review the process of selecting an Ambulance provider. Based on the rules of that Ordinance on licensing, and financial requirements, there is only one of the two applicants that meets the test, and that is AMT.

Motion Alderman Witte, second Alderman Hughes, that the Council adopt Ordinance No. 13-07-14, Ordinance approving issuance of Ambulance Service Provider license, authorizing the issuance of an Ambulance Service Provider license to Advanced Medical Transport of Central Illinois.

Alderman Sharp made a statement on behalf of supporting Rescue 33, LTD, and why the Council members should vote for Rescue 33 as the preferred Ambulance Service provider.

Alderman Gould questioned that is it true that the Council can only vote on AMT?

Chairman Crew stated that at this point the Council has two applications for Ambulance Service, and only one meets the requirements as laid out in the Ordinance.

Attorney Seghetti gave an overview of the said Ordinance, and stated that Rescue 33, LTD does not meet the requirements of the Ordinance.

Alderman Witte questioned that if the Council does not vote for AMT where will the City's Ambulance Service be from?

AMT Executive Director Andrew Rand responded to Alderman Witte's question by stating that the AMT Board has not made that decision at this point.

AMT Executive Director Andrew Rand stated that AMT has done nothing except to be helpful to this community.

Chairman Crew allowed Chris Cassidy, Attorney for Rescue 33 LTD, to speak.

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Chris Cassidy stated that in February the Peoria Area EMS said that they were not going to give their resources to retraining and recertifying Rescue 33 LTD unless the City said it would hire them.

Chris Cassidy gave an overview of Rescue 33's attempt for the Council to support Rescue 33, since February 28, 2013.

Alderman Connor questioned that if the Council did not vote for AMT, and nothing is obligating AMT to continue service in the community, then what would AMT do?

AMT Executive Director Andrew Rand responded by stating that the AMT Board has not made that decision.

Chairman Crew restated the motion and called for a Roll Call vote. Roll Call vote was:

Ayes: Beaumont, Connor, Hughes, Thornton, Witte

Nays: Colwell, Gould, Sharp

Chairman declared Ordinance No. 13-07-14 passed and signed the same.

Chairman Crew announced that, there being no further business, the Council meeting adjourn at 8:25 P.M.

**Sharon A. Crabel
City Clerk**