

**CITY OF CHILLICOTHE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
JULY 8, 2013**

The City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session July 8, 2013. 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: Danny Colwell, Patricia Connor,
Dennis Gould, Michael Hughes,
Gary Sharp, James Thornton

Also Present: City Attorney Michael Seghetti
City Engineer Ken Coulter
Office Manager Denise Passage
Police Chief Scott Mettillie
Superintendent of Public Works Josh Cooper
Fire Chief John Myers
Fire Marshall David Price

Absent: Aldermen: Ronald Beaumont, Mel Witte
ED Director Rachael Parker

Chairman Crew declared a Quorum present.

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 24, 2013, were presented.

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Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Gould, that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the June 24, 2013 Council Meeting, and approve the Minutes as presented. Motion carried via voce vote.

Clerk Crabel presented the City Engineer's Report, dated July 8, 2013.

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

Alderman Hughes stated that Dr. Higgins has suggested that the Public Works storage area, located at the foot of Moffitt Park, where citizens are allowed to take, and dump, their yard waste, have a donation can for the purpose of keeping the said area opened for more hours, especially after a storm.

Chairman Crew referred the above said matter to the Public Works Committee for review and a recommendation.

The Chairmen of the Council Committees gave brief activity reports.

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Hughes, that the bills, as presented, be paid and the payrolls and transfers be approved.

Alderman Gould voiced his concerns in regards to the extremely high bill for Attorney Fees, relating to the Ambulance Service Provider issue.

Chairman Crew stated that he agreed with Alderman Gould, but at the same time, he understands why the bill is high, and that he was responsible for several of the calls to the Attorney, and had the Attorney attend a lot of meetings, and that it was critical that we were properly represented in regards to the Ambulance Service Provider issue.

Chairman Crew called for a Roll Call vote. Roll Call vote was:

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

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Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Alderman Gould announced that today, July 8, 2013, a bid letting was held in the City Hall Council Chambers, for the Bituminous Patching project. One bid was received as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Advanced Asphalt		
6” HMA Patching	200.00 per ton	\$10,400.00
Bit. Surf. Removal	35.00 per sq yd	\$ 8,750.00
2” HMA Patching	200.00 per ton	\$ 5,600.00
	Total	\$24,750.00

The HMA patching was within \$5.00 per ton of the estimate, but the surface removal was considerably over the estimated square yard cost of \$15.00. We recommend that this bid be referred to the Public Works Committee for further review and recommendation.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Colwell, that the bid for the 2013 MFT Patching, received on July 8, 2013, be referred to the Public Works Committee for review and recommendation. Motion carried via voce vote.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Colwell, that the Council approve the following Applications for the Sidewalk Program.

Alex Burnett	1619 Logan	\$ 624.00
Tyson Richards	911 N Stanley Dr.	<u>\$ 768.00</u>
Total Sidewalk Program		\$1,392.00
Balance	\$18,280.00	
Approved	\$ 1,392.00	

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Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Sharp, that the Council approve the hiring of Brent Burscott, as a Part-Time Dispatcher, effective July 15, 2013, subject to pre-employment testing. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Sharp, that the Council approve the new design of the police vehicles, as presented by Chief Mettille, and approve an expenditure of \$2,970.00, payable to Blankenship Visual Impact, to change the three existing police vehicles to the new design, payable from the Police Protection Fund.

Alderman Thornton voiced his concerns in regards to all the police vehicles being all black, since it makes the vehicles less visible to the Public, for the Public to react more legally.

Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: None

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Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Sharp, second Alderman Colwell, that the Council approve the following non-contract wage increases, effective July 8, 2013.

Part-Time Dispatcher Tier One	\$ 11.67	Hourly
Part-Time Dispatcher Tier Two	\$ 12.00	Hourly
Building Maintenance Tier 2	\$ 12.83	Hourly
City Collector	\$795.68	Bi-Weekly
Zoning Officer	\$345.00	Monthly

Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Colwell, that the Council approve an expenditure of \$1,000.00, payable to Chillicothe Optimist Town Theatre, for twelve months of advertising service at the theatre. Payable from M & T Funds.
Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

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Chairman Crew announced that, there being no further business, the Council meeting adjourn at 7:25 P.M.

**Sharon A. Crabel
City Clerk**